

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, February 24, 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, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Chief Operator Tim Shudt, Director of Planning and Zoning Dan Barusch, Fire Chief Jim Barber, Fire President Doni Smith, Robert Evans, Luke Dow, Tom McKinney, Josh Giuliano, John Carr, Morgan Taylor, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting held on February 10, 2025.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the Special Workshop Meeting held on February 10, 2025.

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

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Fire Department, Superintendent of Public Works, REC Center, and Financial Reports were presented and made available to the public.

Mayor Perry asked Dan Barusch to present the NEXAMP proposal.

Dan Barusch explained that NEXAMP was a community solar program that the Village went out to bid for five years ago and set up the Village's small electric accounts on, with a pay as you go model. He said NEXAMP recently came back to him offering the Village and Town to sign their anchor (large) accounts which require a contract with a twenty-year term. He said that the Town did not agree to a twenty-year term with them. He said that the Town went back into negotiations with them and agreed to a fifteen-year term. Mr. Barusch suggested that the Village consider the same deal of fifteen years for their large accounts. He went on to explain that on average the savings were about eleven percent. He said with a twenty-year contract the savings would near almost \$1M. Mr. Barusch said that he would wait to hear back from the Village Board. He said that the Village is currently saving around \$40k per year with the current contract.

Trustee Root said that last year there was discussion regarding doing a consolidation or comprehensive study. He asked Mr. Barusch if he had any room on his plate to do one this year.

Mr. Barusch responded that generally speaking his plates were pretty full but if the Board wanted he could figure it out if either were to be forwarded or attempted to be started. He said his only suggestion was that with the comprehensive plan, some of what would end up on the comprehensive plan may be predicated on how the DRI money was spent and how some of the

projects came out. He said that if the Board determines they want the comprehensive study done first, they should wait until they achieve some completion of the DRI. Mr. Barusch said that the consolidation study could be done whenever they want as the grant available to fund it was a rolling grant, so it was available numerous times a year. He said that the smart growth grant available for the comprehensive plan was only available from May until July so if it didn't happen prior to July they would need to wait until the following year.

Trustee Root asked if the tax incentive was still in place for the consolidation study. Mr. Barusch responded that it was still available and that the likelihood of that program ever going away was very slim. He said that even during Covid, they offered incentive.

Mayor Perry presented the correspondence received. He said there was a letter from the LGA with the updated dates for the Rec Center program. The next letter was a request for financial support from the Lake George Jr.-Sr, High School for the Junior prom. The Mayor explained that the Village could not offer financial support. The Mayor then presented the Water report results from the Department of Health for the public's review. Mayor Perry presented a second notice received from Robert Blais regarding flooding that occurs on his property. Mayor Perry said that Water and Soil looked at the scenario and that they had offered to gift materials to help rectify the issue this Spring.

Mayor Perry presented resolutions for consideration to the Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 331, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village Hall & Visitor Center need insect abatement in the Spring of each year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign the annual agreement with Tree Care by Stan Hunt for foundation spray for insect control at the Village Hall and Visitor Center in the amount of \$1,400.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 331, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 332, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to support the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages with 2025 dues in the amount of \$100.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 332, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 333, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby sets the price for a 2025 Americade PP at \$20., which is valid at any legal Village parking space from Monday, May 26, 2025 through Sunday, June 1, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 333, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 334, 2025

WHEREAS, to make the sale of Americade PP tickets easier, Americade has purchased tickets in advance to distribute in their Welcome packets;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby agrees to refund any unsold tickets to Americade in the amount of \$20.00 each.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 334, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 335, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes 90 parking passes to be given to volunteers at Americade free of charge for the 2025 Americade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 335, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 336, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to sign the 2025-2026 renewal policy proposal in the amount of \$39,580.05 from Upstate Insurance Agency for insurance coverage with Utica National for the Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes payment of the premium at the next available pay date.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 336, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

There was a short discussion about the award for a Food Truck for Fridays at the Lake. Trustee Miller stated that she was not in favor of awarding it to Mr. Cianciolo as in a prior year, he did not follow through on another contract with the money he owed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 337, 2025

WHEREAS Vincent Cianciolo of Bambaz Mac-N-Meatballs, 164 Canada Street, Lake George, NY, 12845, offered the highest responsive, responsible bid for the Food Truck service proposal for Fridays at the Lake;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby awards Vincent Cianciolo of Bambaz Mac-N-Meatballs, 164 Canada Street, Lake George, NY, 12845 for a total bid of \$1,600.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 337, 2025 ADOPTED February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 338, 2025

WHEREAS, the Lake George Community Band is looking for financial assistance to cover their costs; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby approves payment to the Lake George Community Band in the amount of \$8,000. for the 2025 season.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 338, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 339, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Perry hereby makes the following new appointment effective February 24, 2025 unless otherwise noted:

Planning Board – Vice Chair – Patricia Dow

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

RESOLUTION NO. 339, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

Mayor Perry presented the insurance renewal options to the Board. He noted that there would be a 12% increase in premiums if they opted to stay with the current Platinum Program offered

to the Village employees. Trustee Miller asked if the Village could offer more than one program to the employees. Clerk Allen said that she was unsure because she thinks the premiums are based on the number of employees. She said she would look into and get back to the Board. A unanimous decision was made to table the matter until the next meeting on March 3, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 340 , 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares the Hinneker Two Cubic Yard sander with no motor as surplus and wishes to sell it via public auction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 340, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 341, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby rescinds Resolution 266, 2024 in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Use of Shepard Park and Parade, contingent upon receipt insurance and other necessary documents, fees for parade to be waived, Shepard Park Fees are applicable

- Hudson Valley Firemen's Convention, Tom McKinney, June 11-14, 2025, All day

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

RESOLUTION NO. 341, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 342, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves hiring the following employee:

- Full Time, \$20/hour , WWTP laborer, Mark Carpenter, start date 2/26/25

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

RESOLUTION NO. 342, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

Mayor Perry asked Fire President Doni Smith to present the request for approval for the Fire Department sign repair. Fire President Doni Smith said that they had received a quote from Surefire Sign to replace the "guts" of the Fire Department sign in the amount of \$7,652. for materials. She said that the installation would be another \$1000. She explained that the old

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- **Americade, Red Knights NY 3, Frank Nastro, May 28, 2025 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 345, 2025 ADOPTED. **February 24, 2025**
Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Filomeno, offered the following resolution;

RESOLUTION NO. 346, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby grants permission to hold a St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16, 2025 at 11:30am from West Brook Road, up Canada Street, to Amherst Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 346, 2025 ADOPTED. **February 24, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 347, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 25/26 budget as follows:

- **Community Benefit Day, Robert M. Blais, May 18, 2025, in the amount of \$5,500.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 347, 2025 ADOPTED. **February 24, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 348, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 25/26 budget as follows:

Rockin' for Ronald, August 1-2, 2025, for an additional \$3,000, making it a total of \$6,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 348, 2025 ADOPTED. **February 24, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 349, 2025

FINAL READS

L. Line, Acct 4031 \$23.34
 D. Beshara, Acct 964 \$ 8.51

The above will result in the following Journal Entries upon Board approval:

DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE \$31.85
 CR F2140 WATER METERED \$21.85
 CR F2145 WATER METER EQUIP CHARGES \$10.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 351, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO 352, 2025

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TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:
A.1440.0400 Engineer	A1620.0400 Buildings	\$10,000.00
A.1990.0400 Contingency	A.7510.0400 Historian contractual	\$195.03
A.3410.0400 Fire- Contractual	A.3410.010 Fire - training & physicals	\$215.00

			Voucher Numbers	Checks
2/7/2025	General - Payroll Audit	\$68,705.95	243355-243356	39867-
	Water - Payroll Audit	<u>\$15,032.01</u>	243378-243383	39871
		\$83,737.96		
2/11/2025	General - Audit	\$1,344.73	243354	39872-
	Water - Audit	<u>\$87.33</u>	243363	39874
		\$1,432.06	243384	
2/20/2025	General - Payroll Audit	\$143,140.67	243389-243401	39875-
	Water - Payroll Audit	<u>\$33,319.46</u>	243405-243437	39882
		\$176,460.13		
2/25/2025	General - Audit	\$131,133.38	243357-243362	
	Water - Audit	\$11,497.78	243364-243377	
	Shepard Park Gazebo - Audit	<u>\$24,082.96</u>	243385-343388	
		\$166,714.12	243402-243404	
			243438-243534	

CK # 39870 - VOID for payroll

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(02/07/25)
CK # 7355 - VOID for payroll (02/07/25)
CK # 39880 - VOID for payroll
(02/21/25)
CK # 7358 - VOID for payroll (02/21/25)

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

RESOLUTION NO 329, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

Mayor Perry asked Fire Chief Jim Barber if he had anything he wanted to discuss with the Board. Chief Barber said he would like to request an executive session at the next Board meeting to discuss the employment history of a particular fire member. Mayor Perry said he would have it added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Perry asked Tom McKinney if he had anything he would like to discuss with the Board. Mr. McKinney said that he was requesting that the Village offer parking passes for the upcoming Hudson Valley Fireman's Convention, June 11-14, 2025. He requested that the Board allow parking with a pass for a cost of \$20, like they do for Americade.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 353, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby sets the price for a 2025 HVFC PP at \$20., which is valid at any legal Village parking space from Tuesday, June 11, 2025 through Saturday, June 14, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 353, 2025 ADOPTED. February 24, 2025

Mayor Perry said that the Village was still playing catch-up with the snow and ice so there would be overtime for the DPW that is covered under the current budget. Superintendent Lanfear said that he currently has four surplus items on the auction site to sell.

Trustee Root asked when the Board will be going over the upcoming budget. Mayor Perry said that the Trustees can come into the office at any time to look at individual department budgets and that the Board would be working together at the next few meetings.

Trustee Miller said that she had spoken with Gene at the Rec Center and that he asked to have the website updated to give correct information.

Mayor Perry said that the new Village website was close to completion and that in the upcoming weeks the Trustees would be sent a link to log in and look at the preliminary run through.

Trustee Root made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen
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Village Clerk

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