

## VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

At the regular Board Meeting, held in said Village and County in the State of Illinois at 6:30 p.m. on April 11, 2017 meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmit. The following official business was transacted:

### **Roll Call**

Present Mayor Schmit: Village Clerk Warden, Village Attorney Teegen; Trustees: Murrey, Jensen, Stochl, Konwent, Marr and Koske.

Staff also in attendance: Anne Marrin, Laura Linehan, Donovan Day, and Chief Laine

### **I. Preliminary Audience Comments:**

There were no audience comments this evening.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

*Trustee Konwent made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017, Seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Abstain
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Abstain
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b><i>Motion Carried</i></b>	

*Trustee Murrey made a motion to approve the Public Hearing of March 28, 2017, Seconded by Trustee Koske.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Abstain
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Abstain
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b><i>Motion Carried</i></b>	

### **III. Presentation – Grant Township Area Athletic Association**

Mayor Schmit presented the Grant Township Area Athletic Association with the Anchor Award for recognition from the Village of Fox Lake for their appreciation of over 40 years of dedication to the children and families of our community.

### **IV. Administrator Update**

Village Administrator Anne Marrin stated work is continuing with hydrant flushing throughout the Village and will be completed within a week or so. Marrin also stated that the plant flow has been up all week due to a combination of rain, saturated ground and some previously diverted flow being returned from the RLB Excess Flow Facility. Administrator Marrin stated that all permit requirements were met and results were well within the allowable limits.

Village Administrator Anne Marrin stated that the National Honor Society Garden Day has a new date, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am – noon. Over 25 students from Grant High School will be conducting service projects at the Community Garden.

Village Administrator Anne Marrin stated that there has been a concern voiced regarding the flood levels on the Chain O' Lakes and they are being monitored daily. At this time the levels are going down and they do not anticipate them to rise. Marrin stated that the Village does have a contingency plan in place if there is flooding and if formation will be available to the Villages website and Facebook page. Finally, Administrator Marrin stated that the Village has submitted an image for the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary vehicle stickers (2017-2018) to the Board and will be available for purchase soon.

**V. Recess to the Committee of the Whole**

*Trustee Jensen made a motion to recess into the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:40 p.m., Seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b><i>Motion Carried</i></b>	

**VI. Committee of the Whole**

**A. Finance**

Trustee Stochl asked if there were any questions regarding the warrant list. There were none. Trustee Stochl asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the water and sewer rate charges. Attorney Teegen stated that there are a few typos that need to be corrected and when voting please state "Amended" to the reading.

**B. Building and Zoning**

Trustee Marr stated that he would be asking for a motion regarding the Community Development Block Grant Implantations (CDBG). The Resolution would be for an agreement between Lake County and Fox Lake that would allow the Village to utilize CDBG Grant funds in the amount of Thirty-Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to support the Façade Improvement Program wherein area business in low/moderate income areas will improve their storefronts. There were no questions from the Board.

**C. Parks and Recreation**

Trustee Koske stated that she would be asking for a motion to waive the bid procedure and approve the proposal from Ephraim Carlson & Son to remodel the Lakefront Park bathrooms. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Trustee Koske then went through the following events and programs in the Village. All events and programs can be found on the Village website at foxlake.org.

- Egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Veterans Park and was a success;
- Fox Lake Blood Drive will be held Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall.
- Studio 25Art Creations and the Village of Fox Lake will be holding a "Poetry Slam" on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Senior Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department Bingo Hall.
- NEW DATE: Sunday, April 23rd National Honor Society Garden Day at the Community Garden.
- Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> The High School Fishing Tournament, Launch and weigh –in will be at Ben Watts Marina and then lunch at the Lakefront Park.
- Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Marriott Theater in Lincolnshire bus trip to see "See Loves Me."
- Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Fox Lake Triathlon, preparations continue.

Trustee Koske stated that Fox Lake's Parks and Recreation Department is going after a new \$20,000 park grant called "Meet Me at the Park." The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company – including Disney Citizenship, Disney| ABC Television Group and ESPN on "Meet Me at the Park." This provides communities with resources to improve local parks through projects that connect kids with nature, promote healthy living and provide access to sports. Across the County, the general public can nominate a city for a chance to win \$20,000 for a local park. The city with the most nominations will be the winner! We will keep the community in the loop when it's time to nominate.

Community Development Director Donovan Day stated that this year's theme for Art in Fox Lake will be "Light the Way Fox Lake" which will be lighthouses that are decorated with a solar light on top. They will be positioned along Grand Avenue. More information to follow.

Trustee Koske stated that work continues with the Lakefront Park on both the interior and exterior of the building. As well the splash pad layout and design is finalized.

**D. Planning**

There was nothing to report from Planning this evening.

**E. Public Safety**

Trustee Jensen stated that he will be asking for a motion for Ordinance modifications on the Villages "Settlement of Offenses." Trustee Jensen stated that clarify language in the Village Code to clearly direct village personnel and the public of the process of settlement of offenses. Trustee Jensen asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**F. Sewer and Water**

Trustee Murrey stated that he would be tabling the Ordinance regarding recapture charges for connection to the Village's sanitary and sewer system. Trustee Murreys stated that he will also be asking waive the bid process and approve the proposal from Trojan Technologies to purchase and the integration of a UV3000+ disinfection system for the Northwest Regional Water Facility. Trustee Murrey asked if there were any questions from the Board. There were none.

**G. Streets**

Trustee Konwent stated that she did not have anything to report from Streets this evening.

**VII. Motion to adjourn from Committee of the Whole and Reconvene Village Board Meeting**

*Trustee Marr made a motion to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole and reconvene the Village Board Meeting at 6:50 p.m., Seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b><i>Motion Carried</i></b>	

**VII. Motions for Approval**

**• Finance**

*Trustee Stochl made a motion to approve the total Expenditures of \$582,390.54 Police Pension of \$0, IMRF Payment of \$0, 4/7/17 Payroll of \$255,623.33, Dated April 11, 2017 in the total amount of \$838,013.87, Seconded by Trustee Marr.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye

### ***Motion Carried***

*Trustee Stochl made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2017-18 as amended, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Sewer User Service Charges and Water User Service Charges, Seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

- **Building**

*Trustee Marr made a motion to Approve Resolution 2017-R-17, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator of the Village of Fox Lake, to Sign and thereby Accept Sub-Recipient Agreement for Community Development Block Grant Implementation, Seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

- **Parks and Recreation**

*Trustee Koske made a motion to Waive the Bid Procedure and Approve Resolution 2017-R-19, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Fox Lake, to Sign and thereby Accept the Contract from Ephraim Carlson & Son for the Remodel of Lower Level Bathrooms at Lakefront Park, Seconded by Trustee Marr.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

- **Public Safety**

*Trustee Jensen made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2017-19, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake, Seconded by Trustee Koske.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye

***Motion Carried***

- **Sewer and Water**

Trustee Murrey made a **Motion** to Waive the Bid Process for the UV3000+ Disinfection System SCC Upgrade for use at the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility from Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$26,060.00, Seconded by Trustee Koske.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	

Trustee Murrey made a motion to Approve Resolution 2017-R-18, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Fox Lake to Sign and thereby Accept the Proposal from Trojan Technologies, purchase and integration of a UV3000+ Disinfection System SCC Upgrade for use at the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility, Seconded by Trustee Jensen.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Koske	Aye
<b>Motion Carried</b>	

## **VIII. Attorney Comments**

There were no attorney comments this evening.

## **IX. President's Comments**

Mayor Schmit read the following Proclamations. (See attached)

National Boating Week, which will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 through Friday, May 26, 2017. And Arbor Day 2017, which will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Mayor Schmit stated that the Strategic Planning Session will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 2 p.m. Mayor stated that documents were emailed to the Board for review and if you have any questions please see Anne, Laura, or himself. Mayor Schmit stated that the new Board will be sworn in during the first Village Board meeting in May and that he will be making annual appointments during the second meeting in May. Applications for the Zoning and Planning Board will be accepted until April 24, 2017.

## **X. Audience Comments**

Danice Moore of Fox Lake welcomed everyone to attend Fox Lake's Earth day Celebration on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 11 am at the Community Garden. There will be several speakers, music and Earth Day projects for everyone to enjoy.

Tim Trost of Hidden Glen Town Homes in Fox Lake stated that he is concerned about the code violations at Hidden Glen and would like to speak to someone to get these rectified. Mayor Schmit apologized stating that he thought someone was already in touch with him and if he could stay after the meeting they could review his concerns.

The following residents of Ingleside spoke at the meeting and requested that their statements be placed in the minutes. The statements are attached.

- Rose Anne & Allan Hoekstra
- Jennifer Sundberg
- Christopher and Christine Johnson

**XI. Adjournment**

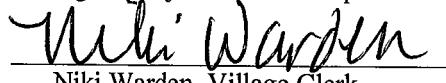
*Trustee Stochl made a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Absent
Trustee Stochl	Aye
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Absent
Trustee Koske	Aye

*Motion Carried*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Niki Warden, Village Clerk

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

**WHEREAS**, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and;

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

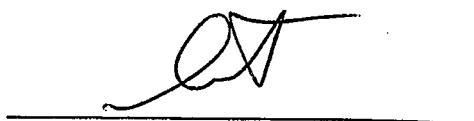
**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;

**WHEREAS**, trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and;

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DONNY SCHMIT, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, that April 28, 2017, be declared "Arbor Day" in the Village of Fox Lake, Illinois, and I encourage all citizens to celebrate and support efforts to protect all trees and woodland areas.

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to promote the well-being of current and future generations.



Donny Schmit, Mayor  
Village of Fox Lake

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK PROCLAMATION

For nearly 90 million Americans, boating continues to be a popular recreational activity. From coast to coast, and everywhere in between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating, sailing, paddling, and fishing. During National Safe Boating Week, we want to bring special attention to this pastime and remind recreational boaters of a few tips to ensure that they and their loved ones are safe and responsible while exploring our nation's waterways.

Proper planning for a day of boating begins even before leaving the home. Getting a free vessel safety check and taking a safe boating course at the beginning of the boating season, filing a float plan with a trusted family member or friend, and checking the weather before boating are key steps to an enjoyable time boating. Every boater should wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times while boating. Drowning remains the number one cause of death for recreational boaters each year, and the majority of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents are not wearing a life jacket. Safe and responsible boating includes never operating a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and knowing basic navigation rules.

Year-round, people continue to enjoy all that our nation's waterways have to offer through the joy of boating. National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water.

**Whereas**, on average, 650 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; approximately three-fourths of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

**Whereas**, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

**Whereas**, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

**Whereas**, today's life jackets are more comfortable, lightweight, and more wearable than styles of years past.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Donny Schmit, do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign and proclaim May 20 - 26, 2017 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

**In Witness Thereof**, I urge all those who boat to "Wear It!" and practice safe boating habits.

Given under my signature and the seal of  
the Village of Fox Lake this 11th day of  
April, 2017.

Donny Schmit, Mayor

Good evening

My name is Rose Anne Hoekstra. My husband, Allan Hoekstra is also present here this evening. We live at 35426 North Cedar Lane, Round Lake, and own our home on Long Lake. We and our fellow lake residents are concerned about the continuing discharge of waste, both human and manufacturing, into our lake by Baxter Healthcare. It is time for Baxter to hook up to the sewer and stop polluting our lake.

According to the Squaw Creek Watershed Management Plan in (May 2004), there was a time prior to 1950, when Long Lake was a clear, weedy lake, providing people with a clean, safe recreational lake. It has been many years since Long Lake was graced with clear water. Long Lake was transformed from a clear, highly desirable recreational water body to a green, algae choked body of water. Baxter Healthcare discharges waste from their office building and manufacturing plants, liquid and solid waste in excess of 278,000 gallons per day. The population of employees at that facility is equivalent to the number of people in 700 residences flushing their toilets, washing clothes, and taking showers. This waste along with manufacturing and chemical byproducts is sent through an inadequate waste treatment facility. Baxter has been cited numerous times for exceeding the amount and type of pollutants allowed into our water. Our position is that no amount of dangerous waste should be allowed.

The development of Valley Lakes by Round Lake now provides Baxter with an adequate connection to the Fox Lake Sanitary District. Nearly 40 years ago, residential property owners on Long Lake and nearby were required to pay for and connect to that Sanitary District. Residents of Long Lake, and two municipalities that were sending waste our way also paid for and connected to the sewer system.

We believe that it is now appropriate for Baxter to be a responsible business resident and to work with the Village of Fox Lake and other appropriate governmental entities to dispose of their waste through the same system which is used by area private residences. We are grateful for your help in encouraging Baxter to connect.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to speak to you this evening, and thank you for your assistance in this matter. I will provide you a copy of this statement for your Board Minutes.

Provided to the Village Clerk by:

Rose Anne Hoekstra

Rose Anne Hoekstra [REDACTED]

Allan Hoekstra

Allan Hoekstra [REDACTED]



April 11, 2017  
Fox Lake Village Board  
Village of Fox Lake  
66 Thillen Drive  
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[www.stoplonglakepollution.org](http://www.stoplonglakepollution.org)  
Facebook: Stop Pollution in Long Lake  
Twitter: @StopLLPollution

Good evening Mayor and Board of Trustees. My name is Jennifer Sundberg, and I am present this evening to read to you a short statement from the Stop Pollution in Long Lake (SPILL) organization. You may have heard about this grassroots organization that was organized last summer with a mission to work toward stopping pollution in Long Lake and in our watershed.

SPILL recognizes, just as you do, that the quality of life for your residents in Fox Lake and its surroundings is dependent on ensuring residents, businesses, and corporations adhere to the standards of good land and water management practices.

Therefore, many of our most recent efforts have been focused on getting Baxter Healthcare, in unincorporated Lake County, connected to the public sanitary sewer system. We have written the Baxter CEO, sent petitions to the IEPA to object to any renewal of the permit to operate and discharge from their private sewage treatment plant, filed a complaint with the Illinois Pollution Control Board, and we have educated area residents on the seriousness of Baxter's effluent violations through Facebook, Twitter, and our website: [www.stoplonglakepollution.org](http://www.stoplonglakepollution.org).

On the behalf of SPILL and its supporters, I want you to know that we are grateful for the work you do for the community. We urge you to work with Baxter to ensure a sanitary sewer connection is completed prior to Baxter applying for a renewal to their NPDES permit. For more background on the history of this issue, I invite you to log onto our website for both educational information and updates from our organization. Also, if there is anything that our organization can do to assist you in this endeavor, please let us know.

SPILL sincerely appreciated the opportunity to speak to you this evening, and I will provide you a copy of this statement for your Board Minutes. Thank you.

Provided to the Village Clerk by:

Name: Jennifer Sundberg  
Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

It has been many years since Long Lake was graced with clear water. Long Lake was transformed from a clear, highly desirable recreational water body to a green, algae choked body of water with other industrial pollutants. Over the years at least three inadequate sewage treatment plants have introduced a constant stream of pollutants to the channels and lakes. Two of the inadequate treatment plants have been closed but a very large one still remains. (That run by Baxter Health Care on Squaw Creek)

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Provided to the Village Clerk by:

Name: Christopher Johnson  
Christopher Johnson

Address: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]