

## 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 May 9, 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, Marr, Koske, and Konwent. Absent: Trustee Koske

Staff also in attendance: Anne Marrin, Stephanie Hannon, Laura Linehan, Donovan Day, Nick Warrner, and Dave Watkins.

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

There were no preliminary audience comments this evening.

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

*Trustee Konwent made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017, Seconded by Trustee Jenson.*

*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*

### **III. Award Presentations**

#### **A. Jack Kiesgen**

Mayor Schmit presented Jack Kiesgen, a plaque on behalf of the Village of Fox Lake for his over 39 years of service on the Police Pension Board and dedication to the Village.

#### **B. Niki Warden**

Mayor Schmit presented Niki Warden a plaque on behalf of the Village of Fox Lake for her service for the past four years as Village Clerk and dedication the Village.

#### **IV. Swearing In of Mayor, Trustees and Clerk by Judge Ortiz**

Judge Ortiz of Lake County swore in newly elected Mayor Donny Schmit, Trustees Ron Stochl, Bernice Konwent, Jeff Jenson and Village Clerk Danice Moore.

#### **V. Roll Call**

*A roll call was taken as follows:*

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

#### **VI. Village Administrator Update**

Anne Marrin stated that there is an ordinance on the agenda for the strategic planning teams. The Village recommended that Staff enter into an agreement with ESC, Executive Service Corps of America, for the development of a strategic plan. What this ordinance does is it changes the structure of the liaison system into a planning system for the strategic plans as had been discussed in several strategic planning meetings. Administrator Marrin stated that Staff recommends adopting the ordinance so that at the next board meeting we can make the appropriate appointments to each of these planning teams.

#### **VII. Motion to Recess to Committee of the Whole Meeting**

*Trustee Jenson made a motion to recess into the Committee of the Whole 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

***Motion Carried***

##### **A. Finance**

Trustee Stochl stated that all he had was the warrant list.

##### **B. Building and Zoning**

Trustee Marr stated that he did not have anything to report from Planning this evening.

##### **C. Parks and Recreation**

Trustee Koske stated that the May 18, 2017 Senior Luncheon is going to be held at the Volunteer Fire Department Bingo Hall that is a luncheon that is sponsored by the Village of Fox Lake and Grant Township and May 23 is the Senior Luncheon.

The triathlon continues and is set for 7:00 a.m on June 4, 2017 at the Lakefront Park. Trustee Koske asked Parks and Recreation Director Nick Warner how many people we have registered so far. Director Warner stated that we have 60 people so far and the race director we are working with is hoping for a 100 or 120 and the race director is thinking and hoping that we will double that number this month.

Trustee Koske further stated that the Concert by the Lake June 17, 2017 and the band will be the New Invaders. Also, this month the Parks and Recreation Department started a monthly Instagram photo contest. Each month members of the community will be able to take a picture based on that month's requirements and upload it to an Instagram account using the specific hashtag assigned for that month. This information is on our website. Once that month has ended we will choose a winner who will win a prize donated by a local business. The winner for May will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Whistle Stop Café.

The work continues on the Lakefront Park. The siding is going up. The drywall is installed. The splash pad plumbing is completed. Trustee Koske passed around pictures of the progress at the Lakefront Park.

Trustee Koske stated that tonight is a night of celebration for the Village. It is wonderful to have Jack every time he shows up. It is also wonderful for all of us in the Community. This isn't the election of four people but instead it is the celebration of the process and of our Community of where we have been and where we are going and she is absolutely thrilled about it and as it is something that happens every couple of years. It something we should honor and celebrate.

**D. Planning**

Trustee Marr stated that he did not have anything to report from Planning this evening.

**E. Public Safety**

Trustee Jensen stated that he did not have anything to report from Public Safety this evening.

**F. Sewer and Water**

Trustee Murrey stated that he did not have anything to report from Sewer and Water this evening.

**G. Streets**

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

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

*Trustee Murrey made a motion to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole and reconvene the Village Board Meeting at 6:55 p.m., Seconded by Trustee Marr.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Murrey	Aye
Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Stochl	Aye

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

## **IX. Motions for Approval**

### **A. Finance**

*Trustee Stochl made a motion to approve the Expenditures/Warrants/Transfers for May 9, 2017 in the amount of \$1, 240, 471.13, Seconded by Trustee Koske.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

## **X. No Consent Agenda**

## **XI. Attorney Comments**

A. Attorney Teegen stated that he is pleased to report that the Motion to Dismiss and the case of Lakes Region Sanitary District against the Village of Fox Lake and the County were heard this morning and that Judge Hoffman ruled in favor of the Village and the County and dismissed the matter.

## **XII. President's Comments**

Mayor Schmit asked for a motion to pertaining to Ordinance 2017-23, and Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Village Code to Establish Strategic Planning Teams to Replace the Committees Previously Described in the Code.

*Trustee Koske made the motion amending various sections of the Village Code to establish Strategic Planning Teams to replace the Committees previously described in the Code, seconded by Trustee Murrey.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

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

**XIII.** Mayor Schmit proclaimed that the Fox Lake Village Board formally designates May 15-21, 2017, as Police Week in Fox Lake, Illinois and publicly salute the service of Law Enforcement Officers in our Community and in Communities across the Nation.

**XIV.** Mayor Schmit stated that four years ago he assembled a team and he ran on three issues. First and foremost he and his team wanted to save the Lakefront Park- which they did. Mayor Schmit stated that not only did they save the Lakefront Park but they expanded it. He further noted that he and they bought additional property and remodeled

the lakefront building. He noted that they have increased the events at the park. Mayor Schmit was pleased to announce that Village is going to have the grand opening for the new splash pad on July 1, 2017 after the parade for Celebrate Fox Lake.

Mayor Schmit stated he wanted to return the senior bus. He stated that so many residents in our Community need this service and he heard the horror stories about when our elderly were being left at grocery stores for three or four hours at time. He stated that the Village did return the bus and the ridership is at all time high right now. Mayor Schmit stated he wishes the Village could afford to have this service five times a week but right now they can only afford three days a week. Mayor Schmit further stated our senior, low income and our handicap residents are very much appreciative of the bus service.

Mayor Schmit stated that another thing that was very important to him was open government. He stated that he use to sit in the audience at board meetings, as he has always been interested in the Village, and he would listen to the meetings and walk out of the board meeting and he would not know what happened. Mayor Schmit stated that the Trustees would come in, ask if everyone had read the packet, and they would have a motion to do "this" and everyone would say "yes" and nobody would know what went on. Mayor Schmit stated that as a result this experience the Village now puts the packets online. Every Friday afternoon everyone in the Village can see the same packet that the Board members receive. He stated that if anything interests residents regarding anything in packets that he encourages people to come to our board meetings.

Mayor Schmit stated we have Town Hall Meeting and he appreciates the High School for allowing us have them there. He stated that the Town Hall meetings are chance for all the residents to voice their opinions. He further stated that the office staff will tell you that he has an open door policy. Anyone who walks in the door and would like to speak with him, he will talk with them. He stated that he has answered every single phone call and every single email and these are things that are important to him. Mayor Schmit stated that this kind of communication is the best way to run a village.

Mayor Schmit stated that the Village has had a lot of challenges. At his first staff meeting we had a water hammer over in Holiday Park. Over 200 homes were damaged. In his first year he had three Village Administrators and three Community Development directors. Also, there were a couple of Police Chiefs and a couple of Treasurers. He stated that were a lot of changes going on. He further stated that then we had the 100 year flood. That winter we had record snow fall. He stated that he had been on the Plan Commission. Chairman Gauger had guided him. He stated that he had sat as a Trustee but when he sat in the "middle chair," you think you are prepared but you are not. He stated that they went through a lot in the first year and got through it. Then he stated September 1<sup>st</sup> happened and we became a National News story. Mayor Schmit stated that he cannot emphasize how proud he is of the Village and how we showed an entire Nation what we are made of and what kind of "family community," that we are.

He stated that while things weren't what we thought that we still showed what a great Community we are and that he could not be more proud of this Village. Mayor Schmit stated that we moved forward and we are still trying to fill open storefronts and the economy has improved. He went to state that today they had ribbon cutting at Ray Dodge Chrysler Jeep and Ram. He stated that we about \$3,000,000 a year in sales tax revenue and about \$1,200,000 is from car sales. He further stated despite the car dealerships taking up a lot of the Villages real estate if we did not have that revenue, and we are the envy of many Villages, we would have to cut services to our residents.

Mayor Schmit stated that Culvers the ground breaking last Friday. He stated that we are excited this restaurant and he thinks this is only the beginning of many good things to come. He stated that we recently had about 40 homes built on the north end of town. Additionally, he stated that we have built two water towers. One of which corrected the water hammer in Holiday park. Also, he stated that we have been under an edict from the IEPA to have elevated storage up on Grass Lake road. He stated this has been accomplished.

NICOR is doing a major renovation over on Eagle Point. Some of the gas mains are from 1928 and those are going to be replaced. He stated that when they turn over the road the Village is going to partner with them and have new roads in Eagle Point. He stated that they are trying to do things smart. He stated that when we do the road assessments we are not going to fix the roads and then two years later come in and fix a water main. He stated that the Village is trying to coordinate all of that.

Additionally, the Mayor stated the Village has established the quarterly Newsletter and upgraded. He further stated that they are giving out the Anchor award to the volunteers that make a difference in our Community. Additionally, he stated that the Village is going to have a weekly digital Newsletter and encouraged everyone to sign up.

He stated that the Village has established a Community Leaders forum. He stated that the Village has had issues with people in the Community being afraid to walk in the main street of our town. He stated that this is not acceptable. He stated that we have to protect the rights of every individual in our town but we also need to make sure our Village is safe. He stated that the Village has been working with the States Attorney, Police to make sure that we are doing this right. He stated that we have also been working with organizations to help the Village such as Lake County PADS, Edge Church, Saint Bede's, Catholic Charities, Grant Township, Lake County Board, Lake County Housing Authority and other such organizations. He stated that there have been several meetings on how the Village can help make people and business feel safe and that the Village is moving forward on that.

Mayor Schmit stated that the Village owns and run and operates two water systems and two sanitary systems. He stated that they are going to interconnect the two water systems and this will help save the Village money in the long run. He stated that the engineering is done and development a storm water management program.

Mayor Schmit went on to state that next year the Village is going to fix Sayton Road. He stated that we have the grant to do it and he believes that despite setbacks this project will be finished this year. He stated that Washington Street, Route 59 and Grand Avenue intersection will be re-done. Washington Street will be shut down and then there will be a traffic light put in at the entrance of the High School and will go straight across to Washington. He further stated that there will be lighted bike paths.

Mayor Schmit also stated that they are working hard at getting a hotel in the Village. He stated that he is cautiously optimistic.

Mayor Schmit stated that he wanted to thank his wife. He stated that they say the job of Mayor is only a part-time job however he believes it is a lot more than a part-time job. He stated that he could not do the job of Mayor without her support.

Mayor Schmit invited everyone to join him and the rest of the Village Board to the Bingo Hall after the meeting for cake and sandwiches.

**XV. Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments this evening.

**XVI. Adjournment**

*Trustee Stochl made a motion to adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

*Trustee Murrey                    Aye*

*Trustee Jensen                    Aye*

*Trustee Stochl                    Aye*

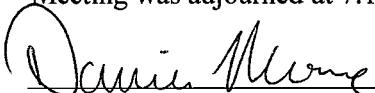
*Trustee Konwent                    Aye*

*Trustee Marr                    Aye*

*Trustee Koske                    Aye*

***Motion Carried***

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Danice Moore, Village Clerk



## **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2017**

To recognize National Police Week 2017 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Fox Lake Police Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been 15,725 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2016, resulting in approximately 13,824 injuries; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and,

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and,

**WHEREAS**, 143 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, and,

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, National Police Week takes place this year on May 15 - 21; and,

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DONNY SCHMIT, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**, that the Fox Lake Village Board formally designates May 15 - 21, 2017, as Police Week in Fox Lake, Illinois and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DS".

Donny Schmit, Mayor  
Village of Fox Lake