

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2024**

The Village Board Meeting was held in-person at Crosspoint Lutheran Church, 8505 Redtail Drive, along with Zoom viewing. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stavropoulos. Present at Crosspoint Lutheran Church were Trustees Babischkin, Delzell, Fischer, Jeschke, McMahon, and Wayne. Also present were Village Manager Jean Heckman, Village Attorney Scott Puma, Village Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, Chief of Police Mike Roth, and RedTail Golf Club General Manager Kenny Goodwin.

Village staff attendance included Planning and Zoning Chairman John O’Hara, and Police Sgts. Doherty and McGrath.

The evening began with thirty-seven additional in-person public in attendance. At the conclusion of the Recognition presentation, in-person attendance was six public members.

Zoom attendance five participants throughout the evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Stavropoulos led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM 2024 STATE 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

President Stavropoulos spoke of the soccer team’s success and many achievements and of all those that supported them. He expressed honor in reading a Proclamation and presenting a street sign recognizing the championship.

Head Soccer Coach Sarah Fack thanked the Board for the recognition celebration. She also praised the team for their hard work, team effort, and dedication and expressed gratitude to supporters.

PRESIDENT’S OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks were not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Abbinanti stated he was speaking as representative of pontoon boat owners using Turnberry Lake and addressed concerns of the algae and weed conditions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Stavropoulos commented on a request for additional verbiage relative to the Certificate of Insurance required for the request of the Special Event Permit.

Village Manager Heckman notified the organizers and release of an approved permit will be held until proper documentation is received.

The following were considered and enacted on a single motion by Trustee Jeschke, seconded by Trustee Wayne as noted:

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A. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. May 21, 2024 Town Hall
2. May 28, 2024 Village Board Meeting

B. Request Approval of Bill Lists

1. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated June 12, 2024 in the Amount of \$171,822.87
2. Village Hall Debit Card/ACH Activity Dated April 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$76,619.09
3. RedTail Golf Club Debit Card Activity Dated April 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$3,976.75

C. Request Approval of a Special Events Permit Application from Crystal Lake Water Ski Association on Sunday, June 30, 2024; Sunday, July 28, 2024; and Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the CRYSTAL LAKE WATER SKI ASSOCIATION

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Babischkin, Delzell, Fischer, Jeschke, McMahon, and Wayne.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 15 REGARDING THE 2005 WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENT

President Stavropoulos read the agenda memo. He confirmed the Village has made arrangements to stay operational relative to RedTail Golf Course. Efforts to maintain the agreement have been unsuccessful and time has come to terminate the agreement.

Attorney Puma clarified the 2009 grant of easement will terminate.

Public Comment

Sonny Oberoi discussed the 2005 Agreement.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 15, an Ordinance Terminating a Grant of Easement and Agreement Relative to the Transfer of Water to RedTail Golf Club as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Babischkin, Delzell, Fischer, Jeschke, McMahon, and Wayne.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 16 REGARDING AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 14**

President Stavropoulos reviewed the considerations taken as an attempt to protect the Village's rights as to the property it owns and curtail trespassing. He added review is continual of documents and future discussions are anticipated.

Trustee Babischkin distributed a copy of her proposed amendments for the Board to review and discuss with the intention to simplify the ordinance.

A spirited discussion followed, addressing concerns and concluded with an amended proposal.

Public Comment

John O'Hara asked for clarification of the amendments. He also took time to compliment the Police Department on their presence, actions taken, and professionalism relative the activity of the lakes.

Sonny Oberoi inquired if the termination of the Water Transfer Agreement will affect the lake levels.

Tracey Chain shared historical information relative to the issuing of fishing passes and lake rights.

Trustee Delzell, seconded by Trustee Fischer moved to table the amendments proposed by Trustee Babischkin, which superseded the original amendment presented; tabling the entire matter.

Roll call vote: Ayes: None.

Nays: Trustees Babischkin, Delzell, Fischer, Jeschke, McMahan, and Wayne.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved to approve the amendment shared by Trustee Babischkin applying the modifications as discussed of Ordinance No. 2024 – 16, an Ordinance Making an Additional Amendment to Chapter 12, Section 12.1.01 of the Village Code Regarding Allowing Guests for Owners in Special Service Area Number 8.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Babischkin, Delzell, Fischer, Jeschke, McMahan, and Wayne.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

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PRESENTATION OF UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF TURNBERRY GOLF CLUB ORDINANCE ISSUES

President Stavropoulos confirmed the outstanding life-safety issues have been resolved.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

PRESENTATION OF REDTAIL ONGOING MATTERS

President Stavropoulos highlighted to-date progress: rough plumbing is near completion, Project Manager Richard Swiech developed a new grading plan, underground HVAC has started, and draws have been funded.

Work continues on the project; however outside visual perception seems to not support the progress.

Trustee Jeschke requested to enter into Executive Session to further discuss compensation questions he has.

Public Comment

Sonny Oberoi questioned financial impact of the RedTail Construction Project and if there are any fire life-safety issues or procedures present at RedTail.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIALS

1. Village Financial Statements for the Periods of May 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024
2. RedTail Golf Club Financial Statements for the Periods of May 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024

Village Manager Heckman is researching questions raised in reference to the RedTail Financial Statements. She will share the results once complete.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Delzell discussed the decorum and dynamics of the public discussion conducted during meetings between the trustees. She cautioned levels of communication outside the public forum.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Roth requested a final copy of the evening's amended ordinance regarding Turnberry Lakes as soon as it becomes available.

General Manager Goodwin: No report.

Village Manager Heckman reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to be held Monday, June 17, 2024.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney Puma clarified the request submitted earlier in the evening by Trustee Jeschke to enter into Executive Session was not an appropriate exception. Therefore, Executive Session was not called.

President Stavropoulos took a moment to address communication recently generated by Trustee Babischkin relating to the ordinance passed on May 28th regarding Turnberry Lakes. He expressed frustration over concerns and accusations made of his behavior.

Trustee Babischkin clarified her role in the escalation of emails, miscommunications, and misunderstanding.

Village Manager Heckman expressed concern of the decline of respect, professionalism, and collaboration that is beginning to surface.

With nothing further to discuss, Trustee Wayne, seconded by Trustee Jeschke moved to adjourn the meeting.


Voice vote: All Ayes.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.


Jeanette LoBosco
Village Clerk

June 25, 2024