

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
January 6th, 2025**

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

Present: Mayor McDonald, Village Clerk Konrad, Trustees: Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, and McCollum, Village Administrator Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Administrative Analyst Mikela Alanso, Chief of Police Rochelle Tisinai, Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos, via Video Conferencing, Public Works Supervisors Ryan Horton and Jim Bowles. Trustee Barbato and Bartlett were absent.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the November 12th, 2024 Village Board Minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Finance: It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve the account payable report for January 6th, 2025 in the amount of \$176,282.27.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor: The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and a Budget Meeting will be held on January 13th, 2025 at 7 pm

Staff Reports: Public Works addressed some plumbing issues over the holiday with Brian Peterson going above and beyond to assist in the matter. The Chief of Police honored Sgt Devorak and Ofc Dyer as Certified Master Tactical Officers, #145 & #146 in the State of Illinois, as well as ITSB Instructors. Jake Litz reported of a new hire. Welcome Molly Miller. Michael Strong reports continued progress on the Downtown Planning.

New Business: **Discussion: Paddle Board Business Concept**

At the November 18, 2024 Village Board meeting, staff overviewed a new business concept at Lehman Park that would include stand-up paddle board classes, yoga, and stand-up paddle board yoga. The Village Board is asked to provide staff with direction whether or not to proceed with the business concept at Lehman Park.

Old Business: **Resolution 2025-01-01: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County for Participation in their Textile Collection Program**

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) has established a community-wide program where clothing and textiles can be collected for recycling. This program accepts new, gently used, used, or unwanted/worn, clothing as well as household textiles. SWALCO has requested the Village of Lake Villa to add a clothing bin in a public place as part of this program. This program is at no cost to the Village. SWALCO will handle emptying the container on a regular basis when full and will assist with promoting this new program. The Village may ask that SWALCO remove the container at any time. If approved, the bin will be located in the Metra parking lot on the north side of Cedar Ave.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve Resolution 2025-01-01 a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County for participation in their Textile Collection Program as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2025-01-01: An Ordinance Amending the Village Code relative to Title 5, Public Properties and Utilities

The Village board conferred on an Ordinance that will require a ball valve to be located 12" upstream and downstream of the meter. Currently, the Ordinance only requires that it be located downstream of the meter. Please note that the "upstream and downstream" language used in the attached Ordinance is a typical practice. The Village is simply trying to codify current practices. The Village Attorney has drafted the attached Ordinance for consideration by the Village Board.

It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve Ordinance 2025-01-01 An Ordinance Amending the Village Code relative to Title 5, Public Properties and Utilities.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2025-01-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Lake Villa

The Village Board conferred on the approval of an Ordinance disposing of surplus Village property. In reviewing items for disposal, there is one vehicle that has been identified as beyond useful life and deemed appropriate for disposal. This includes a 2002 International 4900 and a PF5 Transmission Flush Machine.

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve Ordinance 2025-01-02 authorizing the sale of surplus personal property owned by the Village of Lake Villa.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2025-01-02: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program

The Village Board conferred on approving the attached resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program, a nationwide initiative that allows local governments, nonprofits, and other eligible entities to access federal surplus property that is no longer needed by federal agencies. In Illinois, the program is administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS). To participate, the Village is required to pass a resolution and submit an application to become an authorized participant. Participating in this program provides the Village with cost savings and improved efficiency and sustainability. Participation does not obligate the Village to purchase any equipment or vehicles, but offers the Village an additional resources to procure equipment.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve Resolution 2025-01-02 a Resolution authorizing Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: Health Insurance Renewal

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 2025 renewal. The most cost-effective option was to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

On average, Village employees are anticipated to contribute roughly 12% toward monthly premium totals. The total current monthly premium the Village pays for health insurance is \$50,345.70. Retirees contribute 100% of their respective monthly premium.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve the 2025 Village Health Insurance Renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session: It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee McCollum to move into an executive session for personnel, acquisition of property updates and pending litigation at 7:50pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee Neilsen to reconvene to regular session at 8:48pm

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the termination of employment and employment agreement of Dominic Lostrocisco.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to reconvene and adjourn at 8:53 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, O'Reilly, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Barbato, Bartlett)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY ME THIS January 21, 2025



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



KAREN MERCURE, DEPUTY CLERK