

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 15<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, 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 (Barbato, Bartlett, Cramond, Savell, McCollum)**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 (Nielsen)**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** **Motion to Approve the November 17<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 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance:** **Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$945,915.17.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$945,915.17.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for Motion to Approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$429,415.43.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the amount of \$429,415.43.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor:** Discussion: Backyard Chickens Regulations  
Approval: 2026 Village Board Meeting Calendar  
**Motion to Approve the 2026 Village Board Meeting Calendar.** Trustee Savell motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to approve the 2026 Village Board Meeting Calendar.

**Friends of Cedar Lake Update.** Trustee McCollum reported that the Friends of Cedar Lake are concerned about shoreline erosion of the island affecting water quality of the lake. The Village Board agreed to investigate solutions and solicit proposals to address the issue. Trustee McCollum thanked and recognized members of the Friends of Cedar Lake group who attended the meeting, and appreciated the Village Board's support.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Staff Reports:**

**Public Works Supervisor Bowles:** Water main break repaired.  
**Administrator Strong:** CMAP (local technical assistance program) plan discussed. New website development. I3 Broadband update. Health Insurance update.  
**Chief of Police Tisinai:** Quarterly Police Report.  
**Finance Director McKinley:** Starting Budget Season for 2026.

**New Business:** **Motion to Approve a Work Order with Baxter & Woodman Engineering Firm for Engineering Services Related to the to the 2026 Road Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 and Authorization for the Village Administrator to Execute a Work Order with the Firm.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to approve a Work Order with Baxter & Woodman Engineering Firm for Engineering Services Related to the to the 2026 Road Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 and Authorization for the Village Administrator to Execute a Work Order with the Firm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-01 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the lease of certain property installments.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the lease of certain property installments.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-02 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the lease of certain property installments.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-02 Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the lease of certain property installments.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-03 Amending The Village of Lake Villa Code Relative to Tow and Impoundment Regulations.** Trustee Savell motioned and Trustee Bartlett seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-03 Amending The Village of Lake Villa Code Relative to Tow and Impoundment Regulations.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve the Side Letter Agreement and Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Village.** Trustee Barbato motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to Approve the Side Letter Agreement and Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on Behalf of the Village.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-04 Amending the Village of Lake Villa Code Relative to Sewer Service Rates.** Trustee Savell motioned and Trustee Cramond seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-04 Amending the Village of Lake Villa Code Relative to Sewer Service Rates.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Nielsen)  
ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-05 An Ordinance Approving the Tax Levy.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Barbato seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-05 An Ordinance Approving the Tax Levy.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

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

MOTION CARRIED

*Old Business:*

**Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-06 Amending the Village of Lake Villa Ordinance 2025-09-02 to Amend and Restate the Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax.** Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-12-06 Amending the Village of Lake Villa Ordinance 2025-09-02 to Amend and Restate the Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

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

MOTION CARRIED

*Executive Session:* None.

*Adjournment:* Trustee Bartlett motioned and Trustee Savell seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:30pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY 2026

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JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR

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CONNIE OLKER, CLERK