



## VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
Lake and McHenry Counties, }  
Village of Fox Lake } ss.

At the regular Board Meeting, held in said Village and County in the State of Illinois at 7:02 p.m. on February 26, 2008 meeting was called to order by Mayor Irwin. The following official business was transacted:

### Roll Call

Present Mayor Irwin; Village Clerk Weeks; Attorney Morozin; Trustees, Murrey, Ulasz, Working, and Koske. Trustees Bender and Kiesgen were absent.

### I. Preliminary Audience Comments

There were no audience comments this evening.

### II. Approval of Minutes

*Trustee Working made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 seconded by Trustee Ulasz.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mayor Irwin</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

### IV. Parks and Recreation Coordinator Update

Mayor Irwin stated the Polar Plunge was a success. Ms. Rogers stated that Jeff Norris was walking door to door. Ms. Rogers stated there were 143 plungers including law enforcement officers from other communities. Ms. Rogers stated the amount of money that was raised was \$30,772.00, Mayor Irwin stated this was \$10,000.00 more than what was raised during the previous year.

Ms. Rogers stated the only difficulty experienced was the frozen bleachers. Ms. Rogers thanked the Explorers, Police Department, Divers, Street Department and the Fox Waterway.

Ms. Rogers stated the Village obtained a booth for the Chamber of Commerce expo being held this coming Saturday March 1, 2008 and invited the public and officials to attend.

**V. Director of Planning and Community Development Update**

Mr. Rogers stated he handed the Board his report and had a couple of other items he would like to update the Board on.

He stated that he met with Mr. Dave Becker today with Alpine Demolition Services who is associated with Oxford Development regarding the school property. He stated the project was moving forward.

Mr. Roger stated that he would like to talk about item two of his report. Mr. Rogers stated he met with the concerned parties regarding the situation with the landlord at the Plaza. Mayor Irwin asked Mr. Rogers to be more specific because the audience didn't wasn't clear on this issue. Mr. Rogers stated the problems and issues regarding Lakeland Plaza did not include the Village of Fox Lake but more the landlord putting a financial burden on the renters. Mr. Rogers stated that they have tried to work with them, giving the space and time at meetings. Mayor Irwin asked Mr. Rogers to explain what he meant by financial problems – special assessments. Mr. Rogers stated he wasn't legally prepared to make a statement regarding the landowner. Mr. Rogers stated the people who voiced complaint were typically not Village residents.

Mr. Rogers stated if one were going to complain about the situation then they should also support it. He stated that he tries to support local business.

**VI. Department Head Reports**

**A. BEHAN**

Chief Behan stated he did not have a report this evening.

**B. HOEHNE**

Chief Hoehne stated he did not have a report this evening.

**C. HART**

Mr. Hart stated other than the committee report; Trustee Working has the building report.

**D. CHRISTENSEN**

Mr. Christensen stated he did not have a report this evening.

**E. WOLF**

Mr. Christensen stated he did not have a report this evening.

**VII. Village Administrator Report**

Ms. Schuerr stated she would like to talk about the health insurance renewal this evening. She stated Blue Cross Blue Shield sent a statement saying there would be an increase of 11.6% but the good news was after reviewing the old plan verses the new plan the difference would still be a savings of \$66,035.78. Mayor Irwin stated that was good news. Ms. Schuerr stated the new plan was saving the Village money.

Ms. Schuerr stated that the Village was doing well with the broker, using an administrative company to help process this high deductibles and flex plan. She stated those services typically cost \$450.00 per employee our broker is discounting that fee to \$50.00 per year which is an additional savings of \$8586.00. Mayor Irwin stated you just made your salary. Ms. Schuerr stated the other area that was being worked on was the risk management area. She stated for two consecutive years we have been under the minimum, which means there were no additional payments. She stated for two consecutive years we have been under that so the premiums should go down.

Ms. Schuerr stated the insurance renewal should come back and there would be a resolution presented at the next Village Board Meeting to accept the new contract which will cover April 1 through March of next year.

### VIII. Trustee Reports

A. Bender was absent due to Jury Duty. Trustee Koske presented Trustee Benders Motions.

*Trustee Koske made a **motion** to accept the letter of retirement of Full-Time Police Officer Terrence Daly effective March 13, 2008 seconded by Trustee Ulasz.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

*Trustee Koske made a **motion** to hire Terrence Daly as a Part-Time Police Officer effective March 14, 2008 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour seconded by Trustee Ulasz.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

Trustee Koske read the attached letters from the Kenosha Fire Department thanking the Fox Lake Fire Department for their assistance during the tornados and inclement weather on January 7, 2008.

Trustee Koske read another letter from the Winthrop Harbor Fire Department thanking Chief Hoehne for their assistance of a MABAS alarm for a structure fire also attached.

Trustee Koske recognized the following:

- Kimberly Vanhoorelbeke –Firefighter III
- Gregory Migacz – Fire Officer I

**B. Murrey**

Trustee Murrey made a ***motion*** to approve change order #1 from Glenbrook Excavating & Concrete in the amount of \$1,745.86 for the Juras Lift Station Replacement Project and authorize the Attorney to prepare the necessary Resolution seconded by Trustee Ulasz.

A roll call vote was taken as follows

Trustee Bender	Absent
Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Ulasz	Aye
Trustee Working	Aye
Trustee Kiesgen	Absent
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

Trustee Murrey made a ***motion*** to pass Resolution 2008-R-04, A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Village Clerk of the Village of Fox Lake, to Sign and Thereby Accept the Proposal from Olson Decorating Services Corp. for the Building 60 Interim Painting at the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility seconded by Trustee Koske.

A roll call vote was taken as follows

Trustee Bender	Absent
Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Ulasz	Aye
Trustee Working	Aye
Trustee Kiesgen	Absent
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

Trustee Murrey handed Clerk Weeks documents. Trustee Murrey stated after he obtained committee approval for the purchase of pump parts for the next Village Board Meeting.

**C. Ulasz**

Trustee Ulasz made a ***motion*** to approve the Bill List dated February 12, 2008 in the amount of \$426,734.81 seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows

Trustee Bender	Absent
Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Ulasz	Aye
Trustee Working	Aye
Trustee Kiesgen	Absent
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

Trustee Ulasz made a ***motion*** to ratify the Manual Check List dated February 12, 2008 seconded by Trustee Murrey.

A roll call vote was taken as follows

Trustee Bender	Absent
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<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

*Trustee Ulasz made a motion to approve the Grainger bills in the amount of \$2,667.70 seconded by Trustee Koske.*

Attorney Teegan stated the minutes should reflect that Trustee Bender was absent this evening and did not vote on this motion He stated we felt confident if Trustee Bender were in attendance he would have read his statement regarding the Granger bills.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

**D. Working**

Trustee Working stated he did not have any motions this evening however he would like to go on the record as being adamantly apposed to raising the telecommunications tax.

**E. Kiesgen - Absent**

**F. Koske**

Trustee Koske stated she had communication with Carol Ward and Carol Ulasz concerning a façade improvement payment from 2004. Trustee Koske stated that she and Carol Ward have talked about this issue and before they went any further they would speak to Attorney Teegan.

Trustee Koske stated she had an application for a business license for Ellis Brothers Enterprises L.L.C. 710 E. who would be located at Grand Ave. She stated they were a construction and remodeling business.

Trustee Koske stated the Board had discussed updating the comprehensive plan. She stated she spoke with the Planning Commission during a meeting last week. She stated they had many concerns regarding the expectation and available funds.

Trustee Koske stated she has had conversation with Nancy Schuerr and Bill Hart where they stated updating the plan could cost between \$20,000.00 and \$40,000.00 in order to spend that kind of money she thinks the Planning Commission needed guidance from the Village Board. Trustee Koske stated if anyone did not have a copy of the Comprehensive Plan it would be available through Bill Harts office.

Trustee Koske stated the Planning Committee is planning to meet on March 11, 2008 to have further discussion regarding this issue. She stated that they would be needing help and direction from all the Board Members to bring to the Panning Commission.

Trustee Koske stated there would be a Planning Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> and it is an open meeting. She stated the only item on the agenda is the discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Koske invited the Board Members and any other interested individuals to attend the meeting. She stated they were not only looking for a dollar amount and a time frame. She stated that the Commission felt anything less than 6 months was unrealistic and anything over 12 months would not necessary.

**VII. Attorney's Comments** – Attorney Morozin stated he did not have comments this evening

**VIII. Presidents Comments** –

Mayor Irwin stated the Polar Plunge was a success and she hoped to see everyone at the Chamber of Commerce Expo on Saturday March 5, 2008 at Grant High School. Mayor Irwin stated next Wednesday night at 8:00 P.M. would be a trial run of the proposed fireworks for this years show. It will be held at the Water and Sewer Plant.

**IX. Audience Comments** – Carol Ward wished Trustee Murrey a Happy Birthday.

**X. Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

*Trustee Murrey made a motion to retire to executive session for personnel matters to include Nancy Schuerr seconded by Trustee Ulasz.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

Attorney Teegan stated there would be action taken when the Board reconvened.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Trustee Working made a motion to reconvene the Village Board Meeting at 7:44PM seconded by Trustee Koske*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Kiesgen</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Koske</i>	<i>Aye</i>

***Motion Carried***

*Trustee Koske made a motion to approve an extension of unpaid leave of absence for Ted Stenger starting March 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008 seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

<i>Trustee Bender</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Murrey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Ulasz</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Working</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Trustee Kiesgen*      *Absent*  
*Trustee Koske*      *Aye*  
***Motion Carried***

*Trustee Murrey made a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:45PM  
seconded by Trustee Working.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

*Trustee Bender*      *Absent*  
*Trustee Murrey*      *Aye*  
*Trustee Ulasz*      *Aye*  
*Trustee Working*      *Aye*  
*Trustee Kiesgen*      *Absent*  
*Trustee Koske*      *Aye*  
***Motion Carried***

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Samantha Weeks  
Village Clerk