



## 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 February 11, 2025, and held via in-person and via Zoom conference, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmit. The following official business was transacted:

#### 1. Call to Order

Trustee Jensen and Trustee Vander Weit contacted the Village Clerk and Mayor with a request to appear remotely as each is out of town on business.

*Trustee Konwent made a **motion** to allow Trustee Jensen and Trustee Vander Weit to attend the Village Board Meeting remotely, seconded by Trustee Driscoll.  
All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

#### Roll Call

Present Mayor Donny Schmit, Village Attorney Jeff Nutschnig, Trustees: Ron Stochl, Jeff Jensen (via Zoom), Brian Marr, Bernice Konwent, Amy Driscoll, and Debra Vander Weit (via Zoom.)

Absent: Village Clerk Michelle Runnion.

Staff also in attendance: Jessica Chernich, Ashley Magnine, Jodi Luka, Mary Locher, John Thompson, Dawn DeServi, and Lindsay Szafran.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Village Board Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025

*Trustee Konwent made a **motion** to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2025, seconded by Trustee Marr.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

*Trustee Jensen           Aye*

*Trustee Stochl           Aye*

*Trustee Konwent       Aye*

*Trustee Marr           Aye*

*Trustee Driscoll       Aye*

*Trustee Vander Weit   Aye*

***Motion carried***

**3. Approval of the Warrant**

**A. Approval of the Warrant – February 11, 2025**

*Trustee Driscoll made a **motion** to approve the Expenditures/Warrants/Transfers for February 11, 2025, in the amount of \$766,222.63, seconded by Trustee Konwent.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

*Trustee Jensen           Aye*

*Trustee Stochl           Aye*

*Trustee Konwent       Aye*

*Trustee Marr           Aye*

*Trustee Driscoll       Aye*

*Trustee Vander Weit   Aye*

***Motion carried***

**4. Special Business (Appointments, Swearing-In Ceremonies, Proclamations)**

*There were none.*

**5. Village President's Report**

**A. 211 Presentation**

*Maria Nava, 211 Lake County Manager, expressed appreciation for the special recognition of 211 Day in Fox Lake. Kevin Hunter, Lake County Board Member and member of the 211 Advisory Council, expressed support of 211 services, and it's use as a resource for people in need and encouraging all to utilize the service and share the information about dialing 211 for help. Help is available around needs such as housing, utilities,*

**B.** *State Senator Craig Wilcox sent a representative, John Picchiotti, from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District to share some information. The FY25 state forecast has been provided including a deficit. The Senator will continue to advocate for fiscal restraint and his Office is always a resource so the Senator would like to know about any projects Fox Lake is considering and possible grant opportunities.*

**C.** *The mayor wanted to clarify information posted on social media. Enterprise Funds were not used for Lakefront Park. These funds can only be used for Local Sewer and Water and anything else it is an illegal use.*

*The mayor also shared that he spoke with David Loraine, founder of Sun Dial Farms, about expansion. He has 40 one acre lots for sale and has recently sold a couple of lots so believes there will be an increase in sales.*

**6. Village Administrator's Report**

*Jessica Chernich stated that the Budget Workshops are being planned so check emails for additional information.*

**7. Village Attorney Report**

*There was none.*

**8. Village Treasurer's Report**

*Mary Locher said thank you for comments regarding fund balances.*

**9. Preliminary Audience Comments (on Agenda Items Only)**

*There were none.*

**10. Motion to Recess to Committee of the Whole Meeting**

*Trustee Konwent made a **motion** to recess to the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Trustee Marr. All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

**A. Strategic Planning Team Reports**

*There is a schedule and an open meeting for the public. Jodi Luka, Economic and Community Development Director, stated that the comprehensive plan is underway with a plan to complete in summer. There was an Open House held on January 21<sup>st</sup> with an attendance of 40-45 people and there is now an online survey available for all to participate.*

**11. New Business**

**A. Resolution 2025-R-07: A Resolution Approving the Quote from Aerzen USA Corporation to Purchase an Electric Drive Motor for the Aerzen Blowers at NWRWRF**

*This item is to approve the quote from Aerzen USA Corporation to purchase an Electric Drive Motor for the Aerzen Blowers at NWRWRF. This is a proprietary item and the cost is \$39,550.40.*

**B. Resolution 2025-R-08: A Resolution Approving the Change Order to the Contract from Trotter and Associates, Inc. for the Engineering Services Related to the Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan at NWRWRF**

*This item is to approve the Change Order to the contract from Trotter and Associates, Inc. for the Engineering Services related to the Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) at NWRWRF. The early completion reduced the contract from \$216,000 to \$110,500.*

**C. Resolution 2025-R-09: A Resolution Accepting the Special Recognition of 211 Day in Fox Lake, IL**

*This item is to accept the Special Recognition of 211 Day in Fox Lake, IL.*

**D. Ordinance 2025-02: An Ordinance Amending 6-1-1-10, Section R311.2 of the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Building Regulations**

*This item is to amend 6-1-1-10, Section R311.2 of the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Building Regulations. This change relates to egress and reduces the number of egresses to one for condos.*

**E. Ordinance 2025-03: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake, by Granting a Special Use to English Prairie Solar 1, LLC to Operate a Solar Farm at the Property at 490 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, Illinois**

*This item is to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake, by Granting a Special Use to English Prairie Solar 1, LLC to Operate a Solar Farm at the Property at 490 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, Illinois.*

**F. Motion to Approve a Raffle License Application from the Lakes Region Post #703 of the American Legion for 50/50 Raffles Every Thursday Starting February 13, 2025, and Waive the Bond Requirement**

*This item is to approve a Raffle License Application from the Lakes Region Post #703 of the American Legion for 50/50 Raffles every Thursday starting February 13, 2025, and waive the Bond Requirement.*

**G. Motion to Approve a Raffle License Application from Grant Township for the Annual Fish Fry Event on March 7, 2025, and Waive the Bond Requirement**

*This item is to approve a Raffle License Application from Grant Township for the Annual Fish Fry Event on March 7, 2025, and waive the Bond Requirement.*

**12. Old Business**

*There is none.*

**13. Motion to Waive the Bids for the Quote from Aerzen USA Corporation to Purchase an Electric Drive Motor for the Aerzen Blowers at NWRWRF**

*Trustee Driscoll made a motion to waive the bids for the Quote from Aerzen USA Corporation to Purchase an Electric Drive Motor for the Aerzen Blowers at NWRWRF, seconded by Trustee Jensen.*

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

*Trustee Jensen           Aye*

*Trustee Stochl           Aye*

*Trustee Konwent       Aye*

*Trustee Marr           Aye*

*Trustee Driscoll       Aye*

*Trustee Vander Weit   Aye*

***Motion carried***

**14. Motion to Adjourn from Committee of the Whole and Reconvene Village Board Meeting**

*Trustee Konwent made a motion to adjourn from the Committee of the Whole and reconvene the Village Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Vander Weit. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**15. Items to be Removed from Consent Agenda**

*Trustee Stochl requested removal of item B-2.*

**16. Consent Agenda**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Trustee so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered under the Approval of Exceptions.

**A. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 2025-R-07: A Resolution Approving the Quote from Aerzen USA Corporation to Purchase an Electric Drive Motor for the Aerzen Blowers at NWRWRF
2. Resolution 2025-R-08: A Resolution Approving the Change Order to the Contract from Trotter and Associates, Inc. for the Engineering Services Related to the Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan at NWRWRF
3. Resolution 2025-R-09: A Resolution Accepting the Special Recognition of 211y in Fox Lake, IL

**B. Ordinances**

1. Ordinance 2025-02: An Ordinance Amending 6-1-1-10, Section R311.2 of the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Related to Building Regulations
2. ***Removed from the Consent Agenda*** - Ordinance 2025-03: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake, by Granting a Special Use to English Prairie Solar 1, LLC to Operate a Solar Farm at the Property at 490 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, Illinois

**C. Motions**

1. Motion to Approve a Raffle License Application from the Lakes Region Post #703 of the American Legion for 50/50 Raffles Every Thursday Starting February 13, 2025, and Waive the Bond Requirement
2. Motion to Approve a Raffle License Application from Grant Township for the Annual Fish Fry Event on March 7, 2025, and Waive the Bond Requirement

Trustee Jensen made a ***motion*** that Resolutions A 1,2,3 Ordinance B-1 and Motions C 1-2 be established as the Consent Agenda for this meeting by unanimous vote, seconded by Trustee Konwent.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Jensen      *Aye*

Trustee Stochl      *Aye*

Trustee Konwent      *Aye*

Trustee Marr      *Aye*

Trustee Driscoll      *Aye*

Trustee Vander Weit      *Aye*

***Motion carried***

Trustee Konwent made a ***motion*** that the consent agenda as established by the prior motion be passed, seconded by Trustee Jensen.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Jensen      *Aye*

Trustee Stochl      *Aye*

Trustee Konwent      *Aye*

Trustee Marr      *Aye*

Trustee Driscoll      *Aye*

Trustee Vander Weit      *Aye*

***Motion carried***

**17. Approval of Exceptions**

Trustee Vander Weit made a ***motion*** to approve Ordinance 2025-03: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake, by Granting a Special Use to English Prairie Solar 1, LLC to Operate a Solar Farm at the Property at 490 English Prairie Road, Spring Grove, Illinois, seconded by Trustee Konwent.

*A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

Trustee Jensen      *Aye*

Trustee Stochl      *No*

Trustee Konwent      *Aye*

Trustee Marr      *Aye*

Trustee Driscoll      *Aye*

Trustee Vander Weit      *Aye*

***Motion carried***

**18. For the Good of the Order**

*There was none.*

**19. Audience Comments**

*There were none.*

**20. Executive Session**

*Trustee Driscoll made a **motion** to enter Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for Land Acquisition, seconded by Trustee Konwent and to include Engineer Dustin Priebe, Attorney Nutschig, Village Administrator Jessica Chernich and Assistant to the Village Administrator Ashley Magnine. All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

**21. Adjournment**

*Trustee Konwent made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm, seconded by Trustee Driscoll. All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.**

  
Michelle Runnion, Village Clerk