

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 18th, 2024**

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

Present: Mayor McDonald, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly Bartlett, Savell, and McCollum, Village Administrator Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Chief of Police Rochelle Tisinai, Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos, Public Works Supervisors Ryan Horton and Jim Bowles, Finance Director Christine McKinley.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve the November 4th, 2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes.

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 approve the November 4th, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

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 McCollum to approve the account payable report for November 18th, 2024 in the amount of \$332,229.67.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor: The Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade will take place on Saturday, November 30th.

Staff Reports: Public Works reports the water meter replacement program in progressing forward. Holiday lighting is almost completed. And speakers on Cedar Avenue will play holiday music.

Better City presented a Downtown Vision Plan status to the board.

Old Business: Discussion: Fee Schedule Update

Village Staff will overviewed the Fee Schedule. Currently, all individual fees the Village charges for various services are written throughout the Village Code. Fines for penalties are assessed in the same manner. This presents a challenge for both Village personnel and the public in locating this information. Staff has been working with the Village Attorney to develop a comprehensive centralized fee schedule that will be more navigable and searchable. Centralizing these items into one schedule is just the first step in this process. A draft ordinance was presented and may be amended prior to final approval.

New Business: Ordinance 2024-11-02: An Ordinance Amending the Annual Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

On July 1st, the Village approved the 2024-2025 appropriation ordinance. The Village Board conferred on the approval of an appropriation amendment to better align with the upcoming levy. This adjustment is general housekeeping to address unanticipated outcomes from previous efforts to condense and streamline the appropriations ordinance. Aligning the ordinance with the levy aims to prevent any potential confusion with the county and to allow accurate levying across all special levy funds This amendment will help maintain transparency in financial practices and ensure compliance with levy requirements.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve Ordinance 2024-11-02 amending appropriation for the Village of Lake Villa for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2024 and ending on the 30th day of April 2025 to provide for certain amended appropriations

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 Savell and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to adjourn at 8:28 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 2nd **, December, 2024**



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



MARY KONRAD, CLERK