

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 23, 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, and Director of Public Works Gary Zickuhr.

Village staff attendance included Planning and Zoning Chairman John O'Hara, Assistant Director of Public Works Dylan Stern, and Police Sgt. Doherty.

The evening began with eight additional in-person public in attendance. At the conclusion of the consideration for Ordinance No. 2024 - 18, in-person attendance was one public member.

Zoom attendance averaged seven participants throughout the evening.

RedTail Golf Club General Manager Kenny Goodwin joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks were not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. June 25, 2024 Village Board Meeting
2. July 11, 2024 Special Village Board Meeting

B. Request Approval of Bill Lists

1. Accounts Payable Prepaid Invoices Dated June 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$23,217.83
2. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated July 24, 2024 in the Amount of \$268,853.03
3. Village Hall Debit Card/ACH Activity Dated June 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$52,357.78
4. Accounts Payable RedTail Golf Club Monthly Inventory Closure Dated May 31, 2024 in the Amount of \$21,955.86
5. RedTail Golf Club Debit Card Activity Dated June 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$2,268.65

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6. RedTail Golf Club Manual Checks Dated June 30, 2024 in the Amount of \$9,576.74

C. Consideration of a Request for Special Event Permit Application from Crystal Lake Half Marathon Denise Smith/Smith P.T. on Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 07:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a marathon race.

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 – 18 REGARDING A SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMIT REQUEST

Attorney Puma reviewed the petitioner's original request and subsequent amendment to include the variance request.

Planning and Zoning Chairman John O'Hara additionally reviewed the two Public Hearings held before the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission voted in favor of the Special Use Request but did not agree to the request for the variation.

Petitioner James Berry summarized the reasons for offering his property for short term rental and request for the decrease to minimum length of stay requirement.

Public Comment

Marty Moister asked for clarification of the required vote count, ordinance requirements, and monitoring responsibilities.

He stated he objects to the variance request.

Lenneka McCallam, President of CCAPOA, discussed feedback she received from members of the CCAPOA. She also questioned monitoring of the length of stay during a rental period.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved to amend the proposed Ordinance No. 2024 – 18 by striking *SECTION 2 A variation and departure is also granted to reduce the minimum length of stay requirement of seven (7) consecutive nights down to four (4) consecutive nights.*

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 18, an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for the Property at 2140 South Shore Drive as amended.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees McMahon and Wayne.

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

Absent: None.

Motion declared failed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 19 AMENDING CHAPTER 24.02A OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING WATER SERVICE RATES

Village Manager Heckman reviewed the water rate service charge increase approved on April 4, 2024. While implementing the rate increase, it was discovered an ordinance supporting the change was not created.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee Delzell, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 19, an Ordinance Amending Section 24.02, A of the Village Code Regarding Water Service Charges as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 444 G LOADER

Director Zickuhr provided an amended proposal received from Wintrust. He reviewed financing options received for the purchase request.

He also reviewed the necessity of the equipment and replacement of the current loader, including benefits relative to the Public Works Department.

Also reviewed was a Budget Amendment required once the current asset is sold.



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Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee Wayne, seconded by Trustee Babischkin moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere 444 G Loader from West Side Tractor & Sales in the amount of \$156,036.80 with \$15,603.68 down and authorized Village Manager Heckman to execute a finance agreement with Wintrust in an amount not to exceed \$140,433.12 for a seven-year term as presented; using funds equally between Lakewood Utilities Capitol Equipment 62-00-8620 and General Capitol 30-00-8650.

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

Motion declared carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 20 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF VILLAGE OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY

Village Manager Heckman discussed the items requested for sale or disposal. Those items viable for auction will be sold and all those nonviable will be disposed of and/or recycled.

Public Comment

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee McMahon, seconded by Trustee Jeschke moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 20, an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Lakewood as presented.

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

Motion declared carried.

PRESENTATION OF VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD CHARITY, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION

President Stavropoulos reviewed the creation and implementation of the Charity. He defined what can and cannot be done relative to events and donations.

Village Manager Heckman discussed potential event ideas. She also discussed the logistics of receiving donations.



PRESENTATION OF REDTAIL ONGOING MATTERS

President Stavropoulos reviewed progress made to the project site.

Trustees discussed receiving communication relative to a weekly project update summary.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIALS

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

Village Manager Heckman addressed questions received relative to RedTail's financial statements calling out some items that impacted expenses: ability to sell product, golf cart lease returns, Food/Beverage goods, tent replacement, early seasonal start of Maintenance staff, and medical/dental insurance increase.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Stavropoulos announced OSHA conducted a random inspection with the Public Works Department.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Village Manager Heckman provided updates relative to: the 2024 Road Project is scheduled to begin August 25th; vehicle sticker compliance is approximately 49%; a potential solar farm if pursued would be approved by IDNR for unincorporated property near Haligus Road and Lakewood Road; demolition of the foundation for the home destroyed by fire three years ago has begun; and construction of the Haligus Park should begin first week of August.

Director Zickuhr provided a status regarding recent storm debris recovery.

He also introduced Assistant Director Dylan Stern and his involvement with IPWMAN (Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network) and the benefits associated with it.

General Manager Goodwin spoke of a recent loss of a member of the RedTail Golf Club community.

He also discussed sharing an Event Price List in the near future.

Sgt. Doherty thanked Public Works staff for their response during the recent storm events.

He provided the following staff updates: Officer Obaldo has approximately three weeks left for his Academy training and currently holds a 90% GPA; Officer Meyer has completed his Field Training.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03 p.m. President Stavropoulos asked for a motion to enter into closed session for the following purposes:

- litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Village has been filed and pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Village finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Trustee Wayne, seconded by Trustee McMahon moved to enter into Executive Session.

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

Motion declared carried.

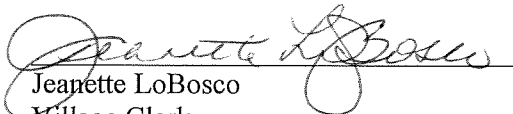
At 9:20 p.m. the Village Board returned to the regular Village Board Meeting.

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

Voice vote: All Ayes.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


Jeanette LoBosco
Village Clerk

August 13, 2024