

**VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
VILLAGE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
March 3rd, 2025**

Call to Order: Mayor McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Mayor McDonald, Trustees: Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, and Savell, Village Administrator, Mike Strong, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jake Litz, Finance Director Christine McKinley, Chief of Police Rochelle Tisinai, Public Works Supervisor Jim Bowles and Village Attorney Rebecca Alexopoulos.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment: None

***Executive
Session:***

It was moved by Trustee Savell and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to convene into an executive session for personnel and acquisition of property at 6:02 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Village Board reconvened into open session at 7:02 pm.

Old Business It was moved by Trustee Barbato and seconded by Trustee Bartlett to table the request for Public Safety Employee Benefits Act benefits for Officer Kurt Winquist.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee Nielsen to approve the February 18th, 2025 Village Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Finance: It was moved by Trustee Bartlett and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to approve the accounts payable report for March 3rd, 2025 in the amount of \$92,578.16.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor: The Mayor reminded the board of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day parade, March 15th, kicking off at noon with Corned Beef and Cabbage at the VFW to follow.

Staff: Superintendent Bowles provided an update regarding the leak survey, Chief Tisinai recognized several officers relative to a response, Assistant to the Administrator Litz informed the Board of an upcoming Public Hearing regarding the use of a drive-through at 985 Grand Avenue.

Prior to moving onto New Business items, Mayor McDonald addressed a resident that had entered the Board Room following the conclusion of Executive Session. He asked if the resident would like to address the Board at this time.

The resident provided several comments regarding truck noise coming from the Park Place industrial park behind his home. Additionally, he requested that the Village adopt and enforce a noise ordinance to address the issue of truck noise – specifically back-up alarms. The resident proceeded to present a video he took from his residence.

At the Mayor's request, the Village Attorney addressed the Village Board and advised that she thought the Village may be legally preempted from specifically prohibiting or regulating truck back-up alarms.

New Business: Finance Director Christine McKinley overviewed the FY 2026 Draft Operating Budget with the Village Board. The following funds' operating revenues, expenditures, surplus or deficit, and reserves were discussed: General, Water/Sewer, Metra, Mansion, Liability Insurance, Special Events, Downtown TIF, Business District, Park Avenue TIF District, Garbage, and Motor Fuel. The Village Board discussed each fund of the proposed budget. There was a consensus amongst the Board to move forward with the FY 2026 draft operating budget as presented.

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee Nielsen and seconded by Trustee O'Reilly to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS:

AYES: 6 (Nielsen, Barbato, O'Reilly, Bartlett, McCollum, Savell)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED BY ME THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2025


JAMES MCDONALD, MAYOR


JACOB LITZ, ACTING RECORDING SECRETARY