

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**Present:** Mayor McDonald, Village Clerk Konrad, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, Bartlett, Savell and McCollum, Police Chief Rochelle Tisinai, Village Administrator Mike Strong via Teleconferencing, , Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Public Works Supervisor Ryan Horton and Jim Bowles and Village Attorney James Bateman Trustee O'Reilly was absent.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor:** The Mayor thanked all those that were a part of the Festival of Fall. Over 80 vendors participated. Public works and volunteers made it a success. Lakes High School will be having their Homecoming parade on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Trustees are welcome to participate in the parade at 5:45pm. Staging will be at the Field House across from the High School.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Savell to approve the September 5th, 2023 Village Board Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN:**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance:** It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve the Accounts Payable Report for September 18th, for \$229,124.15.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Staff Reports:** Public Works Supervisor Horton advised that the Curb and Sidewalk project has been completed and the pavement patching will begin in approximately a month with an estimated week's duration. The Village has been gifted a 20'x15' pergola by Gibson's Steak House, the placement of which will be determined.

Chief of Police Tisinai advised that Sgt Dvorak has achieved Instructors Certification through the Illinois Training and Standards Board. Our congratulations to Sgt. Dvorak.

Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz advised that the village has received several applicants for a part-time finance clerk which will be reviewed.

***New Business:* Discussion: Painted Lake Subdivision No. 1 Declaration Amendment**

Painted Lake Subdivision No. 1 made a request to the Village to amend its Declaration Amendment. The Association's Declaration states that any provision to the Declaration requires express written consent of the Village of Lake Villa. The Association Board is requesting that the Village allow the Declaration amendment to proceed removing all relevant portions related to Village approval of the Association property.

**Ordinance 2023-09-02: Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate by the Village of Lake Villa, approving a Real Estate purchase relative Thereto, and Authorizing the Execution Thereof**

The Village is moving forward with the purchase 76 Cedar Avenue and the adjacent lot to the north of the house. The Ordinance for approval authorizes the acquisition of the property and purchase approval.

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve an Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain real estate by the Village of Lake Villa, approving a real estate purchase relative thereto, and authorizing the execution thereof

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Reconsideration for Well No. 7 Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation Project**

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee McCollum to reconsider Well #7 Rehabilitation Project

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion and/or Reconsideration of Bids: Well No. 7 Booster Station Rehabilitation Project**

During the Village Board meeting September 5, 2023, the Board held a discussion to consider awarding a contract for the Well No. 7 Booster Station Rehabilitation Project in Loffredo Park. Two bids were received for the project. The low bid was submitted by Manusos General Contracting, Inc. for \$897,000 exceeded the anticipated probable construction cost for the project and fiscal year budget allocation.

Superintendent of Water & Sewer Jim Bowles and the Village Engineer, reviewed some possible options to be considered including:

- rejecting the bids
- awarding the bid with a reduced scope
- extending the contract period over multiple budget cycles

The Village Board deliberated the options presented and were split on its decision to move forward. Village staff have been exploring alternatives for this project.

An alternative method the Village may consider is reducing the elevation of the Tower by shortening the tower stem by approximately twelve feet. Based on the staff's review of a recent bid for a similar project in Wisconsin, it is possible that this alternative approach could result in significant cost savings on construction costs for the Village.

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Savell to reject all bids relative to the Well No. 7 Booster Pump Station Rehabilitation Project for FY2024.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Adjournment:* It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Savell to adjourn at 8:43 pm

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

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

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (O'Reilly)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVED BY ME THIS 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

  
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JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR

  
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MARY KONRAD, CLERK