

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
September 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Cooper
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Steve Deasey, Thadd Lewis.
Absent: Trustees Wendy Mills and Will Ziegler. Also Present: Village Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen
Motion to appoint Trustee Cermak Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting in the absence of Mayor McLaughlin
by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Deasey
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis. Nays: none. Motioned carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Cermak called for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/2025.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Noelle Taras
4. **Public Comment** included: Resident questions if dogs must be on leashes. Response: Yes, call the police non-emergency number to report it.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Public Works: Director Carlsen, in Trustee Mills absence
 - b. Parks Planning and Development: Trustee Alers
 - c. Business and Economic Development: Trustee Deasey
 - d. Building and Zoning: Trustee Cermak
 - e. Police, Public Safety, and Ordinances: Trustee Lewis
 - f. Finance and Administration: Clerk Cooper, in Trustee Ziegler's absence

Action Items

6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve minutes of the 8/28/2025 meeting**
 - b. **Authorize Mayor to sign Municipal Well & Pump proposal in the amount of \$17,160 for Well #8 inspection, a budgeted expense**
 - c. **Adopt Ordinance 1712-25 *An Ordinance Fully Amending and Restating Ordinance No. 1704-25 titled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Occupation Tax and Amending Title 3 of the Island Lake Village Code***
Discussion: Attorney McArdle explained that the issue is this: when we passed 1704-25 in anticipation of the Governor's repeal of the tax, effective 1/1/2026. The Department of revenue notified Schaumburg that their ordinance was ineffective and they needed to reword it. Since most of the towns in the State followed the IML Model, we are repealing the earlier one and using the comments to Schaumburg. Must be passed by 10/1/2025.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers.
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis. Nays: none. Motioned carried.
7. **Adopt Ordinance No. 1713-25 *An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Business Regulations, Chapter 1, Municipal Taxation, Section 3-1-4, Municipal Occupation, Service and Use Taxes of the Village of Island Lake, Illinois Municipal Code***
Questions: Attorney McArdle: While we were correcting the Grocery tax ordinance, we came across the ordinance that most municipalities have passed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1712-25 *An Ordinance Fully Amending and Restating Ordinance No. 1704-25 titled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal*

Grocery Occupation Tax and Amending Title 3 of the Island Lake Village Code by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Deasey
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis. Nays: none. Motioned carried

Discussion Items

A. Direction on additional local provisions for E-Bikes and Scooters

Chief Paulus: Lake County Daily Herald posted an article about a summit with Northwest Municipal League RE: E-Bikes and Scooters on Monday, September 22. Chief will attend.

B. Direction on Bassler Drive parking ordinance

Trustee Cermak: Would like to leave the ordinance as is. Trustee Deasey: Is there concern about cars under repairs would be leaking on the road. Trustee Cermak: Don't know; should review later. Trustee Alers: Agree with Trustee Cermak; visited the street with the Chief and spoke to some of the officers. Consensus is to leave it as is.

C. Discussion and Direction on parking at beaches

Trustee Alers: Have been surveying the issue; would like to see more people enjoying the parks; we have a lot of public parks that don't have adequate parking; would like to remove parking prohibition on [Brier]; Park Beach does not have parking; looking at possible Fern Drive parking. Trustee Cermak: There are mailboxes on both sides of entrance to the beach; also an out-of-service pump on the triangle; remove pump and allow parking there. Director Carlsen: There are three parking spaces available there now; figure out where to put pump. Trustee Lewis: Look at Fern Drive.

8. **Mayor Comments** included: Mayor Pro Tem Cermak: Photo of property at Darrell and Dowell Road that was donated to us; we need an appraisal so we can sell it. Attorney McArdle: Donor provided an appraisal; law requires a certified expert appraiser; an MAI appraiser is expensive; make a suggestion for an appraiser. Director Carlsen: Will it be appraised as more than one. We are looking at selling it in 2 parcels. More than one person is interested. Attorney McArdle: Does everyone want to have a new appraisal? Response: Call the donors and get an updated appraisal. Attorney McArdle: I'll get prices on an appraisal.

9. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:

Trustee Alers: Stressed that praises for the lake are coming in; time to focus on parks; it's a long time coming. Thanked Chief and staff for help. Trustee Cermak: Solar panels: Should we change ordinance? Trustee Lewis: Property owner has option of applying for special use or variance. It's about time we buy cameras; we need to find money to get them. Would like a proposal on the 9/25/2025 Agenda; Chief will work with Computer Help Key. Chief reminded that the cameras may not give the most identifiable images; the officers will not be able to respond to movement notifications in progress. Trustee Deasey: Looking for volunteers for upcoming Oktober Fest; frustrating to hear of vandalism when we have worked so hard to improve parks and property; Converse Park bathrooms are closed, due to vandalism; if you see something, say something—report it. What do other communities do about cameras? Trustee Lewis: Take a moment to remember the first responders and those who lost their lives on 9/11 and soldiers who lost their lives in conflict.

Director Carlsen: The camera at Maple Ridge worked well—the one for the water plant. Saturday the parking lot will be seal coated and striped; the campus will be roped off. Clerk Cooper: Our active community groups are an asset to our community and their partnership is valuable. Senior response to water rate letter about senior discount for service fee is robust. Solicitor Permits are required; thanks to our residents who call in when they observe them out and about

10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Lewis
All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper