

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Mayor McDonald, Village Clerk Konrad, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell and McCollum, Police Chief Rochelle Tisinai, Village Administrator Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Public Works Supervisors Ryan Horton and Jim Bowles.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor:** The Mayor noted that Miss Lake Villa/Miss Lake County was 16<sup>th</sup> for the Title of Miss Illinois.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Village Board Meeting Minutes amended to reflect Trustee Nielsen Present.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance:** It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve the Accounts Payable Report for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$790,618.46.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Staff Report** Chief Tisinai honored Sgt Dionne and Officer Davies with a Meritorious Award for their actions on an unconscious subject noting the benefits to the partnership with the Lake Villa Fire Department. It was with sadness that she announced the sudden passing of our K9 Atticus, who passed in his sleep. Condolences to Officer Bell and the rest of the Department on this loss.

Public Works Supervisor Bowles reported that the Bridge construction is on hold due to the extreme weather, the contractor is maintaining the clearing of the sidewalk on Grand Avenue. There was an issue with the Waters Edge lift station which is being investigated.

Public Works Supervisor Horton commended the snow removal efforts of his staff who have also begun removing snow from cul-de-sacs in anticipation of the approaching warmer weather.

The assistant to the Village Administrator, Jake Litz, reported that our current waste management contractor advised efforts were made for Friday refuse collection early to cope with the winter weather.

The Village Administrator advised a potential Retreat date for staff will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with the 5<sup>th</sup> being held at Lehmann Mansion and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. And there will be a zoning board meeting on Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>, to encompass text amendments and variances.

Trustee Bartlett introduced increasing our businesses support through social media.

***New Business:*** **Approval: Award of a Contract to Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group for the Elevated Water Tower Lowering Project**

The Village Board conferred on various approvals and awards of respective proposals for the elevated water spheroid lowering project of Tower B. These recommendations are being presented as a method to address pressure issues between the north and south water towers in the Village.

The Village Board deliberated and recommended that staff look at an alternative approach that would include the potential lowering of Tower B to address its elevation issues. There were approximately eight items to address long term maintenance needs of the tower.

The Village reserves the right to choose the final scope of the project based on the proposal results and its budget capacity. Staff is recommending that Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group be awarded the project, with the following scope adjustments:

- A separate contracts for the tank mixer systems (for both Tower A and Tower B)
- A separate contract for the four (4) temporary pneumatic pressure tanks that will be needed to maintain the system while the tower is out of service
- Construction engineering services provided by 3rd Party Consultant – welding/overcoat Inspections

Village staff has received competitive pricing on these scopes. Below is a summary of the quotes received for the project:

**Installation of Tank Mixer System – Tower B**

- **IXOM Watercare Inc. & Meade Electric \$27,000**
- Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group \$40,800

**Installation of Tank Mixer System – Tower A**

- **IXOM Watercare Inc. & Meade Electric \$27,000**
- Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group \$40,800

**Temporary Pneumatic Pressure Tanks**

- **Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC. \$29,000**
- Municipal Well & Pump \$45,340
- Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group \$85,000

**Construction Engineering Services – Weld/Overcoat**

- **James Orr Coating Inspection \$33,000**
- Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group \$40,800
- Dixon Engineering, Inc. No Response

By removing these items from the bid award, and pursuing them as separate contracts, the Village will have the budget capacity to pursue the project.

Excluding the above listed separate scopes, below is a summary of the recommended bids from the two Firms:

- **Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group \$358,550**
- **Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors \$597,600**

With the additional contracts, and recommended bid amount above, below is an estimated final summary of the project budget:

Funding Source FY 2024: Water and Sewer Capital Fund  
Well 7 Booster Station Construction: \$550,000 \$474,550

It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Savell to Award a Contract to Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group for the Elevated Water Tower Lowering Project in the amount of \$358,550

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to waive bidding and Award a Contract to Water Well Solutions Inc. for the installation and use of temporary pneumatic pressure tanks in the amount of \$29,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to waive bidding and Award a Contract to James Orr Coating Inspection for welding and overcoat construction engineering and inspection services in the amount of \$33,000.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 2024-01-01: Resolution Regarding Closed Session Minutes and Audio of the Village Board of Trustees**

The Village Board conferred on Resolution 2024-01-01 regarding Executive Session Minutes. The Resolution approves executive session minutes that have not been approved by the Village Board, maintains confidentiality for all approved executive session minutes and approves the destruction of recordings of all executive session recordings older than 18 months that are not subject to possible litigation. The list of these executive session minutes and recordings are listed as exhibits in the Resolution. Pursuant to State Law, the Village Board is required to

review and make a determination relative to executive session minutes which have not been approved at least every six months.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to Approve Resolution No. 2024-01-01 regarding Closed Session Meeting Minutes and Audio with a change to 10-16-2023 in group exhibit A.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance 2024-01-04: An Ordinance Approving Zoning Variations Relative to the Property Located at 766 Frontage Road**

The Village Board conferred on Ordinance 2024-01-04 granting and approving zoning variations for the property located at 766 Frontage Road. A public hearing was held December 12th to hear testimony and deliberate the request from the property owner for relief from the Zoning Code to construct an indoor contractor storage facility. The ZBA voted unanimously to recommend approval of the variations sought by the Petitioner.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve Ordinance 2024-01-04 approving Zoning Variations relative to the property located at 766 Frontage Road.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance 2024-01-05: Abating a Portion of the Amount of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

The Village Board conferred on the approval of an Ordinance abating the property tax dedicated as an alternative revenue to the Village's 2015 series water bonds. Annually, the Village is required to abate the property taxes dedicated as an alternative revenue source for the Village's 2015 series water bonds. The Ordinance states that the Village met its financial obligations to pay the bonds; therefore, the property taxes dedicated as an alternative revenue source can be abated.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve Ordinance 2024-01-05 Abating a Portion of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Refunding Bonds

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Health Insurance Renewal for 2024**

The Village provides health insurance for Village employees through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. As part of an annual review, Village staff received several quotes for its 2024 renewal. The most cost-effective option was to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Staff are recommending that the Village move to age-based rates to offer savings on annual premium costs.

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the 2024 Village Health Insurance Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Adjournment:* It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Savell to adjourn at 8:41 pm

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

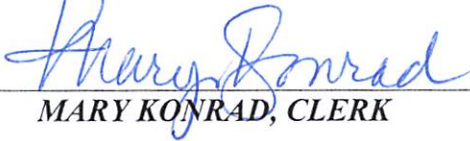
**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVED BY ME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



MARY KONRAD, CLERK