

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
November 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McLaughlin
2. **Roll Call** Present: Trustees Brittany Alers, Chuck Cermak, Steve Deasey, Thadd Lewis, Wendy Mills, Will Ziegler. Absent: none. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Village Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Sgt. James Gainer
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Sgt. Gainer
4. **Public Comment** included: Trevor Mock: Successful carp kill: 2,250 lbs.; making a dent in the carp population; thanked Public Works for help with it. As secretary of the Lions, looking for approval for use of parks for 2026 Lions events. Resident: Are we still working on Before-and-After-School Club? Response: Yes, but will be open until the end of the school year. Working with Wauconda Park District for next school year.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Public Works: Trustee Mills
 - 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: Trustee Ziegler

Action Items

6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 297,269.68**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 10/23/2025 meeting**
 - c. **Adopt proposed Resolution No. 704-25 *A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Wauconda and Multiple Local Governments for the Purchase and Annual Maintenance Cost for Outdoor Warning Sirens, subject to attorney review and approval of indemnity provision***
 - d. **Adopt Resolution 705-25 *A Resolution Establishing 2026 Regular Meeting Dates for the Village Board and Commissions***
 - e. **Adopt Resolution 706-25 *A Resolution Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Island Lake***
 - f. **Authorize Mayor to sign the McHenry County Law Enforcement Regional Training Center 2026 Terms and Conditions of Membership Agreement in the amount of \$400 per officer [no change from the 2025 agreement]**
 - g. **Authorize Mayor to sign 2026 – 2030 Village of Island Lake Solid Waste Collection Contract with Lakeshore Recycling System dba LRS for Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection**
 - h. **Approve Island Lake Lions request for use of parks for 2026 Events**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Alers
Questions: Trustee Lewis: RE: Surplus Equipment, are there reserves on larger equipment? Director Carlsen: Will put reserves on some; is working with Chief Paulus on it. Trustee Cermak: Will the outgoing squad car go to auction? Nunda recently sold a truck and accepted bids on it. Sgt. Gainer: It has to go to auction. Items are open to the public at Obenauf auction. Attorney McArdle: Will look into whether items can be pulled from auction.
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. Adopt Ordinance 1715-25 An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Petition for the Map Amendment from R-3 Residential District to R-5 Residential District for Lots 7 – 34, Sylvan Glen Estates, Island Lake, Illinois

Discussion: Trustee Lewis: I attended the planning meeting; the property has been sitting vacant for 20 – 30 years. Trustee Alers: there are apartments all around it.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 1715-25 An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Petition for the Map Amendment from R-3 Residential District to R-5 Residential District for Lots 7 – 34, Sylvan Glen Estates, Island Lake, Illinois by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Mills
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

8. Motion pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60 to determine the estimate of the proposed 2025 Tax Levy to be \$1,736,681

Motion pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60 to determine the estimate of the proposed 2025 Tax Levy to be \$1,736,681 by Trustee Ziegler, Second by Trustee Lewis

Questions: Trustee Cermak asked what it was last year and the year before that. Trustee Lewis responded that last year's was \$1,628,103; didn't have the numbers from 2023 at hand.

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

9. Authorize the purchase of a 2025 Ford Utility Interceptor in the amount of \$46,666 from Currie Motors, to replace Squad 283, a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor

Discussion: Sgt. Gainer:

Motion to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Ford Utility Interceptor in the amount of \$46,666 from Currie Motors, to replace Squad 283, a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor by Trustee Deasey, Second by Trustee Mills

Questions: Attorney McArdle is the amount accurate? Response: Yes. Trustee Cermak: We are not continuing the lease; will we replace the leased vehicles with purchases going forward? Trustee Lewis: Enterprise discontinued the program without notification. We'll need to replace other vehicles when leases come do.

Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

10. Discussion Items

a. Interim contract work: Finance support

Mayor McLaughlin: We lost our Finance Director so we are looking for interim support. We reached out to people who have worked with the proposed individual. Consensus to do an hourly rate between \$80 – 100. Trustee Alers: Does he agree to this? Yes. Trustee Cermak: Will save money; no benefits for contract work. Attorney directed to prepare contract.

b. Puri Family Park improvements

Mayor McLaughlin: It is a highly ranked and popular course. Director Carlsen: We must spend the money by end December; we have water and sewer available; suggestions to put up a shed, building with restrooms. We can store park maintenance equipment for ease of use. We don't want to lose matching funds. Trustee Lewis: The donor will match up to \$50,000 for improvements.

Trustee Alers: Incorporate a security camera and lights. Mayor has asked for an extension; has not heard back. Trustee Cermak: Donated 11 acres; how many are on course. Would buildings interfere with holes/baskets? Response: No. Attorney McArdle: It's a foundation board that oversees money.

c. Video gaming and liquor license ordinance amendments

Clerk Cooper: Suggestions was to have the Board vote on the issuance of video gaming licenses; a pour license is required for video gaming unless the business qualifies as a truck stop; our ordinance specifies that you need to have a fully operational kitchen for a pour license; rationale was not to have gaming cafés; do we want to have a provision to require a business to be open as a restaurant—for example 6 months—before allowing gaming; do we want to limit the number? We should raise our fees to \$250 per terminal. We can be more stringent than the State, but not less.

Trustee Lewis: If you require the 6 months, you'll make sure you have a successful business before

allowing gaming.

11. Mayor Comments included: Excited by new housing; hope to get new senior housing; our residents will get first crack at 55+ housing. Have a great Thanksgiving; see you in December. Jewel has promised us 50 meals; some to schools some for community. Route 176 resurfacing will not be completed until spring.

12. Trustee and Staff Comments included:

Trustee Alers: Attended Riddick's Ride fundraiser; attended fire district's strategic planning meeting. We are forming commissions although we don't have park district; parks commission needs one more person. Trustee Cermak: Happy to see the trustees at the planning and zoning meeting; happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Deasey: Also attended planning and zoning meeting and active shooter training; good to know that a plan, a necessity, is in place for the protection of our children; glad to see us recovering some money through sale of surplus property; great to see Halloween decorations and looking forward to seeing Christmas decorations; support local businesses. Trustee Lewis: Fire and Police Commission is accepting applications for police officer through December 8; great to see community organizations helping to offer events for the Village; thanked all who make it happen. Trustee Mills: Leaf pickup last day: November 24; thanked those who came to ribbon cutting for new physical therapy; available turkey dinners from District #118. Trustee Ziegler: Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Attorney McArdle: Director Carlsen: Will have trucks to sell in the spring. Star is up for annual star lighting; has new, vapor proof lights. Robinson Engineering finished our road analysis and provided a map that illustrates; going forward, we must assure that we do streets correctly; our streets are in good hands. Clerk Cooper: 12/11/2025 Agenda will include: 2025 Tax Levy, Title 3: Video Gaming and Liquor License amendments. Engineer Zehner: Will meet with Mayor and Public Works Director to look at next 5 years of road projects; we look to use motor fuel tax but at times must put additional money; roadways should have life cycles of about 30 years;

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Deasey.
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper