

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
VILLAGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
April 3rd, 2023**

Call to Order: Mayor McDonald called the meeting to at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor McDonald, Clerk Konrad, Trustees: Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond and Savell, Village Administrator Michael Strong, Treasurer Stacy Michael, Police Chief Rochelle Tisiani, Public Works Supervisors Ryan Horton and Village attorney Rebecca Alexopolus.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: Resident voiced agreement with Trustees position of opening up consideration for revision of the number of employees hired with a 'Home-Based-Business'.

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Harms to approve the amended March 20th, 2023 Village Board meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Finance: It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve the Accounts Payable Report for March 20th, 2023 in the amount of \$257,665.78.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor: Thanks went Trustee Barbato and Chief Tisinai for running a successful Easter Egg Hunt held on the snowy April 1st, 2023.

Staff Reports: Trustee Nielsen met with residents of Cedar Village Apartments and walk away included the following items:

- Lighting on north side of the parking lot
- New businesses

- Grant funds to enhance the existing pier in Lehman Park for fishing.
- Sidewalk repair.

Trustee Cramond added issues with bus/pace service in this area.

Public Works Supervisor, Jim Bowles announced that Hydrant Flushing the last 2 weeks in April specifically Public Works Matt Coyne who went above and beyond.

Public Works Supervisor, Ryan Horton stated that his staff went above and beyond in dealing with water drainage issues over the past week. He announced the pink marking on sidewalks indicate the continuing side walk program eliminating trip hazards and the new dump truck has arrived and awaiting proper registration for use.

The Village Administrator stated that 'Opt Out' letters will be mailed for the aggregation program, the week of April 17th. It will be implemented with the June billing cycle. And Retail Coach will be in attendance at the next meeting for a progress report.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2023-04-01: An Ordinance Granting Preliminary Approval for the Starling Senior Apartment Development at 0 Deep Lake Rd.

The Village Board continued deliberating on an Ordinance granting preliminary approval for a proposed senior apartment development, tabled during the March 20th regular meeting, located at 0 Deep Lake Road, an approximate 5 acre parcel, located in the Lake Tower Crossing Development. The Developer, Lincoln Avenue Capital, LLC., is seeking rezoning of the property to residential zoning District and approval of an amendment to an existing Conditional Use Permit for the Lake Tower Crossing Planned Development. Such amendment would permit a Residential Planned Development for Elderly Housing and to permit the Developer to construct a forty (40) unit senior apartment development which would be age restricted to persons 55 years of age and older.

Options for the board were to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and adopt the Ordinance, approve with additional conditions, deny the request, and/or remand the matter back to the Plan Commission to further investigate specific matters relative to the development.

It was moved by Trustee Cramond and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve Ordinance 2023-04-01 Granting Preliminary Approval for the Proposed Starling Senior Apartment Development at 0 Deep Lake Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Resolution No: 2023-04-03: A Resolution Designating Signatories on Depository Accounts of the Villa of Lake Villa.

The Village Board conferred on the approval of a resolution amending the signatories for the Village. With the departure of the Village's Administrative Services Director, the Village needs to update the designated signatories for checks and other financial documents. The Resolution would amend the existing signatories by removing the Administrative Services Director from those authorized.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Cramond to approve Resolution 2023-04-03 A Resolution Designating Signatories on Depository Accounts of the Village of Lake Villa.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 2023-04-04: A Resolution Supporting and Committing to Funding Local Funds for a ComEd Green Region Grant Application

In accordance with direction provided during the Budget Workshop on March 13, Village staff has submitted a grant opportunity to expand plantings adjacent to the Cedar Crossing tot lot park. The proposed project would include the installation of an approximate 600 square foot pollinator garden located along the entryway into the park. The garden would include various species of pollinators and other flowering plants along with educational signage educating residents about pollinators and the public about their importance and relevance to supporting the regional ecosystem. The grant would cover up to 50% of the proposed cost, or \$5,000 based on estimates provided by the Village's contractor. A commitment for funding is required if the Village receives the grant. The Village anticipates grant awardees will be notified sometime in July.

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve Resolution No. 2023-04-04, Supporting and Committing to Funding Local Funds for a ComEd Green Region Grant Application.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion:

Bee City USA

The Village Board heard a presentation from Joe Gannon, a local resident, who recently met with Village staff regarding the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation "Bee City USA" program. This is a national program aimed at expanding and conserving pollinators and native planting habitats to promote ecosystem vitality for invertebrates. Mr. Gannon has galvanized local support for the

program, and will present to the Village Board to discuss the program. Discussion included the Village support and to pursue a formal commitment with Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

IDOT Land Bridge update

Village Board was briefed on the status of IDOT's Land Bridge project, an approximately \$9,000,000 IDOT project that will extend between McKinley Avenue to Cleveland Avenue. The Project is tentatively scheduled to start later this spring 2023, pending necessary utility relocation. Robert Doeringsfield, Village Engineer, has been participating in preconstruction meetings and provided an overview of the project to the Village Board as staff presenting plans for ongoing communication and participation in meetings so that residents can stay informed on the status of this project.

FY23/24 Budget updates

The Village Board was provided updates relative to the proposed FY2023/2024 Budget. Amendments were presented based on discussion by the Village Board during their Budget Workshop. Direction was sought as to finalize the budget for adoption during the meeting on April 17, 2023

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Savell to Approve Operating and Capital Budget for FY23/24.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Harms, Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Cramond, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0


MOTION CARRIED

Executive

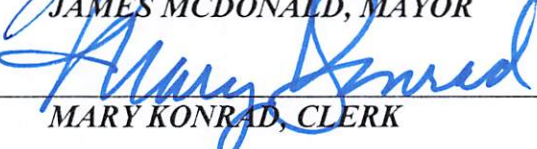
Session: None

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee Harms and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

APPROVED BY ME THIS 17th **April, 2023**



JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR



MARY KONRAD, CLERK