

Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
April 23, 2026, 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, Wendy Mills. Absent: Trustees Thadd Lewis and Will Ziegler. Also present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Attorney David McArdle, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Jennifer Paulus
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Michael Scheck of District #118 Future Business Leaders of America
4. **Public Comment** included: Resident Jennifer Hovey: Has a pond in her back yard and it used to dry up. Village installed a drain to help water go away; in 2018 the pump in the pond was turned off; the water continued to rise and remain year-round. Burr oak tree is in water and a variety of other trees have died; 1/ her property is covered in street runoff water. Scott Hovey: at the time he moved in, Baxter & Woodman set the level; it has risen over 36" and is now endangering trees. Since 1993 has Village maintained pump system engineered by B & W; is it operating as designed, or has something changed? The pump doesn't appear to be running. Pond thaws out in March. Michael Scheck, a sophomore at Wauconda High School representing FBLA: This year's community service project is about the environment. Partnered recently with 16 Lake County High Schools for environmental cleanup. April 25 is a community cleanup on Greenleaf Avenue at 1:30 p.m. Adopt a block program is a new program; asking residents to pick a street or block and clean it up once a week; looking for volunteers. Signups by the door. Michael got 2nd in the State FBLA competition

Action Items

5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$ 265,720.96**
 - b. **Approve minutes of the 4/09/2026 meeting**
 - c. **Adopt Ordinance 1721-26 An Ordinance Amending the Island Lake Village Code to Update the Title 1, Chapter 16, Section 1-16-3, Schedule of Fees, Fines, and Penalties**Discussion: **

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items a – c, as read by

Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Mills

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

6. **Adopt Ordinance 1719-26 An Ordinance Declaring Non-Acceptance and Authorizing the Vacation and Release of a Conservation Easement on the Unit 13 Phase 8 Fox River Shores Subdivision Plats**

Discussion: Attorney McArdle: We are going to table this until

Motion to table adoption of Ordinance 1719-26 to a date to a later date by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Mills

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

7. **Discussion Items**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on purchase of new granite signs for east and west Route 176 entrances in the amount \$14,500 each**

Discussion: We have \$142,000 impact fees to spend on projects. Trustee Alers asked which ones we will replace. Response: The east and west entrances; currently don't have power on the east side but we can work with ComEd. Trustee Cermak asked how much property easement the Village has and how long will dye last? Response: We are working on it; 25 – 30 year warranty. Installation is our responsibility; we need to make sure we have something that will move it; it's heavy.

More information will be brought to the Board for the next meeting. No action at this time.

b. Repair and new installation of sidewalks in various throughout the Village

Director Carlsen: 159 sections of sidewalks need replacing. Trustee Alers: Happy to be considering sidewalks.

c. Discussion and possible adoption of 1719-26 An Ordinance Declaring Non-Acceptance and Authorizing the Vacation and Release of a Conservation Easement on the Unit 13 Phase 8 Fox River Shores Subdivision Plat

No further discussion.

8. Mayor Comments included: Lake Fest is about a month away; 4th of July Parade and Picnic in planning; same route as last year. Milling of pavement on route 176 is in progress. Would like to consider purchasing 3 parcels in the Fox River Shores along the river. Appreciate the work Public Works has done to alleviate flooding. Wauconda Park District will take over Before and After School club at Cotton Creek School; Matthews Middle School will have Camp Invention, a STEM camp.

9. Trustee and Staff Comments included: Trustee Deasey: Businesses are starting to come; restaurant in former Sofia's and Bigby Coffee business are going before Planning and Zoning. Be aware of kids out in the warm weather; say something if you see something. Trustee Alers: Parks Planning Commission has had their second meeting and is working on getting to know our parks; be aware of road work and closures. Trustee Mills: Public Works is building a pier for the Island; we have had 2 weddings on it. Trustee Cermak: Looking forward to completing the sale of Walnut Glen property; thanked the public for coming out.

Chief Paulus: Senate Bill #3336 is on E-bikes. Updates on early warning system: Moved to an automated system; each siren is connected to National Weather Service. In the past couple weeks, they were going off during thunderstorms; if you hear sirens, take shelter. There is a manual override.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment and performance of personnel by Trustee Alers, Second by Trustee Mills

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

No action taken.

Open Session called to order at 8:11 pm by Mayor McLaughlin.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Mills. Absent: Trustees Lewis and Ziegler

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Mills

All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by Georgine Cooper