

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN THE EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE, LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES, HELD  
ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2008**

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**CALL TO ORDER** *Trustee Herrmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.*

**ROLL CALL** *Roll call indicated the following present: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Mascillino, Ponio, Saville and Verciglio. Absent: Mayor Hyde*

*Also in attendance was: Village Attorney Julie Tappendorf of Ancel Glink and Willie Kootstra Director of Public Works.*

**Public Hearing**

1. *Discussion and approval regarding the Illinois Department of Central Management Services regarding the calendar year 2008-2009 rock salt purchase*

*Mr. Kootstra thanked the Board Members for calling the emergency meeting for this evening as well as he thanked the State Representatives that he has spoken to over the past several days regarding this matter. He explained the salt purchasing issue started last week with an email received from Central Management Services. The State went out for bid twice and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid/re-bid, they left out Lake County. Mr. Kootstra explained that generally he places the Village sale order at this time and budgeted is normally around \$60,000. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, a second fax was received from Central Management Services. The fax was presented to the Board Members for their review and decision. There are two choices that the Village has to decide between – one, to commit to the State and let them bid the salt out for \$145 to \$165 per ton or have the Village go out on their own and bid on the salt. Mr. Kootstra stated that he purchased salt last year at \$41.65 per ton. This years salt will cost triple the amount. Mr. Kootstra said that the Village has to decide whether or not to work with the State or on our own to obtain salt for the roads for the winter season. He recommended having the state pursue this matter as they have more buying power plus, there are only 5 places to purchase salt from so anyone going out on their own, will go to these same 5 places anyway. Trustee Saville replied that there has not been any information on this matter nor anything in the news about a salt shortage/issue and questioned why and when this became a problem. Mr. Kootstra replied that it is multifaceted due to several factors such as: last years usage, the flooding this spring and issues down the Mississippi River, amount of salt the Midwest received as a whole last year, etc. Everyone is competing for salt this year. Mr. Kootstra said that this seasons salt cost could go from \$60,000 to \$195,000 for the Village. He explained that the money comes out of the MFT fund, not the general fund, and that funds will now be affected in that MFT fund for future road projects due to the cost of the salt for this coming year. He added that the Village could consider in the future – mixing, going to chemicals, etc.; however, currently, the Village does not own equipment for such alternative methods. Mr. Kootstra stated that as the prices increase, the Village will have to look at alternate ways to manage snow storms. Trustee Garling questioned the chances of the Village getting salt on their own if everyone is out there competing. Mr. Kootstra replied that the state will find salt. Attorney Tappendorf stated that she heard that some communities are working with their townships as well to purchase salt together. Mr. Kootstra said that Wauconda Township has already met too as well as they are meeting on Friday again. There is also a meeting of Public Works Directors in Lake County on Friday morning. Wauconda has already authorized the state to pursue their salt purchase. The Village is obligated to purchase 70% if the Village chooses to go with the State purchase.*

Mr. Kootstra reminded the Board that a decision has to be made by or before Friday at 5 pm. Trustee Garling expressed concern with the Village going out on its own as it could take up to 30 days to turn the whole process around and the Village could be too late. Mr. Kootstra spoke with John Little, Finance Director, and the money will come out of the MFT fund which, again, will affect road projects for 2009. Senators Althoff and Riggs are working on a deal with the State for reimbursement which everyone will be hearing back about over the next several weeks. Trustee Verciglio expressed that there is probably no advantage to the Village going out on its own and that it is probably best to go with the State. Mr. Kootstra added too that if the Village does go out on its own, the Village could potentially miss out on a state reimbursement. He pointed out that the Village, on average, uses 930 tons of salt. Last year, 1700 tons was used. A low year, such as in 2002-2003, the Village used 335 tons.

Trustee Garling questioned how much storage the Village has for salt. Mr. Kootstra explained that 23 tons comes in per load. The Village salt storage can hold 1 ½ to 2 snow storms worth of salt. He is suggesting for this year to purchase a 1000 tons. Trustee Saville mentioned that he had conversation with Mr. Kootstra too about using the salt carefully and sparingly in area and making sure that major intersections are well salted vs. spreading the salt all over. They also discussed sand and birds eye too to stretch the salt out. Mr. Kootstra explained that sand and birds eye is especially good with ice. He said that it does make a bigger mess and is more difficult to clean up; however, it is not hazardous and could help stretch the salt out. Trustee Herrmann questioned what other Villages are paying and Mr. Kootstra replied that the cheapest he heard of was DuPage which obtained the salt at \$45 per ton. Attorney Tappendorf explained that Lake, McHenry and Northern Cook County were all left out of the bidding process this year. The state is saying that it is too expensive to truck the salt to these northern counties so they were not included in the bid. Mr. Kootstra said that he currently has half the salt shed full of salt at this time which is about 150-200 tons.

Motion by Trustee Mascillino, properly seconded to give Willie Kootstra, Public Works Director, the authority to move forward and purchase salt with the State of Illinois.

Upon roll call, Trustees voted as follows:

AYES: Trustees Garling, Herrmann, Mascillino, Ponio, Saville and Verciglio  
NAYS: Nays  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion was declared carried.

Being that no further business was discussed, motion by Trustee Garling, properly seconded to adjourn the Board meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Christine Kaczmarek, Village Clerk