

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA  
VILLAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Public Comment:** Residents Mr. Diamond and Mr. Haggert present material to the board regarding the Geese and the condition of Cedar Lake. They requested partnering to have a presentation about the condition and lay the groundwork for maintenance

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee McCollum to approve the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Village Board Meeting Minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 4 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 1 (McCollum)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Finance:** It was by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve the Accounts Payable Report for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$ 527,879.07

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor:** The Mayor announced the Miss Lake Villa Pageant to be held June 18<sup>th</sup>, with applications due by June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

**Staff Reports:** Public Works reports the Grand Avenue project is moving forward with working being done on the curbs and aprons. A retention area will be created on the north side and once complete sidewalks with work moving to the south side upon completion.

The Water Project is on schedule with lowering of the tower occurring the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>. Completion is projected to be the end of June.

The Pavement patching project has been partially completed.

The Police Department raised \$4500 for Special Olympics thru partnering with Round Lake Beach PD on Cop-On-Roof-Top. The Police Department participated on the Law Enforcement/Fire Department Expo in Gurnee. The Special Olympics will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***New Business:*** **Discussion: LakeComm 9-1-1 Consolidation Center**

Police Chief Tisinai provided an update regarding the Lake Com Dispatch situation.

**Approval: Agreement with Eccezion for Annual Financial Auditing Services ot to**

The Village has received financial auditing services from Eccezion since 2017. As a professional service, auditing services are not required to be solicited by bid. The firm has been instrumental in assisting the Village, along with its financial management services firm Lauterbach & Amen, in seeking ways to streamline and consolidate the budget to help avoid future auditing services and costs. Having the familiarity with the Village's accounting systems and financial records benefits the Village in retaining Eccezion auditing services for the year ended April 30, 2024.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Barbato to approve an agreement with Eccezion for annual financial auditing services and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement in the amount not to exceed \$35,150.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval: Fee Waiver for 65 W. Grand Avenue and 151 E. Grand Avenue for FY 2025 Liquor License**

65 W. Grand Avenue and 151 E. Grand Avenue paid for their respective Liquor Licenses in the last quarter of the FY2024 fiscal year. As such, their liquor license fee for FY 2025 is recommended to be waived.

It was moved by Trustee O'Reilly and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to approve a fee waiver for 65 W grand Avenue and 151 E. Grand Avenue for FY2025 Liquor License.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Approval: Waive the bidding process and accept the Lake Villa 2024 Quotation for Sensus FlexNet AMI System.**

The Village Board conferred on waiving the bidding process to accept the Lake Villa 2024 Quotation for Sensus FlexNet AMI System 3-year contract provided by Core & Main. Final project pricing shall be determined by actual meter and supply quantities installed by village staff and contracted plumbers as needed.

A proposal was requested from Core & Main for a mass meter and meter reading change out program. The Village water and sewer utility system currently has Sensus meters and reading

devices in place have reached their life expectancy and need to be updated for accuracy and reading technology. Staff have been replacing meters as they failed and saw savings by staying with Core & Main and Sensus meters and reading devices.

An implementation of the meter change out program and estimated time for completion of 3 years. Village staff will do most of the replacements with the assistance of a local plumbing company for the larger meters.

It was moved by Trustee McCollum and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve waiving the bidding process to accept the Lake Villa 2024 Quotation by Sensus FlexNet AMI System under a 3 year contract to purchase Water Meters, FlexNet SmartPoints, Reading technology, Meter accessories, Infrastructure, Extended Warranties, Training, and Management Fees provided by Core & Main for \$871,296.90.

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Old Business:* Authorization to Renew the Village's Municipal Aggregation Program**

This item was tabled at the May 6, 2024 Village Board Meeting.

At the last Village Board meeting, the Village Board heard a presentation from Adam Hoover from NIMEC relative to the potential continuation of the Village-wide Municipal Aggregation Program with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC. (MC2).

The Village's renewal period for the program will expire in late May, effective August 2024. Current default supply electricity rates with ComEd have dropped. The Board conferred on whether to proceed with renewing its aggregation program for residents or terminating the program.

The aggregation program could continue under two scenarios: including a price-match supply rate option whereby monthly supply rates for residents in the program would match ComEd's default supply rate monthly, or a fixed-rate option whereby monthly supply rates would be constant over the 12-month agreement period.

Under the "price-match" option, the Village would be eligible to receive a \$10,000 grant to put toward capital or operational programs and/or services.

A second option is a fixed-rate program. Staff has received the following options from MC2 for a 12-month and 24-month period. Under a fixed-rate program, the Village Board could consider purchasing renewable energy certificates (RECs) which would qualify the Village to be recognized by the EPA as a "Green Power Community". Under a REC option of greater than 0%, MC Squared will purchase RECs on behalf of the Village at a rate that covers a percentage of the community's electricity load.

Village Staff is seeking direction from the Village Board on whether to:

- 1) Terminate the aggregation program
- 2) Continue its aggregation program, under either
  - o a price-match
  - o fixed-rate option

The Mayor moved for a motion however no motion was made to proceed providing advanced authorization to renew the Villages' Municipal Aggregation

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 0**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**NO MOTION**

*Executive  
Session:*

It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee Barbato to go into an Executive Session for personnel and land acquisition at 8:43

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:**

**AYES: 5 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum)**

**NAYS: 0**


**ABSENT: 1 (Savell)**


**ABSTAIN: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Adjournment:* It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee McCollum to adjourn at 9:37 pm

APPROVED BY ME THIS 3rd June, 2024

  
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JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR

  
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MARY KONRAD, CLERK