

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Present:** Mayor McDonald, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell and McCollum, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, 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:** 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (Bartlett) (Present Arrived Late)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** A resident addressed the Board regarding recent project limitations. The resident requested that the Village consider, at a minimum, the installation of a public walkway along the lake.

**Minutes:** Motion to Approve the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Savell motioned and Trustee McCollum seconded the motion to approve the Committee of the Village Board Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**\*TRUSTEE BARTLETT ARRIVED AT 6:34 PM\***

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$415,186.87.** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$415,186.87.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor:** None.

**Staff Reports:** **Public Works Supervisor Bowles:** Village is currently functioning as a single-source supply. Pricing is being collected to re-pump the well due to issues with the column pipe drawing air. The water main break required isolation of multiple subdivisions and resulted in a boil order while repairs were completed. Minor sewer backup determined to be a private residential issue. Another water main break near Woodhead Road was reported. Further repairs and reconnections planned for the spring.

**Superintendent of Streets Horton:** Staffing update provided.

**Chief of Police Tisinai:** None.

**Administrator Strong:** An online survey related to the Village's Comprehensive Plan was released in coordination with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). The survey will remain open for several weeks to gather stakeholder input ahead of the Village Board's upcoming discussion. A zoning application was received for a zoning variation, map amendment, and conditional use permit for a planned development consisting of eight townhomes at the southeast corner of Cedar Lake Road and Monaville Road. The County Board is scheduled to consider a resolution approving the transfer of Lakes Region Sanitary District assets to the Village. The Assistant Administrator II position has been officially posted. Also presented an inducement resolution to the Sherwood Park property. The resolution is an early procedural step allowing redevelopment discussions and due diligence to continue and does not obligate the Village to provide funding. The conceptual plan includes approximately 260 townhomes with a mix of traditional and urban-style architecture.

**New Business:** **Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01-01: A resolution of The Village of Lake Villa to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.** Trustee McCollum motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01-01: A resolution of The Village of Lake Villa to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-01-02 A Resolution adopting the Chain O'Lakes Watershed-Based Plan.** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to Approve 2026-01-02 A Resolution adopting the Chain O'Lakes Watershed-Based Plan.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Old Business:** Discussion: Tobacco Regulations & Licensing Program Review  
Trustee McCollum provided an update on the Friends of Cedar Lake. Work is underway on drafting a request for proposals and compiling a consultant and engineering list.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:15pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES:** 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVED BY ME THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**

  
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**JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR**

  
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**CONNIE OLKER, CLERK**