

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was available.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Perry, Mayor
Joe Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor
Jose Filomeno, Trustee
Alyson Miller, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Julie Allen, Director of Planning and Zoning Dan Barusch, Luke Mosseau of the Post Star, and others by zoom.

Mayor Perry opened the special meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Perry read the list of newly elected officials for the Board of Trustees approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 108, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby appoints the following list of newly elected firematic officers for the 2024-2025 year;

Approve:
Chief – Jim Barber
1st Chief – John Coccozza-Hill
2nd Asst Chief – Tom Williams

In addition, these department officers were acknowledged to their respective positions:

Acknowledge:
Captain – Matt Oswald
1st Lieutenant – Nicholas Benjamin
2nd Lieutenant – Ryan Russell

Scuba Captain – Jeremy Crispell
Scuba Lieutenant – Grant Genther

President - Doni Smith
Vice President – Jim Sullivan
Secretary - Vacant
Treasurer - Vacant
Board of Directors- Frank Nestro, Ricky White, Bob Evans

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

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Mayor Perry presented two invoices for consideration for payment.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico

RESOLUTION NO. 109, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for:

- **SUNY Morrisville, Training – Tim Shudt Jr, Andrew Kehlenbeck, \$1,150.00**
- **Glens Falls National, Bond Payment for Visitor Center, \$47,654.45**

The checks will be issued at the next available payroll/audit.

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

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Mayor Perry presented two proposals that were presented for conceptual designs pertaining to the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative). Mayor Perry asked Mr. Barusch if he would explain the proposals that were received.

Mr. Barusch explained that there were two proposals to present for help with getting some DRI projects ready to present to the DRI committee.

He said the first proposal was for professional engineering services by KSPE. Included in the proposal were two projects, the Shepard Park Lake Walk, and the McDonalds Lot. KSPE would help in developing renderings of the pier extension and develop a cost estimate for the Lake Walk Project. They would also develop a concept site plan for turning the McDonalds lot into a Public Parking Lot.

Mr. Barusch went on to explain that the proposal by EDR was for two projects as well, the South Canada Street Streetscape, and the Downtown Signage. Mr. Barusch went on to say that in order to be competitive we must hire consultants/engineers to help make our submittals professional.

Mayor Perry brought up the proposal from KSPE on the parking lot for more discussion. Mayor Perry said that when he looked at estimated numbers, we would likely be making \$60k to \$80k per year once the work was completed on the parking lot. He said that if we were to increase the rate to \$3/hour, we could likely make \$100k/year. He went on to say that it would likely take us 2-3 years to see a profit. The Mayor said he would like to see the lease contract with Mr. Tariq to be for a minimum of 10 years. Mr. Barusch said that if it was less than 10 years that perhaps we could put a clause in it for reimbursement for the improvements. He also said that at this point, Mr. Tariq has no other plans for the property's use.

Trustee Root asked if there would be signs other than the one across the street stating no left turn. Mayor Perry said we will put up more signs.

Trustee Miller said her main source of discomfort is that there is no deal in place with Mr. Tariq. She asked if they could postpone voting on the KSPE proposal. Mr. Barusch said that they really needed to get the proposals signed as the work needs to be done so the submittals to the DRI committees could be made. Mayor Perry explained that the only thing the Board would be committing to is the engineering work so the proposals to the DRI could be completed. He also said that the deal with Mr. Tariq should be finalized very soon. Trustee Root said he felt the parking lot was a good short-term solution.

Trustee Filomeno said that the project is in limbo until we get this work done, and that he feels the project is worth it. He said that he feels we need to spend a little money to be able to access the larger chest of money from DRI.

Mr. Barusch said that to get the committee to approve the work, we must present them with professional work. He said that the State sets aside approximately \$300k of the DRI money for a consultant that the State will hire, to complete the project. He said they will not start the project, but they will finish what we have started.

Mayor Perry said that one of the downfalls with being notified of the award back in December was we could not move forward with work until the rest of the award recipients had been announced.

Mr. Barusch said that we are ready to proceed, that there is pre-planning, pre-development, and then development.

Trustee Root asked if there will be regular updates. Mr. Barusch answered yes. He said that there will be a website to keep everyone up to date, six LPC meetings open to the public, and workshops that will be specific to each project. He said that at the end, the committee will siphon through the submittals and determine which projects are approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 110, 2024

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George needs engineering and planning assistance to complete proposals to submit to the DRI committees for approval;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a proposal in the amount of \$8,500. from KSPE, of 4607 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing for a rendering of the Shepard Park Walk, and a concept site plan for the McDonalds lot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a proposal in the amount of \$15,250. From EDR, of 18 Division Street, Saratoga Springs, for preparation of the application for the South Canada Street Streetscape, and the Downtown Wayfinding/Heritage Signage.

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

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There was a motion by Trustee Root to adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen
Purchasing Agent
Village Clerk