

Minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. 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 K Allen, Fire President Doni Smith, Fire Chief Jim Barber, Fire member Frank Nestro, Fire member John Coccozza-Hill, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2025.

Trustee Filomeno made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2025.

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

MOTION PASSED.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 324, 2025

WHEREAS the following individual: Olivia A. Tyrer applied to join the Lake George Fire Department as a junior member, and has previously been approved by the Fire Company;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Olivia A. Tyrer for junior membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 324, 2025 ADOPTED. February 10, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 325, 2025

WHEREAS the following individuals: Leon R. Holden applied to join the Lake George Fire Department and has previously been approved by the Fire Company;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Leon R. Holden 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. 325, 2025 ADOPTED. February 10, 2025

Fire Chief Barber informed the Village Board that they want to transfer ownership of the responding apparatuses, the Dive Rescue Boat, the 6-wheeler, and Car 232, to the Village.

Mayor Perry asked why they wanted to transfer ownership.

Fire President Doni Smith said it was due to the cost of maintaining.

Mayor Perry said that currently the Town pays 80% of the Fire Budget so they would need to speak with the Town to get their input. He said that the Fire Department could add the maintenance cost of the equipment to their budget and could create a contingency fund for replacement costs. He said that the Village would need full inventory of whatever the Fire Department was looking to transfer ownership of to present to the Town. Fire Chief Barber said that he would get the inventory together to submit.

Fire Chief Barber stated that the process for the Budget was very lengthy and difficult as he was told he needed to get several quotes for each item they were looking to purchase. Clerk Julie Allen explained that for budgetary purposes, they only needed two. She explained that you needed two to make sure that neither quote was out of bounds with their cost. She went on to say that she recommended he come into the office, and he could go through all the invoices and recs that the Fire Department had paid so far this year to help him see where the money from his Budget went.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 326, 2025

WHEREAS Tom Sullivan was unable to attend the Saratoga Planning and Zoning Conference due to illness, and the Village will not be refunded the fees paid;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board waives charging Tom Sullivan for the fees as it was due to illness.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 326, 2025 ADOPTED. February 10, 2025

Clerk Julie Allen asked the Board for permission to start looking for a replacement Treasurer for when Treasurer Danae Bock retires in September, 2025. She explained that it took months to find a replacement for the payroll clerk and that she wanted to have plenty of time to train the incoming person.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 327, 2025

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire someone to replace Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Danae Bock, who will be retiring in September of 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves Clerk Julie Allen to seek a full-time year-round permanent employee with benefits for the position of Treasurer/Deputy Clerk with a start date to be as soon as possible so that training can begin. Submittal for Board approval to hire will occur when a valid candidate is found.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 327, 2025

February 10, 2025

Mayor Perry presented the request to abolish the Director of Special Events position to the Board. He stated that he felt there was no longer a need for a separate position.

Trustee Root asked if the Mayor intended to use the portion the County was paying to supplement his income. Mayor Perry explained that he had spoken with the County and per the agreement, they would pay for the services provided. He went on to explain that he would not take the money but instead he would like the money allocated in the amount of \$10,000 to cover costs incurred by the DPW for the extra work associated with labor needed for events. He said he would like to use the other \$5,000 to cover the cost of a raise for the events planning clerk. Mayor Perry said that he had already spoken with Attorney Matt Fuller to have the agreement between the Village and the County updated. He said that at a later date, he would be asking the Board to approve a raise for the Mayor; but that at that moment, he was just looking to abolish the Director of Special Events position.

Trustee Miller asked if it was his intent to have whoever was in the position of Mayor to handle the duties that were covered by the Director of Special Events. Mayor Perry said that it would be up to each Mayor and consequent Board to determine that. Trustee Mille said that she was fine with abolishing the position, but that she wanted some more time to decide the salary of the Mayor. Trustee Root said the same, that he wanted to make sure he could justify the large increase in salary to anyone asking.

Mayor Perry said that he did not need them to determine any salary increase at this time and that when the time came, he would recuse himself and allow the Board to make the determination.

Mayor Perry went on to say that he felt events held in Shepard Park should be permitted to charitable organizations only.

Trustee Filomeno stated that he felt in large part, that previous Village Boards had created the problem of having to approve a large increase in salary because they had not authorized one in such a long time. He said that if they had done it incrementally they would not have to come up with such a large amount now. He said that the current Board was now stuck with having to authorize and explain the large increase because it wasn't taken care of before.

Trustee Miller stated she would like to speak to Village residents to get their feedback.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 328, 2025

WHEREAS, Robert Blais has resigned his position as Director of Special events; and

WHEREAS, the part time position was intended to be a temporary position; and

WHEREAS, the current Mayor subsequently having shadowed the previous Mayor in his capacity as Director of Special Events to learn the requirements;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George abolish the position of Director of Special Events Director effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 328, 2025 ADOPTED February 10, 2025

Mayor Perry presented the EGS agreement for review.

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

RESOLUTION NO 329, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves Mayor Perry to sign the contract with EGS Advanced Energy Solutions to negotiate and structure energy procurement rates on behalf of the Village.

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

RESOLUTION NO 329, 2025 ADOPTED. February 10, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO 330, 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:	Voucher Numbers	Checks
				39867-
2/7/2025	General	\$68,705.95	243355-243356	39871
	Water	<u>\$15,032.01</u>	243378-243383	
		\$83,737.96		
2/11/2025	General	\$1,344.73	243354	
	Water	<u>\$87.33</u>	243363	
		\$1,432.06	243384	

CK # 39870 - VOID for payroll (02/07/25)

CK # 7355 - VOID for payroll (02/07/25)

VOTING**Ayes: 5****Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root****Nays: 0****RESOLUTION NO 330, 2025 ADOPTED.****February 10, 2025**

Mayor Perry said that he was currently looking at the upcoming Budget and that he was still trying to find a solution to second chance. He said that the cost associated with second chance was very high and that he felt there should be a less expensive option. He said that he was reaching out to H2B to see their costs.

He said that he was again asking Joint Occ Tax to cover the cost of the fireworks.

Trustee Mastrodomenico asked if we could request that the fireworks company to not have so many loud bangers or offer fewer shows to help appease the complaints from residents. Mayor Perry said that reducing the number of shows was not feasible, but requesting fewer loud bangers could be an option.

Trustee Miller asked if anyone knew when the State would be finishing repairs to the sidewalks. Trustee Mastrodomenico said it would be in the Spring. Mayor Perry said that they were doing stamped concrete.

Trustee Miller asked where they were in relation to creating Pappy's Playground. Mayor Perry said that they had to have a cost analysis done before proceeding. He said that they wanted to go in front of Wood and Wright foundations in March or April.

Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion to Adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen
Village Clerk