

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20<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 and McCollum, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Finance Director, Christine McKinley, Deputy Chief of James DeCaro, 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, Bartlett, Cramond, McCollum)  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSENT:** 1 (Savell)  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** **Motion to Approve the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Village Board Meeting Minutes.** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to approve the Committee of the Village Board Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$320,390.18.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the amount of \$320,390.18.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor:** Lake Villa Restaurant celebrated its 45th anniversary in Lake Villa

**Staff Reports:**

**Administrator Strong:** Provided and update on ongoing efforts to connect with local businesses through Business Outreach & Lake Villa Business Association. Scheduled events, activities, and regular communications with more initiatives planned as the Village prepares for its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Development & Permitting updates on projects are continuing to move forward. One project is currently under permit review, and staff is actively working with the applicant on an economic incentive agreement.

**New Business:** Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-01-01 an Ordinance Abating a Portion of the Amount of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01-01 an Ordinance Abating a Portion of the Amount of Taxes Levied for General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-01-02 Adopting Amendments to the Village of Lake Villa Village Code Relative to Liquor Licensing.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-01-02 Adopting Amendments to the Village of Lake Villa Village Code Relative to Liquor Licensing.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Authorize the Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with Cahoy Pump Service in an Amount not to exceed \$33,583 for Emergency Repairs to Well No. 14.** Trustee McCollum motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to authorize the Village Administrator to Execute a Contract with Cahoy Pump Service in an Amount not to exceed \$33,583 for Emergency Repairs to Well No. 14.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to move into Executive Session for Pending Litigation and Litigation which is Probable or Imminent, Personnel updates and Land Acquisition at 7:11pm.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to move into Executive Session for Pending Litigation and Litigation which is Probable or Imminent, Personnel updates and Land Acquisition.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to reconvene at 8:00pm.** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to reconvene.

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Old Business:** Discussion on the Review of State of Illinois Legislative Updates. Discussion around Cedar Lake Island Erosion. Trustee McCollum shared updates and ongoing coordination with members of the Friends of Cedar Lake Group. Continued study & coordinated planning are necessary to address erosion concerns effectively. Further updates will be shared as proposals are received & evaluated.

**Discussion:** Solar Energy Legislation, Local Control, & Strategic Considerations.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Nielsen motioned and Trustee McCollum seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:05pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 (Savell)

**ABSTAIN:** 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY ME THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



CONNIE OLKER, CLERK