

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 5th, 2025**

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

Present: Mayor McDonald, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, and McCollum, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Finance Director Christine McKinley, Chief of Police Rochelle Tisinai, Public Works Supervisor Jim Bowles and Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos. Trustees Savell and O'Reilly were absent.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (O'Reilly and Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None.

***Inauguration of
Newly Elected***

Officials: Mayor McDonald and Clerk Olker were sworn in by Attorney Alexopoulos. Trustees Cramond and Barbato were sworn in by Clerk Olker.

Roll Call: Mayor McDonald called for the roll.

Present: Mayor McDonald, Village Clerk Olker, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, Cramond, Bartlett, and McCollum, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Finance Director Christine McKinley, Chief of Police Rochelle Tisinai, Public Works Supervisor Jim Bowles and Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos. Trustee Savell was absent.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the April 21st, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 4 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Cramond)

MOTION CARRIED

Finance: It was moved by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve the accounts payable report for April 21st, 2025 in the amount of \$113,438.27.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor:

The Mayor handed the floor over to Chief Tisinai. She provided a brief overview of the incoming officer to be sworn in. Police Officer Nina Larson was sworn in by Village Clerk Olker.

Approval: Village Administrator Employment Agreement

Trustee Nielsen made a motion to approve the Village Administrator Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bartlett.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: Police Chief Employment Agreement

Trustee Barbato made a motion to approve the Police Chief Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bartlett.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Staff Reports:

Superintendent Bowles reported a water main leak in Painted Lakes Court. Finance Director McKinley overviewed audit preparation work being complete. Chief Tisinai stated that Cop on a Rooftop would take place on May 16. Village Administrator Strong provided updates from the May 1st Plan Commission Meeting.

New Business:

Approval: Appointment of Village Officials and Officers

Mayor McDonald overviewed the various Village Official/Officer appointments. Trustee Bartlett made a motion to approve the Mayor's Appointment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCollum.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: Village Board and Commission Appointments and Reappointments

Mayor McDonald stated that Steve Smart would be reappointed to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board and Ron Copeland would be reappointed to the Police Pension Board. It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Cramond to Approve the Mayor's Appointments and Reappointments.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2025-05-01: CLCJAWA Appointments for Director and Alternate Director

The Village Board considered the appointment of Mayor James McDonald as Director, and Trustee Glenn McCollum as Alternate Director, to represent the Village of Lake Villa on the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency Board of Directors.

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve Ordinance 2025-05-01 Appointing a Director and Alternate Director to the Board of Director for the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Metro Enforcement Group – Illinois State Police

Chief Tisinai overviewed an IFGA with Lake County MEG. It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Metro Enforcement Group – Illinois State Police.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2025-05-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Lake Villa

The Village Board discussed the disposing of surplus Village property. This included a 1998, 1999, and 2002 International 4900 (Truck #5, #6 and #9) and the 2010 Pathfinder and its associated technical/camera components.

It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve Ordinance 2025-05-02 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Lake Villa.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: An Agreement with Applied Technologies Inc. to Prepare IEPA Loan Application Documents for Phase II of the Local Water Main Replacement Project

The Village Board conferred on an agreement with Applied Technologies relative to the preparing of an IEPA Loan Application. The Board discussed the phasing of the local water main replacement project.

It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve an Agreement with Applied Technologies Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for Assistance in Preparing IEPA Loan Application Documents for Phase II of the Local Water Main Replacement Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2025-04-04: An Ordinance Amending the Class A Liquor Licenses for the Village of Lake Villa

The Village Board conferred on Ordinance 2025-04-04, which amends the Village Code relative to liquor license numbers and their allocation. Pursuant to Village Code, the Village Board may specify the total number of licenses of a specific classification which shall be issued in any license year. The attached Ordinance will grant a Class Julies Morengo will now be doing business as Dakota's Players Club.

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve Ordinance 2024-04-04 amending the Class A Liquor Licenses for the Village of Lake Villa.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval: Authorization to Execute a Contract with Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates, Inc. ("BS&A") for Human Resources Software

The Village Board will discussed approval of a contract with Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates, Inc. ("BS&A") for implementation of a cloud version of our existing financial management software. The Village currently utilizes BS&A's enterprise software for its financial operations, utility billing, and payroll.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Barbato to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Bellefeuil, Szur & Associates, Inc. ("BS&A") in the amount of \$25,565 for the implementation of financial management software.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Barbato to adjourn at 7:31 pm

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Savell)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY ME THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2025



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



CONNIE OLKER, CLERK