

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes-Oct 16, 2023
37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Lake Villa, IL 60046
6:00 pm.

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Venturi at 6:00pm

- II. Roll call: In Attendance, Supervisor Venturi, Trustee Berker, Trustee Stout, Trustee Coia, Trustee Johnson, Highway Commissioner Jim Jorgensen, Assessor Jeff Lee, Clerk Jean Smuda

- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Venturi

- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of the regular board meeting of regular board meeting of Sept 11, 2023 by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

- V. Old Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning Senior Township Park proposed amendment to annexation agreement: Motion to approve the proposed amendment to the annexation agreement as presented by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning the Ambers Shores Parks: Supervisor Venturi reported ten years ago when Lake County asked the Township to take over the 23 acre plus parcel of land, which contains a sensitive drainage area, vital to the Amber Shores Subdivision and surrounding properties. The property also contains two community parks. An agreement with various property owners to maintain the parks under the control of the Amber Shores Property Owners. However, as there has been no formal agreement signed due to the absence of the Property Owners Association that is provided for in your Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, the Township would like to develop a long term plan for the property and parks.

The floor was open for discussion and input from the homeowners on what they would like to see happen to the parks. Twenty-two residence attended the meeting with questions: is the township willing to take over the parks, will their taxes go up if they take over the parks, will they have to take out insurance if they took over the parks, would an HOA add more restriction, if they don't form an HOA who will take care of the land. Supervisor Venturi addressed the questions and concerns presented by the residence. Supervisor Venturi explained to the residence what it would take to form an HOA. If no one maintains the parks the Township will pull out the playground equipment next year. Highway will maintain the lights and cut the grass on the right of way. No action was taken.

- VI. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action concerning Renewal of Employee Health Insurance: Motion to approve the renewal of Blue Cross and Blue Shield as the Township Health provider as presented by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Coia. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

 - b. Discussion and possible action concerning RFP for waste haulers contract: No Action Taken.

 - c. Discussion and possible action concerning and Ordinance Establishing Curfew Restrictions for Lake Villa Township Parks: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-04 Establishing Curfew Restrictions for Lake Villa Township Parks as amended

by Trustee Coia, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

VII. Approve Payment of Bills

- a. Approve payment of current Town and Road district bills: Motion to approve the payment of current Town and Road district bills as amended by Trustee Stout, seconded by Trustee Berker. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.
- b. Approve payroll payments from last meeting: Motion to approve the payroll payments from last meeting by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout. Roll Call, all ayes, motion passes.

VIII. Public Comment:

Rafael Muñozes from the Lake Villa Timber Wolves/Lacrosse organization asked if they would still have use of the buildings at Tiny's Park. Supervisor Venturi stated the organization is in good graces with the Township and you will have use of the fields and the field house this spring.

Supervisor Venturi explained to the residences the plans for the new "Senior Park".

Resident Anna Golebiowska, 39438 N Lake Ave in Lake Villa expressed her concerns to Highway Commissioner Jorgensen regarding road repairs needed on her road, problem with the snow plow's destroying her property and damage to her retaining wall. Who is responsible for destroying her retaining wall? Highway Commissioner Jorgensen expressed his apologies. Supervisor Venturi suggested the resident and Commissioner Jorgensen meet and discuss ways to resolve her concerns and issue.

Resident Arnie living on North Lake Ave asked Commissioner Jorgensen when the road repair on North Lake Ave will begin. Commissioner Jorgensen stated the engineering is complete and will go out for bid in March 2024, projecting starting in the spring of 2024.

- IX. Assessors Report: Assessor Lee reported things are going well, appeals will start on Monday, expecting to receive approximately 300 appeals. The buildings new furnace were installed.
- X. Road Commissioners: Commissioner Jorgensen reported he purchased a leaf vacuum trailer that will grind and compact the leaves. He is actively looking for a location to dump the leaves. Swalco may have some dump location available. Commissioner Jorgensen will provide Supervisor Venturi the leaf pick-up information and he will send it out a press release to the residence.
- XI. Supervisors Report: Supervisor Venturi reported Antioch Township may be exiting the Township agreement, they are looking into moving to a new location. The high school is interested in purchasing the building from Antioch and Lake Villa Townships. Supervisor Venturi's only concern is that the Township ends up with the ball fields. He is working on the tax levy, may have to increase. The senior lunch is scheduled for Oct 26, 2023 if you would like to volunteer.

XII. Calendar Review

- a. Next meeting Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

XIII. Closed Session: None

XIV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn regular board meeting by Trustee Berker, seconded by Trustee Stout. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Lake Villa Township regular board meeting has been prepared and respectfully submitted for approval at the next regular board meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 by Jean Smuda, Clerk.