

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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

***Present:*** Mayor McDonald, Village Clerk Konrad, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell (via Video Conferencing) 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 Jim Bateman. Public Works Supervisor Ryan Horton was absent.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Public Comment:*** A resident raised concern over the amending ordinance limiting public speaking to 3-minutes.

***Minutes:*** It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Finance:*** It was moved by Trustee McCollum seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve the accounts payable report for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$551,377.83

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Mayor:*** The Mayor thanked everyone who worked the Easter Egg hunt held last weekend. It was a complete success. The Mayor then presented plaques to Trustee Thomas O'Reilly and Village Clerk Mary Konrad for there service to the Village.

***Staff Reports:*** Public Works continues on the Water Project proceeding in the area of Painted lakes. The Police Department received a NRA Grant providing ammunition for training purposes. Finance advised they are prepping for our upcoming Audit. Staff will be sending out Business Surveys which was distributed to the Trustees for review. The LakeComm project is holding a ribbon cutting for the Communication on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Transition for the Village to use the Dispatch Center will be in mid-July being one of seven agencies transitioning. A public hearing notice will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the Cedar Lake and Grand Avenue residential development.

***New Business:***

**Approval: Community Solar Subscription Agreement with U.S. Solar for Various Village-managed electricity accounts**

The Village Board conferred on entering in a solar agreement with E4, LLC to negotiate on the Village's behalf with U.S. Solar, a national solar energy developer, who is completing construction of a solar project in Fulton, IL, known as USS Cattail Solar, LLC. This project qualifies under the Illinois Adjustable Block Program and an opportunity for governmental entities and other ComEd customers to participate. E4, LLC., has secured a community solar subscription offer with the following terms:

- The Village will subscribe approximately 20 electricity accounts, representing an average annual consumption of 820,184 kWh.
- Under the subscription agreement, the Village will receive bill credits directly on its monthly ComEd invoices.
- The Village will pay 90% of the value of those credits to U.S. Solar.
- By retaining the remaining 10% of the on-bill credits, the Village is projected to save approximately \$5,150 annually on its electricity costs.
- There is no upfront cost, and participation does not impact existing electricity supply contracts.

The Village Attorney has reviewed the agreement for form and compliance, and staff will coordinate the enrollment process upon approval. It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to authorize the Village Administrator to execute the Community Solar Subscription Agreement with U.S. Solar on behalf of the Village, subject to final legal review.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance 2025-04-02: An Ordinance Approving a Request for a Conditional Use for a Banking Drive-Through Facility on the Property at 985 E. Grand Avenue**

First American Bank, the contract purchaser of the property located at 985 East Grand Avenue, Lake Villa, Illinois, is petitioning for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to continue the operation of a drive-through. The Plan Commission unanimously approved and recommend to the Mayor and Board.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee McCollum to Approve Ordinance 2025-04-02 approving a request for a Conditional Use for a Banking Drive-Through Facility on the Property at 985 E. Grand Avenue

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Discussion & Approval: FY2026 Annual Budget**

The Village Board is reviewed and discussed the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve the FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval: Salary Classification and Pay Plan for FY2026**

The Village Board conferred on approving an updated Salary Classification and Pay Plan for FY2025 that reflects a 3% increase across the board. For the Operations and Management Classifications, there were no reclassifications or additional positions added since the pay plan was last approved on July 17, 2024. The Public Safety Classification and Pay Plan includes the addition of the Deputy Police Chief position.

It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve the Salary Classification and Pay Plan for FY2026.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Resolution 2025-04-02: A Resolution Providing for the Advance Authorization for the Release of Certain Payments**

Pursuant to Section 1-16-1(G) of the Village Code , which grants authority to approve other purchases and contract vendors or other providers delivering or providing supplies or services on an unspecified but ongoing basis in annual amounts anticipated to be more than \$25,000; such contracts or similar authorizations shall be presented to the Village Board for consideration as part of the review and approval of the Village's annual budget. A list identified the vendors requested for approval for FY2026, along with their estimated amounts and description of services. The Village Board will continue to approve any single purchase over \$25,000 as specified in the Village Code.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve Resolution 2025-04-02 approving annual Vendors for FY2026.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance 2025-04-03: An Ordinance Amending Fees for the Village of Lake Villa  
Relative to Solid Waste Disposal and Water Service/Sewer Service Fees**

The Village Board conferred on Ordinance 2025-04-03, establishing new municipal solid waste collection rates for the Village of Lake Villa. Last year, the Village Board approved Ordinance 2024-02-04, which established Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) as the exclusive municipal solid waste, recycling and yard waste for the Village. Pursuant to the Village's contract with LRS, billing rates may be adjusted annually to match the hauler's annual contractual rate increases. The contract calls for a 4% increase annually.

The Ordinance authorizes the Village to increase the refuse and recycling rate to \$27.70 per month for 65 Gallon customers and \$28.70 per month for 95 Gallon customers. Yard Waste Stickers will now cost \$3.07 per sticker. Approval of the Ordinance would set new rates effective May 1, 2025. Additionally, the Ordinance will establish new rates for water and sewer service charges. Effective May 1, 2025, the water service charge will be \$10.84 per 1,000 gallons of metered water usage, with a minimum monthly charge of \$32.26 per month. The sewer service charge will be \$8.24 for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage, with a minimum monthly charge of \$12.16 per month.

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve Ordinance 2025-04-02 amending fees for the Village of Lake Villa relative to Solid Waste Disposal and Water Service/Sewer Service Fees.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**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: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 2025-04-03: A Resolution Regarding Closed Meeting Minutes and Audio Recordings**

The Village Board will consider Resolution 2025-04-03 regarding Executive Session Minutes. The enclosed Resolution approves executive session minutes that have not

been approved by the Village Board, maintains confidentiality for all approved executive session minutes and approves the destruction of recordings of all executive session recordings older than 18 months that are not subject to possible litigation.

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee McCollum to Approve Resolution 2025-04-03 regarding Closed Session meeting Minutes and Audio.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance 2025-04-05: An Ordinance Amending Rules Relative to Public Comments at Public Meetings for the Village of Lake Villa.**

The Village Board will consider Ordinance 2025-04-05 amending rules relative to public comments during public meetings. The Ordinance defines clear limitations around the rules of public comment and establishes a 3-minute time limit for public comment unless otherwise specified by the chair of any given meeting. The Village Attorney provided a brief overview of the new rules at the April 21 Village Board meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve Ordinance 2025-04-05 amending rules relative to Public Comments at Public Meetings for the Village of Lake Villa.

***Executive***

***Session:***

It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to go into Executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:52pm

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Adjournment:*** It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Barbato to adjourn at 9:09 pm

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, Savell, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

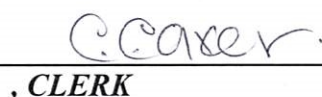
**ABSENT: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025**

  
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**JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR**

  
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**, CLERK**