

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 4:30pm Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Perry, Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor
Jose Filomeno, Trustee
Alyson Miller, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Julie Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Robert Leombruno, John Coccozza-Hill, James Anagnos, James Barber, Hugh Sullivan, Doni Smith, Brandon Combs, and others via Zoom.

At 4:30pm, Mayor Perry opened the Regular Meeting and asked Trustee Filomeno to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Miller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Workshop held on March 14, 2024, the Regular Board Meeting held on March 18, 2024, and the Annual Organizational and Special Budget Public Hearing on March 25, 2024.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Perry presented the Monthly Department reports. He explained that the Fire Department had recently found out about a grant that was available to them, but the grant paperwork would need to be completed and returned by the end of April. He said this did not allow enough time to get the paperwork done. He asked the Fire Chief to please apply for the grant during the next round. Chief Barber said that he would, with help, apply next year if the grant is available.

Mayor Perry asked Clerk Julie Allen to present the options for Health Insurance renewal. Clerk Allen presented the two options that Water Clerk Lori Bott had suggested. Clerk Allen said that the two most popular options were to keep the MVP Plan that we currently had (Platinum) with an 8% increase over last year, or to go down a step with the plan (Gold) and offer it at a 3% decrease in premiums. She explained that if the Gold plan was chosen, the main difference was in the copayment costs. She went on to say that several of the employees had voiced that they wanted the Gold plan for the premium savings. Mayor Perry said that the Village had already budgeted for the Platinum plan, and that the Village had given across the board increases in wages to help offset the increasing costs and would vote to keep the Platinum Plan. Trustee Miller said that she would like to switch to the Gold plan as that is the one that employees had voiced their opinion in favor of. Trustee Mastrodomenico said that his concern was in the significant cost in emergency room care. He pointed out that if we had the Gold plan, three of his visits would have cost him over \$1,500. instead of \$300. that it cost with the current plan. Trustee Root said he felt we should keep the Platinum plan. Trustee Filomeno said since it was budgeted for, that we should leave it at the Platinum plan.

Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Filomeno, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 111, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Water Clerk Lori Bott to sign a renewal contract with MVP Health Care for the Platinum health insurance plan for our active full-time employees for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nays: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 111, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry began presenting the next item up for resolution, the contract with Prestige Vending Services. He explained that we had an agreement that was up for renewal. He said in the agreement Prestige Services pays the Village a commission of \$3,500. for the 2024 calendar year. It promised to increase the commission to \$4,000. for 2025 if the 2024 sales exceed \$26,000..

At 4:51pm Mayor Perry paused the meeting due to a medical emergency for one of the audience members.

At 5:13pm Mayor Perry resumed the meeting. He wished the ill attendee well.

Mayor Perry said Prestige would also be installing new machines. He asked for any questions on the agreement for the vending machines. Trustee Root suggested keeping the machines with a generic look or if they could, have an Adirondack "look".

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 112, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes Mayor Perry to sign the Vending Service Agreement with Prestige Services, Inc., 4 Enterprise Avenue, Clifton Park, NY 12065 for the period beginning June 1, 2024 and shall continue for a period of three years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Prestige Services will pay an annual commission of \$3,500. for the year 2024, and should those sales exceed \$26,000. the commission shall increase to \$4,000 for the years 2025 and 2026.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 112, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry presented the annual membership subscription with Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance for review.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Miller, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 113, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to remain members of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance with 2024 dues in the amount of \$100.

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VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 113, 2024 ADOPTED. **April 15, 2024**

Mayor Perry presented two applications for Volunteer Fire membership.

Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Miller, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 114, 2024

WHEREAS the following individuals: Louis Cortes Plaza and Masen Wildermuth applied to join the Lake George Fire Department and have previously been approved by the Fire Company;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Louis Cortes Plaza and Masen Wildermuth for membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately pending satisfactory physical and background check.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 114, 2024 ADOPTED. **April 15, 2024**

Mayor Perry asked Fire Chief Jim Barber to present his requests for approval on purchases for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Barber said that he had remained driving the same truck as years previous as it fit him better and had allowed the First Assistant Chief to drive the newer vehicle purchased for the past Fire Chief. He said to do that, he needed to have the radio codes changed in each vehicle. He said that the truck he was driving was owned by the Village and it would need to have additional radio equipment installed in the back no matter who would be driving it. There was discussion back and forth between the Fire Chief and the Board. It was agreed that should the Board approve the request, that they do not want to continue to see switching of vehicles every year due to the expense of it.

Fire Chief Barber explained that the second request was from former Chief Combs asking to have the radios that were installed in his personal vehicle be professionally removed. He said that the vehicle and the radios were both owned by former Chief Combs. He went on to say that they were installed in former Chief Combs' vehicle because there was a delay in getting the new vehicle. Chief Barber said that he did not know what the agreement for removal was when they were installed. Former Chief Combs said that there was no agreement made when the radios were installed. He asked that the Board approve the request as his vehicle was a leased vehicle and the only way to ensure he doesn't lose money when his lease is up, is to have a professional do the work.

Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 115, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Emergency Vehicle Upfitters LLC, to remove radio equipment installed in

former Chief Combs' personal vehicle, for the cost of up to \$1000..

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 115, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 116, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Northway Communications to change radio codes in Fire vehicles #230 and #231, in the amount up to \$395.00.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 116, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry presented the special events application for Shepard Park.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Miller, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 117, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Facilities Use of Village facilities contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

Shepard Park

- **Chiusano Wedding, October 5, 2024, 2pm – 4pm**

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 117, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry said he wanted to make a Proclamation to make July 12, Charles R. Wood day. He explained that July 12th would be the 65th Anniversary of Gaslight Village.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 118, 2024

“CHARLES R. WOOD” PROCLAMATION
VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George would like to commemorate and honor Charles R. Wood,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George proclaimed July 12th as “Charles R. Wood Day” in the Village of Lake George and urges all citizens to celebrate this day to commemorate his life and legacy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes Mayor Raymond Perry to sign the Proclamation.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 118, ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry asked the Village Board to make suggestions on who they would like to nominate for Citizen of the Year. He said that he does not think it should be just for citizens that live in the Village, but those who have made a positive impact on the Village. He said he would like to nominate Dennis Dickinson for Citizen of the Year. He asked that each Trustee think on who they would like to nominate and give the name to Clerk Allen by no later than May 13, 2024.

Mayor Perry presented three Proposed Local Laws that he is looking to schedule a Public Hearing on May 20, 2024 to vote on. He asked the Board if anyone had any questions or concerns to which there were none. The Board agreed to have the Public Hearing along with our Regular Hearing on May 20, 2024 at 4:30pm.

Mayor Perry went over the agreement with Schermerhorn to install the full line at Bloody Pond Road. He said that they had agreed to go ahead and install the full line. He explained that there is a need for an engineer to review the water main replacement and that it was agreed that Mr. Schermerhorn would pay the fee for that engineer. He presented the proposal from KSPE in the amount of \$2,750. for the proposal and said that Mr. Schermerhorn had already sent the check to the Village to pay for the service.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Filomeno, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 119, 2024

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George needs engineering assistance for review of the Village Water Main Replacement associated with Schermerhorn Senior Apartments Project on Bloody Pond Road; and

WHEREAS Schermerhorn Construction has already provided a check to the Village of Lake George in the amount of \$2,750.00 to cover the engineering costs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a proposal in the amount of \$2.750. from KSPE for Professional Services to provide engineering services to the Village Water Department.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 119, 2024 ADOPTED. April 15, 2024

Mayor Perry went over a copy of an email that was presented to the Board. The email was from Hugh Sullivan to Doni Smith, and it was given to the Board by Robert Leombruno. Mayor Perry

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asked Mr. Sullivan if he would like to speak to the email. Doni Smith asked if she could speak about the email before Mr. Sullivan did. Mayor Perry said she could speak. Doni Smith said that the email was a personal email between her and Mr. Sullivan and that she had accidentally forwarded it to Mr. Leombruno. She said that she felt Mr. Leombruno was being vindictive in trying to get Mr. Sullivan removed from the LOSAP committee. Mayor Perry said that he wanted the Fire Members to figure it out and work together. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that the committee is appointed by the Board and asked the Board to have Mr. Leombruno removed from the committee. The Mayor said that he would take suggestions on replacements, but that he wanted them to work together to find a solution. There was no motion taken.

Mayor Perry presented the Water Changes and Relevy.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the Water Changes and Relevy:

RESOLUTION NO. 120, 2024

APRIL 2024 WATER CHANGES

APRIL PENALTIES	\$ 977.30
MAY & JUNE PENALTIES	\$ 1,224.12
RELEVY FEES	\$ 1,675.00

VILLAGE UNPAID WATER RENT RELEVY	\$49,521.92
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FINAL READS:

S Miller	#133	\$ 48.74
D Dunklee	#727	\$ 32.40

ADJUSTMENTS:

Penalties reversed	\$ 99.17
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Note, per the NY State Auditors, we must apply the penalties on the 1st of the month, and reverse penalties for accounts that our postmarked before the 1st.

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$3,957.56
CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 81.14
CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$3,876.42

DR F0380 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$49,521.92
CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$49,521.92

DR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 69.42
DR F2145 METER UPGRADES	\$ 26.00
DR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 3.75
CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$ 99.17

VOTING	Ayes: 4	Perry, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root
	Nays: 0	
	Abstain: 1	Filomeno

RESOLUTION NO. 120, 2024 ADOPTED.**April 15, 2024**

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the transfers and audits:

RESOLUTION NO. 120, 2024**4/1/2024****TRANSFERS:**

From:	To:	Amount:
A.3120.0400	A.1910.0400	\$27,000.00
A.7110.0220	A.7110.0400	\$2,000.00
A.7180.0400	A.7020.0400	\$3,000.00
A.1930.0400	A.5182.0400	\$6,000.00
A.3410.0220	A.3410.0400	\$5,000.00
F.8310.0220	F.8310.0430	\$500.00

			Voucher Numbers	Checks
4/4/2024	General Water	\$187,377.91 <u>\$14,267.61</u> \$201,645.52	241459 & 241581 - 241593	38850 - 33860
	General Water	\$218,533.20 <u>\$62,835.28</u> \$281,368.48	241594-241695	
	General Water	\$0.00 <u>\$0.00</u> \$0.00		38843 - 38849

ck#38855 voided for payroll
ck#38848 voided for payroll
ck#38845 voided, for national grid - memo did not fit on one check
payroll ck# 7258 voided
ck#38770 voided
ck#38768 voided (system voided, for national grid - memo did not fit on one check)
ck#38776 voided for payroll
payroll ck#7264 voided

VOTING**Ayes: 5****Nays: 0****Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root****RESOLUTION NO. 121, 2024 ADOPTED.****April 15, 2024**

Mayor Perry brought up the continued issue with A-frame signs and tents in the Village. He said that he is working with Dan Barusch to re-write the current laws to present at the next Board Meeting. He explained that he is looking to eliminate A-frame use from Memorial Day through Columbus Day except for directional use on commercial property, and that those must be 20' off

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the Village right of way. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Anagnos for his views. Mr. Anagnos said that he was frustrated with the current laws, and that most violators know the laws and choose to ignore them, taking the fines. Trustee Mastrodomenico asked if Mr. Anagnos could take the signs if they were in violation. Mr. Anagnos said that he gives several warnings before he does that.

Mayor Perry began speaking on the allowance of tents over outdoor dining areas. He said they would be for use only during the season and be tastefully done, with guidelines. He said they would also need to be a minimum of 20' from the Village right of way. Mayor Perry said that they had allowed them in the past, on a case-by-case basis. Trustee Root said that there would need to be guidelines to keep them nice. Mayor Perry asked that the Board send any suggestions they had to either Dan Barusch or Jim Anagnos.

Mayor Perry asked if there were any other items that anyone wanted to discuss. Mr. Anagnos suggested that there be more updated signage around the Village regarding motor scooters, bikes, etc. Mayor Perry said he agrees, and that they would also like more regarding no smoking of any kind, including vaping.

Superintendent Lanfear said that he had spoken with Kevin Hajos of Warren County, and that he had agreed to send him some workers to help with clean-up/maintenance of Wood Park. He explained that the County had agreed to pay for their services.

There was a motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico to adjourn at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Allen
Village Clerk