

**VILLAGE BOARD**  
**THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2006, 2006 9:20 pm**

Release of a portion of the December 14, 2006 executive session minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hyde called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm.

The following were present: Mayor Tom Hyde, Trustees Becker, Guido, Herrmann, Huff, Schmidt and Stiller.

Mayor Hyde announced that the Board is going into Executive Session for litigation, personnel, review of Executive Session minutes and contract negotiations.

Mayor Hyde stated that he is calling this contract negotiations because this is a way of really looking at it. He said that he received a call from Dave Deer. He is a retired Physics teacher and Math teacher at the Wauconda High School. Mayor Hyde explained that the people that have put together the Pool Foundation in Wauconda, the Seniors and Ladies that have generated over \$250,000, have contacted Mr. Deer who is turn is supposed to speak with us for consideration. Wauconda has been given an opportunity but has not done anything in five years. They wondered if Island Lake would have any consideration for it. Mayor Hyde stated that he reviewed with Mr. Deer on the phone what he is aware of with regard to pools such as, number one, they are very expensive and the upkeep can be a real burden especially in terms of personnel. The Mayor offered to Mr. Deer though that Island Lake has considered in the past more of a splash pool or spray park. He told Mr. Deer that he would present this to the Board and get everyone's thoughts. Mayor Hyde stated that in past, one of these splash pools or parks, were in the range of \$60,000 to \$90,000. If the Board is interested in this, Mayor Hyde could go back to Mr. Deer and offer this suggestion. Trustee Huff asked how much pools cost and Mayor Hyde replied about \$2 million and a place is needed also to accommodate a pool. Mayor Hyde stated that the only park that this could be put into would probably be at Veteran's Park. Trustee Stiller stated that a pool can not built and put into Veteran's Park. Mayor Hyde replied that he's sure that the Board could get approval for this as it would be positive to add onto the park and improve the park. Mayor Hyde offered that he does not know if the Village can take on a pool project plus he's not sure if he wants to go through all the politics that this could cause. Trustee Becker questioned if anything else could be looked besides a pool. Mayor Hyde replied that was their desire initially but that possibly they would consider something else. He asked for the Board's guidelines and if they would like Mayor Hyde to pursue this matter. The Board talked about an indoor pool. Mayor Hyde stated that the Wauconda High School would probably want and need use of it and would probably become very involved with the pool. There could even be a swim team possibly. Mayor Hyde stated that he does know if our Village could bite into a pool and he does not see any feasible way for the Village to handle this. It was mentioned that in the past a skate park was something that was discussed and would possibly be considered as an addition to the Village. Mayor Hyde said that he does not want to go back to this group and ask for a skate park when their funds were raised for a pool. Trustee Herrmann asked if this group would even look at other possible considerations. Mayor Hyde replied that he would ask the Pool Committee and see what they think but that he wanted to get approval from the Board Members first. Trustee Huff stated that one concern he has is that the Village does not have any additional funds available to kick in. He suggested pursuing something more like a spray park vs. a pool. Mayor Hyde stated that he would like to see 100% support before moving on this. Trustee Guido stated that he would rather first see if IDNR would approve a splash park going into Veteran's Park before going anywhere with this.

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Christine Kaczmarek, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE BOARD**  
**THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
**Thursday, December 28, 2006, 2006 8:45 pm**

Release of a portion of the December 28, 2006 executive session minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hyde called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm.

The following were present: Mayor Tom Hyde, Trustees Becker, Guido, Herrmann, Huff, Schmidt and Stiller.

Mayor Hyde provided a copy of a letter that he sent out to Ms. Grant and Mr. Deer relating to a meeting he had with them. He is asking for assistance if the Board is going to work with this and the possible donation from the Foundation. Mayor Hyde stated a beginning package presentation needs to be put together by the Board regarding a possible spray park. He spoke with Trustee Schmidt briefly about this as they would need a template to start with for what the Village would be looking at for a spray park. Mayor Hyde welcomed the Board's involvement. He has not had the opportunity to do much research but he said that this has to be done very quickly because he will be contacted in the next week to two weeks and he needs to be ready. The Mayor added that they will come out and look at the Village's facility and they will be need to have a good idea of the conceptual plan of a possible spray park. Trustee Schmidt stated that he did do a small amount of research on the internet this past week. There are many companies that build spray parks. Trustee Guido asked if the Board has received an answer yet from Mr. Akers of the IDNR. Mayor Hyde replied that it would take a while to get an answer from the IDNR. Trustee Guido stated that he thought that the Board had previously agreed to speak with Mr. Akers first. Trustee Guido commented that he wondered if it would be better to accept the donation from this organization, put it into an account and wait for approval from the IDNR. If the project is not approved by the IDNR, the Village would give the donation back. Trustee Schmidt stated that he spoke with Willie Kootstra and Willie had expressed to him that the state probably would not have a problem with a spray park in Veterans Park; however, the Board would have to seek written approval. Trustee Guido asked what types of funds were talked about and Mayor Hyde replied that when he met with them, they talked about a donation around a \$100,000. They have \$250,000 in their fund but they would not donate all of it to Island Lake. Trustee Schmidt stated that you can build a spray park for as little as \$50,000 if you want to. Mayor Hyde said that he was looking at this as a whole project – with seating, tables and umbrellas, fencing, etc. Trustee Schmidt said that the average spray park is 2500 square feet which is 50 X 50. Trustee Guido inquired if the Village would charge people to come in. Mayor Hyde explained that there would be no problem charging a fee, whether it is monthly or yearly, and the money could pay for the personnel to run this spray park. If not, the Village would have to pick up all the personnel fees to run this park. Mayor Hyde said the Village could extend then the same fee to neighboring communities because of where the donation is coming from. Mayor Hyde explained that the concern with regard to charging fees comes into play charging outside of the area. The out of area fee can not be more than 1 and half times. Trustee Huff asked if they are asking for a name sake on this. Mayor Hyde stated that they have not asked for anything yet but that it probably would be appropriate, since they are donating such a large sum of money, to put their name on it. Trustee Schmidt asked if the Veterans are okay with this. Mayor Hyde replied that the Veterans seemed very enthusiastic about this when he spoke with Joe Babbey.

\* Mayor Hyde explained that he did not want this out in the public until everything was finalized. Trustee Herrmann stated that if Island Lake were to receive half, the residents of Island Lake, in the past, have contributed to this wholeheartedly. Both communities supported this Foundation and attended events and participated in the fundraising. Trustee Guido stated that yes, this is a good thing; however, this park has a history of resident having issues with the park. Trustee Herrmann stated that she knows this but she would be in favor of this project as it would be a great benefit for the Village. Trustee Guido stated, though that he is concerned because the budget will be worked on again shortly and there are plenty of challenges already for the Village in terms of the budget. Trustee Guido explained that he would still like to see approval first from Mr. Akers of the IDNR before moving to far forward. He suggested that possibly the Board accept the donation; however, put a time frame stipulation on the donation. Accept the money but agree to that if approval is not granted within a couple of months, the money goes back to the Foundation. Mayor Hyde stated that he does not want to wait 3 months. Mayor Hyde stated that the Foundation is well aware of the fact that the Village has to receive approval from the IDNR in order to put something like this in the park. Trustee Huff commented that that's why this needs to stay hush hush until the appropriate approval are received by the Village. Mayor Hyde stated that he too would like to keep this as quiet as possible until the appropriate approvals are received but Trustee Guido challenged by Joe Babbey was told of this project already. Mayor Hyde replied though how was he supposed to know the wishes of the Veterans if he didn't say and ask at least something. Trustee Guido stated that the Board

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agreed to get the opinion of Greg Akers first before moving forward with anything and keep this as quiet as possible until the Board gets as many answers as possible first. Mayor Hyde replied that he if hadn't met with the two individuals from the Foundation the money may have been gone before the end of the year. He asked Trustee Guido then what he would like the Mayor to do. Mayor Hyde agreed then that the Board would wait until they get the appropriate approvals from Mr. Akers. Trustee Guido stated that he is merely suggesting this so the Board gets the appropriate approvals first and not jump the gun on this matter. Mayor Hyde stated that he understands all the financials behind such a project and that it would be a shame to put something like this in and then not be able to use it. Trustee Guido stated that all he is asking for is that a letter be written to this Foundation stating that if the appropriate approvals are not received, that the Village would return the donation money to them. Mayor Hyde stated that he does not understand this evening the attitude of not moving forward with this project. Trustee Guido replied that the Board is moving forward. Trustee Schmidt said that he thinks the Board should write them a letter, maybe meet with them again, and keep this moving forward. Mayor Hyde said that he did send them a letter and then read the end of the letter from the Foundation back to the Board "We look forward to having the opportunity to meet with you again after the Holidays and thank you for your interest and support". Mayor Hyde stated that he came in over the Christmas Holiday to write and send this organization a thank you letter. Trustee Schmidt asked if this organization clearly understands that the Board needs State approval from the IDNR and Mayor Hyde replied yes. Trustee Schmidt as well as Trustee Huff stated that the Board then should probably accept the check.

Trustee Becker asks the Board why the Board is discussing this in executive session. Mayor Hyde replied because this is a contract that we would enter in to. He said it's negotiation of a contract and questioned Trustee Becker what he finds wrong in that. Trustee Becker doesn't think it's right to discuss this in executive session and does not feel that this is a contract because there is no physical contract. Mayor Hyde asked Trustee Becker if he wants to bring this up then in regular meetings. Trustee Becker commented that this should have already been brought up in a regular meeting and here the Board is, one again, talking about this in executive session. Mayor Hyde asked for the rest of the Boards opinion asking if this is a contract. Trustee Becker said there's an organization out there that's willing to give Island Lake a \$100,000 and stated that the residents would most likely be interested in this also. Mayor Hyde replied that the Board could do that but that then it goes back to what Trustee Guido was saying. Trustee Becker replied that that's what the Board is here for. He explained that it feels like the Board is up here doing something, planning for this \$100,000 and the residents could see it as the Board is planning and scheming for this money. Trustee Becker said that the residents will then say "here they are doing it again". Trustee Herrmann stated that she does not see this as scheming. Trustee Huff replied that based on some of the performances in the Board room in the past, he asked if Mr. Becker could understand some of the apprehension here. Trustee Becker said though no one knows about this and if you bring it out there, and they become part of this process, they may be very positive about this. Trustee Stiller added that he too would like to see a letter going to Mr. Akers, explaining exactly what the Board would like to do and then there's a clear plan and structured plan then, go public with it. He said if the Village can't do this, why start dealing with objections when maybe we can't even do this in the first place. Trustee Huff replied or, on the flip side, if residents want to get involved, why get them disappointed if the IDNR comes back and says we can't do it. Trustee Herrmann said that she too believes that this is a contract because they are going to ask the Board to have certain restrictions/regulations on what the money will be used for and they are going to be part of that process. She said I believe this is a contract and until the contract is written and signed, or about to be and voted on at a public board meeting, then I believe it should be kept in executive session. Trustee Herrmann said that she too feels that the residents should not get excited when the Board has no answers yet and no information yet. She said they will come and ask questions and we don't have all the answers yet. Trustee Stiller asked if the Foundation gave the Village a check already and Mayor Hyde replied no, there is no check yet. Trustee Becker stated that Mr. Akers should be talk to as soon as possible, get a verbal as well as written approval. Trustee Schmidt suggested that he can work with Willie and get this moving as quickly as possible, have a letter written right away and sent to Mr. Akers for approval. Willie is currently unaware of this situation and that the Board would like to start moving quickly on this and get approval from the IDNR. Trustee Huff asked the Board, if hypothetically the Board gets approval from the IDNR, is the Board in agreement to move forward with a spray park. The Board overall was in agreement that this is a good concept for the Village. Trustee Guido stated that he is for it but that he doesn't like in the past, all the confusion, and would rather the Board go the right way, get approval first from the State and then move forward. Trustee Schmidt will work with Willie right away and get a letter out there. Trustee Huff

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*commented how positive this is and how nice it is for Island Lake to be offered such a donation of this kind and amount. Mayor Hyde inquired if anyone on the Board would like to start working on this, to get pictures, to get numbers, etc. Trustee Schmidt stated that he would make some calls and start working on pictures and numbers.*

*Motion by Trustee Stiller, properly seconded to come out of Executive Session and return to the Village meeting. All in favor. Executive session ended at 9:13 pm.*

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*Christine Kaczmarek, Village Clerk*

**VILLAGE BOARD**  
**THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE**  
Thursday, January 4, 2007, 8:47 pm

Release of a portion of the January 4, 2007 executive session minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hyde called the meeting to order at 8:47 pm.

The following were present: Mayor Tom Hyde, Trustees Becker, Guido, Herrmann, Huff and Schmidt. Trustee Stiller absent.

Trustee Becker mentioned that at the last meeting, the Board once again discussed the water or spray park in Executive Session. He brought the Open Meetings Act and stated that there are certain items only that the Board can go into Executive Session about. He passed out a copy to everyone. Trustee Becker stated that in the Open Meetings Act, there are items to go into Executive Session about such as litigation, etc., but that you have to be very careful. He said that he could not find anything in here about contracts. Mayor Hyde stated that the Open Meetings Act talks about a lot of things regarding contracts such as in number 2, collective negotiation matters, number 1, contracts, etc. Trustee Becker replied that last week, the Board was talking about the spray park but that there was no actual contract. Mayor Hyde replied that it's a contract. Mayor Hyde said it may be a thin line but it's a contract, it's a piece of paper. He asked Trustee Becker what else he would call it. Trustee Becker asked if there was a physical contract and Mayor Hyde said no, there is not a contract but the Board is talking about developing a contract. Trustee Becker said then that's not a contract. Trustee Herrmann said that it is though a verbal contract. Mayor Hyde stated that if Trustee Becker feels this strongly about it, he can move forward in any manner that he wishes. Mayor Hyde said that he feels, in talking with the Attorney, that the Board is within their legal rights to be talking about this in executive session. Trustee Becker asked if Mayor Hyde had spoken to the Attorney about this and Mayor Hyde replied that he has. Mayor Hyde said that acceptance of money for doing something - that's a contract.

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