



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 July 8, 2025, and held via in-person and via Microsoft Teams, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmit. The following official business was transacted:

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Donny Schmit, Village Attorney Jeff Nutschig, Trustees: Jeff Jensen, Brian Marr, David Gauger, Bernice Konwent, Amy Driscoll, and Debra Vander Weit and Clerk Michelle Runnion.

Staff also in attendance: Jessica Chernich, Ashley Magnine, Steve Wirch, Mary Locher, John Thompson, Jennifer Kuhn, and Lindsay Szafran.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Village Board Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2025

Trustee Konwent made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2025, seconded by Trustee Marr.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

<i>Trustee Jensen</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Gauger</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Konwent</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Marr</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Driscoll</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Vander Weit</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Motion carried</i>	

3. **Approval of the Warrant**

A. **Approval of the Warrant – July 8, 2025**

*Trustee Konwent made a **motion** to approve the Expenditures/Warrants/Transfers for July 8, 2025, in the amount of \$1,015,729.42, seconded by Trustee Vander Weit.*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Jensen Aye

Trustee Gauger Aye

Trustee Konwent Aye

Trustee Marr Aye

Trustee Driscoll Aye

Trustee Vander Weit Aye

Motion carried

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

A. **AAHAA Presentation**

Kim Schnoor shared information about the services offered through the Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance and thanked the Village for its commitment to support its mission. Information was provided on a fundraiser on July 27th at Dockers North. AAHAA is 100% funded by donations and grants.

B. **Appoint Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Nancy Rodriguez**

*Trustee Gauger made a motion to appoint Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Nancy Rodriguez, seconded by Trustee Konwent. All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Nancy Rodriguez was sworn in by Clerk Runnion.

5. **Village President's Report**

The mayor thanked AAHAA and shared that he often has them attend with him at senior citizen centers and has seen how they can help support our residents. He also thanked the representatives present from the library and stated the library is something to be proud of and appreciate their work. The mayor stated that there are hard decisions to be made in the near future due to the loss of the grocery tax and the need to fund the roads. Options are being considered. Tomorrow he will be talking with the policy board about the sewage treatment plant. Reserves are being depleted. The plant serves over 100,000 residents and the last rate increase was in 1992 so will be looking to increase those rates. He also stated that Lakefront Park is something to be proud of and helps to make memories for families. Several restaurants are reporting a decline in traffic on Fridays, and the Village is working with them on ways to encourage the people to frequent those spots. Jodi Luka and Mary Locher are looking at using BDD funds to support the businesses. Celebrate Fox Lake drew in over 10,000 people and was a huge success. Also, Promote Fox Lake has an upcoming fundraiser for Venetian Night.

6. **Village Administrator's Report**

Jessica Chernich congratulated the staff on the success of Celebrate Fox Lake and the community effort.

7. **Village Attorney Report**

There was none.

8. **Village Treasurer's Report**

There was none.

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 Jensen. All were in favor. **Motion carried.***

A. Strategic Planning Team Reports

There were no questions/comments.

11. **New Business**

A. Resolution 2025-R-47: A Resolution Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Fox Lake and the Highway Authority Regarding Remediation Actions, if Necessary, Along a Specific Portion of Grand Avenue

This item is to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Fox Lake and the Highway Authority Regarding Remediation Actions, if Necessary, Along a Specific Portion of Grand Avenue. This is related to two past dry cleaner businesses that result in necessary remediation. The Village Attorney is in agreement. Trustee Marr commented that the owner of the plaza gave push back when addressed the landscaping issue so difficult to want to engage in other issues; the owner acknowledged the comment and indicated it has been difficult to keep staff for the upkeep.

B. Ordinance 2025-21: An Ordinance Adding Title 3 Chapter 14 to the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Regulating Special Events Permitting

This item adds Title 3 Chapter 14 to the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Regulating Special Events Permitting. There have recently been some large events proposed that include fireworks. The ordinance will define who needs a permit and the permit will be required 90 days prior to the event. The Village supports businesses but also needs to be compensated for the additional Public Works expenses required.

C. Ordinance 2025-22: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake by Granting a Special Use Permit to Lukas Tamonis to Store Contractor Equipment at 129 S. Route 12 Fox Lake, Illinois

This item is to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake by Granting a Special Use Permit to Lukas Tamonis to Store Contractor Equipment at 129 S. Route 12 Fox Lake, Illinois. This includes a condition that the trucks must be stored in the rear of the property.

D. Motion to Approve a Raffle License for the Sons of the American Legion to Operate their Annual Gun Raffle and Waive the Bond Requirement

This item is to approve a Raffle License for the Sons of the American Legion to operate their Annual Gun Raffle and waive the Bond Requirement.

E. Motion to Approve the Fee List for the Special Events Application

This item is to approve the Fee List for the Special Events Application.

12. Old Business

There is none.

13. 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 Jensen. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

14. Items to be Removed from Consent Agenda

There were none.

15. 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-47: A Resolution Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Fox Lake and the Highway Authority Regarding Remediation Actions, if Necessary, Along a Specific Portion of Grand Avenue

B. Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2025-21: An Ordinance Adding Title 3 Chapter 14 to the Village Code of the Village of Fox Lake Regulating Special Events Permitting
2. Ordinance 2025-22: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox Lake by Granting a Special Use Permit to Lukas Tamonis to Store Contractor Equipment at 129 S. Route 12 Fox Lake, Illinois

C. Motions

1. Motion to Approve a Raffle License for the Sons of the American Legion to Operate their Annual Gun Raffle and Waive the Bond Requirement
2. Motion to Approve the Fee List for the Special Events Application

*Trustee Jensen made a **motion** that Resolutions A 1, Ordinances B 1 and 2, and Motions C 1 and 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 Gauger 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 Gauger Aye

Trustee Konwent Aye

Trustee Marr Aye

Trustee Driscoll Aye

Trustee Vander Weit Aye

Motion carried

16. Approval of Exceptions

There were none.

17. For the Good of the Order

There were no comments.

18. Audience Comments

Carolyn Vanco, President for the Board of Trustees for the Fox Lake Library, shared that they will have a table at Friday Night Market and commented on concerns expressed about the parking for the event with people using the Fox Lake Restaurant as parking and then crossing Route 12. The mayor stated he would discuss this with Public Safety.

19. Executive Session

*Trustee Jensen made a **motion** to enter Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. for Review of Executive Session Minutes, seconded by Trustee Driscoll and to include the Village*

Attorney, Village Administrator, and Assistant Village Administrator. All were in favor. Motion carried.

20. Reconvene the 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.

21. Motion to approve Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Jensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 13, 2021, Sessions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, seconded by Trustee Konwent.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Gauger	Abstain
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Driscoll	Abstain
Trustee Vander Weit	Abstain

Motion carried

Trustee Jensen made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 16, 2021, Sessions I, II, III, IV, V, and VI, seconded by Trustee Marr.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Jensen	Aye
Trustee Gauger	Abstain
Trustee Konwent	Abstain
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Driscoll	Abstain
Trustee Vander Weit	Abstain

Motion carried

Trustee Driscoll made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 24, 2021, Sessions I, II, and III, seconded by Trustee Konwent.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Jensen	Abstain
Trustee Gauger	Abstain
Trustee Konwent	Aye
Trustee Marr	Aye
Trustee Driscoll	Aye
Trustee Vander Weit	Abstain

Motion carried

Trustee Jensen made a ***motion*** to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 14, 2021, Sessions I and II, September 28, 2021, Sessions I and II, and October 12, 2021, Sessions I II and III, seconded by Trustee Marr.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Jensen	<i>Aye</i>
Trustee Gauger	<i>Abstain</i>
Trustee Konwent	<i>Aye</i>
Trustee Marr	<i>Aye</i>
Trustee Driscoll	<i>Aye</i>
Trustee Vander Weit	<i>Abstain</i>

Motion carried

22. Adjournment

Trustee Konwent made a ***motion*** to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm, seconded by Trustee Driscoll. All were in favor. ***Motion carried.***

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.


Michelle Runnion, Village Clerk