

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 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 Attorney Scott Puma, Village Manager Jean Heckman, Village Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, Director of Public Works Gary Zickuhr, Chief of Police Mike Roth, and RedTail Golf Club General Manager Kenny Goodwin.

Village staff attendance included RedTail Golf Course Project Manager Richard Swiech, Sgts. Wiegel and Doherty, Project Manager Jen Gatti, and Deputy Village Clerk Lisa Harenza.

Also attending were representatives from McCloud Aquatics Chris Hoffman and Kayla Chancellor, and from Baxter & Woodman Inc Shane Firsching.

Total in-person public attendance included 26 participants.

Zoom attendance throughout the evening averaged four participants.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**

Opening Remarks were not discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Murray raised his concerns regarding the recent fish kill at Lake 2.

Kevin O'Connor spoke of his history as a patron of RedTail and his support of the installation of golf simulators during the off-season.

Kevin Kiviko indicated his vested interest in the continued success of RedTail and his support of golf simulators.

Tim Buckley spoke of his longtime playing history at RedTail, the improvements he has seen within the last several years, and of support for golf simulators.

Ken Keely spoke of his support of golf simulators and as it being an investment towards younger players.

Kurt Tannhauser questioned outside investments to fund the simulators.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. September 24, 2024 Village Board Meeting

**B. Request Approval of Bill Lists**

1. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated October 9, 2024 in the Amount of \$129,465.30

**C. Request Approval of 2025 Village Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**  
**D. Request Approval of 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Schedule**

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.

**PRESENTATION BY MCCLOUD AQUATICS**

Representatives from McCloud Aquatics, Chris Hoffman and Kayla Chancellor, lead an interactive discussion of Turnberry Lakes, detailing water quality issues and suggesting potential ideas for improvements.

Mr. Hoffman further explained causes of phosphorus contamination; which is a continuing battle effecting lake condition. He also discussed lake depth and potential benefits of adding diffused air systems along with nutrient management.

A comprehensive plan for maintaining the lakes, including costs for dredging, aeration systems, and other remediation efforts, was requested to be provided by McCloud Aquatics for Board review.

*Public Comment*

Kevin Murray questioned what the water usage for irrigation by RedTail Golf Club would equate to.

Unidentified Property Owner bordering Lake 3 shared his ideas relative to the responsibility of lakefront property owners.

**PRESENTATION OF 2024 LAKE PATROL ACTIVITY**

Chief Roth provided a review of Lake Patrol for the 2024 boating season and thanked his staff for another successful season.

He recommended continuing the buoy replacement schedule as outlined previously. In addition, he plans to request a purchase of two additional police radios to be allocated to Lake Patrol.

Chief Roth, Village Manager Heckman, and members of the Crystal Lake Park District will be meeting later in the week to review the first year of the implementation of the new boat fee schedule along with recommendations for the next year.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

**PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC WORKS AVAILABLE MAN-HOURS VS STAFFING**

Following a request made during the Budget Workshop presentation, Director Zickuhr addressed manpower deficit identified within Public Works.

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He provided narrative to areas which would benefit proactive response rather than reactive; and addressed continued part-time staff and budget against full-time approach.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

**PRESENTATION OF REDTAIL ONGOING MATTERS**

Project Manager Swiech provided an update of completed, on-going, and anticipated work relative to the construction project at RedTail.

He acknowledged the work completed by Public Works identifying and addressing a water leak at the site.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

**CONSIDERATION OF CODE RED DATA ALERT SERVICE**

Chief Roth presented the proposal to offer emergency and community communication as provided by Code Red (OnSolve).

Together with Village Manager Heckman, they reviewed the benefits and features available along with comparisons of existing methods (Facebook, TextCaster, and Constant Contact).

Trustee Fischer asked to inquire about pricing for lower population. Village Manager Heckman will follow-up with the vendor and report findings.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee Delzell, seconded by Trustee Wayne moved approve the purchase of Code Red data alert service as provided by OnSolve for an amount not to exceed a three (3) year contract total of \$4,828.54 (Year 1 \$1,776.18; Year 2 \$1,526.16; and Year 3 \$1,526.18); using funds as provided by GL 10-15-8498-000.

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

Motion declared carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF COMMITMENT OF ARPA FUNDS AND EXISTING WATER & SEWER BOND TO WATER EXTENSION**

Village Manager Heckman reviewed the funds available through ARPA and Water & Sewer Bonds and the need to be committed to a project before the end of October 2024. In addition, she reviewed the history of the intended use and the unsuccessful attempts in securing additional grants.

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Shane Firsching, Baxter & Woodman Engineering, provided clarification of the proposed extension project.

Attorney Puma discussed the potential penalties should the funds not be committed by the deadline date.

*Public Comment*

John O'Hara offered his opinion of the availability of water and sewer as a developmental tool.

Trustee Delzell, seconded by Trustee Jeschke moved approve Village Manager Heckman to execute the work orders as provided by Baxter and Woodman: Engineer's Project No. 2401513.00 providing design engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$89,100.00; Engineer's Project No. 2401513.01 providing construction engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$126,700.00; and grand total not to exceed \$215,800.00 for the Ballard Road Water Main Extension of approximately 5,400 feet of new, 16-inch water main installed along Ballard Road from Summer Hill Lane to Illinois Route 47. Sources of funding for the Project include Water Bonds per Ordinance No. 2019-27 and the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee McMahon addressed the audience relative to the discussions involving the golf simulators at RedTail Golf Club. He stressed the matter of the addition of simulators was simply "Tabled" and more information is needed to support an actual decision.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Chief Roth:** No report.

**Director Zickuhr** reported the 2005 John Deere 310 Backhoe Loader sold at auction for \$30,000.00

**General Manager Goodwin:** No report.

President Stavropoulos anticipates sharing an updated RedTail Business Plan, CHM(clubhouse, halfway house, and maintenance barn) collection fees, and event pricing with trustees the following week.

**Village Manager Heckman** provided a reminder of upcoming Village events: hydrant flushing continues throughout the week; brush pickup begins Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>; National Take Back Drug is Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and that all additional information can be found on the Village website.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:13 p.m. President Stavropoulos asked for a motion to enter into closed session for the following purposes:

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- 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 Babischkin 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 9:43 p.m. the Village Board returned to the regular Village Board Meeting.

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

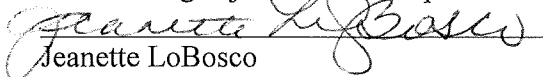
Voice vote: All Ayes.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

  
Jeanette LoBosco  
Village Clerk

October 22, 2024