Village Board Meeting Minutes
VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE
3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
October 22, 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, Thadd Lewis, Wendy Mills and Will Ziegler (remotely). Absent: none. Also Present: Mayor Richard McLaughlin, Clerk Georgine Cooper, Public Works Director Chris Carlsen, Police Chief Kelly Ducak, Treasurer/ Finance Director Kayla Gray; Attorney David McArdle

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mark Beeson, Island Lake Lions

4. **Public Comment** included: Mark Beeson mentioned that the lake health is going in the right direction; EutroSorb treatments have reduced phosphorus; great improvement over the 2 years; hopes Village will continue treatments; fishing has greatly improved 1,300 fish last year 2,300 hundred this year; boating is better. Carp shocking tomorrow with IDNR, Lions assisting; used to pull out 300+ carp; last outing was approximately 100; better fish are increasing in numbering. Lions will put a plaque honoring the Club's founder, Andrew Amrich, on the pavilion at Eastway Park. Kathleen Wheat: Emailed Board members RE: auditing of financials; asked for information about credit card documentation; concerned that it doesn't show up in monthly financials. Concerned about Craft Fair as a private event; Village has not sponsored it since 2023; concerned about supervision of building during the Craft Fair; should be employee of the Village; concerned that fees for use of building were waived by mayor in lieu of donation. Resident concerned about playground at Grek Park; has contacted Village about improvements. Resident on Southhampton expressed concern about Flock cameras; Village lacks ordinance governing Flock cameras; concerned about protection of data; Village should oppose expansion of cameras and protect privacy of law-abiding residents.

Action Items

5. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approve payment of bills in the amount of $ 249,676.09**
   b. **Approve minutes of the October 8, 2026 Village Board Meeting**
   c. **Authorize Mayor to sign renewal of Flock Agreement in the amount of $3,000 for one year**
   Discussion: Trustee Lewis: Asked Chief to reiterate Flock camera information. Chief Ducak: Security information is in plate; only data is license plate images; information is stored only for 30 days and is deleted after unless it is attached to a case; in order to access Flock information, police department has to attach it to a case; we can monitor access to data; cannot be access by out of State of Illinois. Data provided is license plate image and date and time vehicle (make, model and color) passed through the camera range; Flock has automated alert system and audits use/misuse and provides information to the chief; Police Department policy covers our use. Camera images have been used to locate missing children and elderly people. It is not illegal when you are in a public place, as the road is.

   Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Mills
   Questions: Trustee Cermak: Question about Teen Court bill in the amount of $1,500. Are we still using Third Millennium for stickers? Response: Teen Court bill is for adjudication. We use Third Millennium for boat and golf cart stickers.
   Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. **Adopt Ordinance 1730-26 An Ordinance Amending the Island Lake Village Code and Personnel Manual Relating to Village Employees**
   Discussion:

   Motion to adopt Ordinance 1730-26 An Ordinance Amending the Island Lake Village Code and Personnel Manual Relating to Village Employee by Trustee Lewis, Second by Trustee Alers
   Questions: Trustee Cermak: Consensus was that Board would have approval. Response: It is included.
   Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. **Authorize Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Holiday Hills for Police Protection**
Discussion: Mayor McLaughlin and Chief Ducak attended 10/21/2026 Holiday Hills Board Meeting. Chief Ducak: Quicket and LakeComm have to be in place. Writing tickets and enforcing local ordinances and evidence transfer will need to be phased in. Trustee Cermak: Do we get a percentage of tickets? Response: We are meeting about it next week and are looking for a majority of the funds. Contract duration may be 2 years with yearly evaluation and 90 day determination.

Motion to table the authorization to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Holiday Hills for Police Protection until the 11/12/2026 meeting by Trustee Lewis Second by Trustee Cermak
Ayes: Trustees Alers, Cermak, Deasey, Lewis, Mills and Ziegler. Nays: none. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion Items**
Update on building repairs funding: Trustee Mills, Mayor McLaughlin and Director Carlsen met with a consultant about funding; we qualify for funding but application and steps may take90 days for the process; proposal to be presented to the Board at the 11/12/2026 meeting.

9. **Mayor Comments** included: Closing for KLM for Walnut Glen property is 10/30/2026.

10. **Trustee and Staff Comments** included:
Trustee Alers: Thanked Mark Beeson for positive feedback on lake; has worked hard on lake issues and problem solving; support taking care of lake. Converse Park was replaced with a grant; we don't have funding for park work; is working with Director Carlsen on possible improvements; Trunk-or-Treat this weekend. Trustee Cermak: Hope FBLA kids bring business to Island Lake; thanked Mr. Beeson for remarks. Trustee Deasey: Continues discussions with business property owners about property and sign upkeep; looking to attract new businesses; be safe on Halloween; appreciate decorations; thanked people for coming out and expressing concerns. Trustee Lewis: Thanked residents for coming out and expressing concerns; input helps us make decisions; Fall Fest was a good event: food, music, hayride; support Trunk-or –Treat; go, Bears. Trustee Mills: Taking FBLA students to National competition November 5-7 in Washington DC; one of the Wauconda students is running for FBLA National President; 6 students are going (4 are from Island Lake). Trustee Ziegler: Happy Halloween; drive slowly; Village does have procedures in our Personnel manual; receipts are approved by Department Heads; trustees have access to information all the time.

Chief Ducak: Will be posting e-Bike laws on Facebook; will answer follow-up questions as they occur; will put out information about synthetic cannabis. Director Carlsen: Keep Public Works in charge of lake and we will keep it clear; will work on grading in conservation area; engineers are working on plan; attorney will work on agreement dedicating it back to surrounding residents. Clerk Cooper: Thanked residents for input that helps us serve them better; Agenda References will now be posted on the website under the Agenda; hopes that we would be able to post on the Friday before the meeting.

11. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cermak, Second by Trustee Mills
All were in favor. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.