

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

**Present:** Mayor McDonald, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, and Savell, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Finance Director, Christine McKinley, Chief of Police Tisinai, Public Works Supervisor Jim Bowles, Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos and Superintendent of Streets Ryan Horton.

**Roll Call:** Mayor McDonald initiated the roll call.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 4 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** **Motion to Approve the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes.** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Bartlett seconded the motion to approve the Committee of the Village Board Meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 3 (Nielsen, Bartlett, Cramond)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 2 (Barbato, Savell)  
**AYE:** 1 (Mayor McDonald)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance:** **Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for November 17, 2025 in the amount of \$461,534.79.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Nielsen seconded the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for November 17, 2025 in the amount of \$461,534.79.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor:** Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Reports:**

**Public Works Supervisor Bowles:** Current status of hydrant repairs was reported.

**Administrator Strong:** All TIF reports have been filed with the Comptroller's Office and we are fully compliant. At the next meeting, staff will present the 2026 meeting schedule. The Board is asked to consider moving the start time to 6:30 p.m. Fleet Replacement Policy was reviewed.

**New Business:** Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-11-02 A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Village of Lake Villa and BBQ'D Productions, Inc. for the Operations and Facilities Management of the Lehmann Mansion. Trustee Savell motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to approve the Resolution 2025-11-02 approving an Agreement Between the Village of Lake Villa and BBQ'D Productions, Inc. for the Operations and Facilities Management of the Lehmann Mansion.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-11-02 Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Lake Villa and Dering, LLC for the Property Located at 146 Cedar Avenue. Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11-02 approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and between the Village of Lake Villa and Dering, LLC for the Property Located at 146 Cedar Avenue.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-11-03 Approving an Intergovernmental Between the Village of Lake Villa and School District #41 Relative to the Transfer of Village-Owned Property Adjacent to Palombi Middle School. Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-11-03 Approving an Intergovernmental Between the Village of Lake Villa and School District #41 Relative to the Transfer of Village-Owned Property Adjacent to Palombi Middle School.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0  
**AYE:** 1 (Mayor McDonald)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion and Approval for Suggested Motion: FY2026/2027 Non-Binding Tax Levy Estimate.** The Village Board has determined that the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by Tax Levy upon the taxable property of the Village based upon the prior year's Tax Levy plus new construction, which 2025 Tax Levy payable in 2026 is in the aggregate estimated to be \$2,504,541.00. Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Nielsen seconded the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by Tax Levy upon the taxable property of the Village based upon the prior year's Tax Levy plus new construction, which 2025 Tax Levy payable in 2026 is in the aggregate estimated to be \$2,504,541.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:10pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell)

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 (McCollum)

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS** 15 **DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025**

  
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**JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR**

  
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**CONNIE OLKER, CLERK**