

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 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 7:01 p.m. by President Stavropoulos. Present at Crosspoint Lutheran Church were Trustees Babischkin, Jeschke, and McMahon. 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.

Absent were Trustees Delzell, Fischer, and Wayne.

Village staff attendance included Planning and Zoning Chairman John O'Hara, Project Manager Jen Gatti, and Sgt. Doherty.

Total in-person public attendance included four 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**

No Public Comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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**B. Request Approval of Bill Lists**

1. Accounts Payable Prepaid Invoices Dated October 31, 2024 in the Amount of \$30,103.00
2. Accounts Payable Invoices Dated November 27, 2024 in the Amount of \$162,963.57
3. Village Hall Debit Card/ACH Activity Dated October 31, 2024 in the Amount of \$43,225.10
4. RedTail Golf Club Debit Card Activity Dated October 31, 2024 in the Amount of \$25,075.61
5. RedTail Golf Club Manual Checks Dated October 31, 2024 in the Amount of \$5,317.57



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

Motion declared carried.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 27, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Village Manager Heckman explained the need to repeal a section of the Village's Building Code regarding the Board of Appeals stating that the Village has never had one.

Currently, Building Code decisions are handled by the Village's Plan Reviewer, Brian Fragassi, and any resident concerns would be presented to the Village Board.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee Babischkin, seconded by Trustee Jeschke moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 27, an Ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Village of Lakewood Municipal Code to Amend Boards of Appeals of the International Residential Code as presented.

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

Motion declared carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 28, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE (IEBC)**

Village Manager Heckman discussed that the State of Illinois mandates the adoption of the International Existing Building Code effective January 2025.

Building Plan Reviewer Brian Fragassi noted necessary changes required to comply.

*Public Comment*

No Public Comment was made.

Trustee Jeschke, seconded by Trustee McMahon moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024 – 28, an Ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Village of Lakewood Municipal Code to Adopt the International Existing Building Code to Subject Local Amendments as presented.

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Roll call vote: Ayes: President Stavropoulos, Trustees Babischkin, Jeschke, and McMahon.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Delzell, Fischer, and Wayne.

Motion declared carried.

### **PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

Village Manager Heckman presented the draft budget for the following fiscal year, calling out the absence of RedTail Golf Club and Lakewood Utilities because those budgets are not impacted by the tax levy. She also explained the approach in presenting a draft budget now is to assist in preparing for the 2024 Tax Levy.

She noted the draft budget as presented is running at a deficit, highlighting areas of concern. She also stated all departments will review their budgets for possible areas to trim before a final presentation next Spring.

### **PRESENTATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Village Manager Heckman presented the proposed 2024 Tax Levy, explaining McHenry County's setting the CPI at 3.4%.

The levy for all Special Service Areas remain the same except for an increase of SSA8 due to the continued struggle with the maintenance of Turnberry Lakes.

President Stavropoulos requested a vote of the proposed tax levy as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: President Stavropoulos, Trustees Babischkin, Jeschke, and McMahon.  
Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Delzell, Fischer, and Wayne.

### **PRESENTATION OF REDTAIL ONGOING MATTERS**

President Stavropoulos and Village Manager Heckman discussed the updated progress of the construction project, including the upcoming inspections and scheduled removal of the temporary construction trailer.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

### **REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Chief Roth** discussed the recent management training Sgts Doherty, McGrath, and Wiegel attended remotely offered through Penn State.

**General Manager Goodwin** provided updates regarding increases to new event activity and explained marketing efforts.

Financial Assistant Contractor Dale Klassy is collaborating with RedTail staff evaluating and creating event price templates.

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**Director Zickuhr** reported a positive first snow event was experienced.

He also discussed the reshaping of the detention pond near the maintenance building and all work is being done by staff.

**Village Manager Heckman** advised of new signage that will be posted at the 11 entrances into the Village regarding no overnight street parking between the hours of 2 am to 6 am and no street parking after 2 inches of snowfall. The addition of these signs allows the police to enforce the already established Village Code.

She reported the post regarding the Village as a collection location for Toys For Tots was removed by Facebook as it was viewed as encouraging support, which is prohibited by Facebook. She asked those in attendance to share that the Village continues to be a collection site.

She anticipates the audit will be presented in January.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was not called.

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

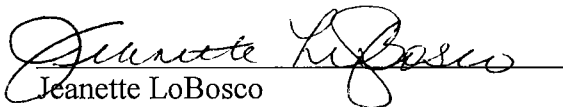
Voice vote: All Ayes.

Nays: None.

Absent: Trustees Delzell, Fischer, and Wayne.

Motion declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
Jeanette LoBosco  
Village Clerk

December 10, 2024