

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
September 8th, 2025**

Call to Order: Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Nielsen)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

New Business: Grocery Tax Discussion

Village Administrator Michael Strong provided a brief staff presentation on grocery/sales tax options. Following the staff presentation, discussion occurred. The Village Board came to a consensus to move forward with 0% grocery tax and a 1% non-home rule sales tax. Mr. Strong stated that staff would prepare an Ordinance to reflect this direction for the next Board meeting.

Village Clerk Olker joined the meeting at 6:35pm

Kratom/Delta-8 THC Discussion

Mr. Strong provided a staff presentation of Kratom and Delta-8 THC. Discussion occurred regarding implementing possible restrictions on the sale of Kratom and Delta-8 THC. The Village Board provided direction to staff to look into some type of regulatory process. The Village Attorney was directed to draft various options for the Board's consideration.

Downtown Residential Development Discussion

Mr. Strong overviewed a conceptual plan for a proposed residential development in the downtown. He introduced the land planner for the site, Helmut Peter. Mr. Peter overviewed the proposal. The Village Board provided direction to move forward with the proposed plan.

Review of Solicitor Regulations

Mr. Strong provided an overview of the Village's current policy on solicitor regulations. He overviewed the concerns from the past summer. He stated that a public education campaign paired with providing residents with "no solicitation" stickers at Village Hall may be the most effective way of combating the issue. The Village Board was in consensus that a public education campaign would be the best way of combating solicitors.

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Savell to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 5 (Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Nielsen)

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes drafted by Recording Secretary Jake Litz and reviewed by Village Clerk Olker.

APPROVED BY ME THIS 15TH, OF SEPTEMBER, 2025



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



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