

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

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, Andy Allison of AJA Architects, Caleb White, Doni Smith, Luke Mosseau, Jessyca Darrah, Merissa Marco, Linda Chesney, Kirsten Rogers, Charles Durrah, Robert Evans, Linda Duffy, Peter Wilhelm, Marisa Muratori, Glenda Howland, Dean Howland, John Coccozza-Hill, Nancy Nichols, Rob Langley, and Marinko Trajkoski. Others present via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held December 16, 2024 and the Special Joint Meeting held on January 9, 2025.

Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held December 16, 2024.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes for the special joint Meeting held January 9, 2025.

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

MOTION PASSED

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Department, Planning & Zoning Office, REC Center, financial reports, Director of Special Events report, and Annual Historian report were presented and made available to the public.

Mayor Perry introduced Andy Allison of AJA Architects and asked him to come forward to speak on the proposal and drawings for the bandstand at Shepard Park.

Mr. Allison explained that his company was approximately 50% complete with their design. He said that the new amphitheater would be in the footprint of the previous one. He said that they would restore the stone seating, dance area, enlarging the driveway area, stabilizing the lawn, adding a playground area, be ADA compliant from the boardwalk to the stage, and adding a full basement to the design. He continued and explained they would be adding more seating and replacing grass with natural turf. He said the playground would use natural timbers to blend into the design.

He went on to say that there was a building committee that had been involved since the beginning and had been integral in deciding what they wanted incorporated into the design. He said they had determined that the new structure needed more storage, enhanced lighting and audio visual, better access, a green room, and a way to move equipment. Mr. Allison showed drawings to the Board and audience to show that the back wall opened, would have a lift for equipment, and flared walls. He explained that the acoustics would be phenomenal, and the view of the lake would be better than the previous structure.

Mr. Allison said that the schedule to start putting together construction documents was to put the bid out in the Spring and award the bid in July so that construction could begin sometime in the Fall. He asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Root asked if there was a plan to upgrade the exterior surrounding lighting. Mr. Allison responded yes, they were adding more along the stairs and pathways.

Trustee Filomeno asked what the total overall seating would be. Mr. Allison said that he had not calculated it but that his guess would be around 1,500.

Trustee Root asked if the budgeting had included updating the stone near the sidewalk. Mr. Allison said it was not. Mayor Perry stated that it was not budgeted for, but it would be addressed.

Trustee Miller asked if the artificial turf would permit water drainage. Mr. Allison said that it would, and that the dance floor would also be using porous pavers to aid in drainage as well.

Mayor Perry announced to all present that they were invited to attend a public presentation that would be held on January 30, 2025 at the Carriage House at Fort William Henry at 6:00 p.m..

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

RESOLUTION NO. 295, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George (the “Village”) has since summer 2024 been leading the effort of the Shepard Park Amphitheater reconstruction which has become needed due to the fire that occurred in the summer of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Village received a proposal from AJA Architecture to complete the required preliminary replacement drawings and awarded it to AJA Architecture; and

WHEREAS, the Village has previously engaged with AJA Architecture, an architecture, engineering and planning firm, to assist the Village and the unofficial Shepard Park Amphitheater Committee with the development of design plans and “Clerk of the works” functions for project design and administration; and

WHEREAS, AJA Architecture has submitted a proposal for continued architectural, engineering, and “clerk of the works” services for \$214,250. for the development of a new Amphitheater and site work at in Shepard Park; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Board of the Village of Lake George, along with the project committee agree it is in the best interest of the Village to continue with AJA Architecture for architectural services, engineering, and clerk of the works services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby agrees to enter into a contractual agreement with AJA Architecture of 9 Board Street, Glens Falls, NY based on the Proposal for Professional Services submitted to the Village on October 9, 2024, for a cost not to exceed \$214,250.;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the professional services/contractual agreement with AJA Architects for said services as part of the Shepard Park Amphitheater project, to be paid for by general budget funds from the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget as needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and directs the Village Mayor, Village Clerk, and Village Director of Planning and Zoning to sign such other documents and take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

**VOTING Aye: 5 Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root
 Nay: 0**

RESOLUTION NO. 295, 2025, ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry pulled the NEXAMP proposal from the agenda as Dan Barusch was unable to attend the meeting to explain the proposal to the Village Board.

Mayor Perry presented several resolutions for consideration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 296, 2025

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to Village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official Village duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.70 per mile.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 296, 2025 ADOPTED January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 297, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George was awarded a grant in the amount of up to \$75,000. for a Stormwater Reduction Project Design; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George sent out requests for proposals for engineering services for the Shepard Park Stormwater Reduction Project Design; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Geoge received one proposal in the amount of \$70,000. from Suozzo, Doty, and Associates of 4607 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George requires assistance with the administration of the grant, and the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board has submitted to provide the service for a cost of \$5,000.;

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of the Village of Lake approves Mayor Perry to sign the agreements with Suozzo, Doty, and Associates in the amount of \$70,000 and Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board in the amount of \$5,000. Both to be funded from account A.8020.0400

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

RESOLUTION NO. 297, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 298, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Safety policies effective immediately:

- **Ergonomic and Safe Lifting Policy**
- **Work Zone Safety Policy**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 298, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 299, 2025

WHEREAS the 2025 list of eligible active firefighters for LOSAP has been submitted for Village Board approval and authorizes the aforementioned list to be posted at the Lake George Firehouse for firefighters to review;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George approves the firefighters' list and posting of it, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the 30-day posting requirement, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Raymond Perry to sign the necessary documents to be sent on to PenFlex for calculation of the amount needed for the Village to contribute.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 299, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 300, 2025

WHEREAS the Lake George WWTP at 1 Treatment Road has three Fire Alarm Panels that need to be monitored; and

WHEREAS we received a quote for daily monitoring by Johnson Controls for a yearly fee of \$1,962;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the hiring of Johnson Controls to complete the necessary monitoring for 2025 at a cost of \$1,962.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 300, 2025 ADOPTED

January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 301, 2025

WHEREAS eligible voting residents of the Village of Lake George approved a proposition to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of Lake George Volunteer Fire Company, effective June 1, 1991 in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (hereinafter the “Law”); and,

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George (hereinafter the “Village”) is the Program Sponsor and Program Administrator of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company Service Award Program (hereinafter the “Program”); and,

WHEREAS under the current Program provisions, volunteers earn a \$1,200 Annual Service Award Contribution for each year of Service Credit earned up to forty (40) years of such credit with the Service Award payment commencing to the volunteer upon attainment of the Program Entitlement Age of fifty-five (55) and,

WHEREAS the Law authorizes the Village of Trustees to seek approval by Village residents at a mandatory referendum of an amendment to the Program; and,

WHEREAS this amendment is intended to enable the Village to improve the Service Award Program benefits for active volunteer firefighters of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company, and,

WHEREAS such improvement in the Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Department recruit and retain active volunteer firefighters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as Article 11-A of the Law authorizes, the Board of Trustees directs that there be a public referendum of the Village’s eligible voters in an election to be held on March 18, 2025 to seek voter approval to amend the Program effective January 1, 2026 to increase the maximum number of years of Service Credit that a volunteer can earn from forty (40) to fifty (50) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2026 Lake George Volunteer Fire Company calculated cost of funding the Program is about \$45,600 or about \$1,200 per participating volunteer.

Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost of the amended program for current participants based on Program census information is estimated to still be about \$45,600, or \$1,200 per participating volunteer. There is no expected administration cost increase because of this amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other provisions of the Program which require voter approval to amend shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Village in accordance with Article 11-A of the Law as such law is amended from time to time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the failure of the amendment to be approved by the voters of the Village of Lake George will in no way affect the provisions of the service award program presently in effect.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 301, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 302, 2025

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George has received its annual license renewal with a cost of \$445. from ASCAP to be able to hold Special events;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board grants Mayor Perry to sign the renewal of the license and pay the fee of \$445.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 302, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 303, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has contracted with Unifirst for employee uniforms for several years and has been satisfied with their service;

WHEREAS, prices have been negotiated successfully for a new five-year contract;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George authorizes Mayor Perry to sign the new contract for services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 303, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 304, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to sign the preventative maintenance contracts with Milton Cat for our generators. The Contracts are valid beginning January 1, 2025 with three service dates.

- **WWTP, 1 Treatment Road, January 1, 2025, July 1, 2025, and January 2026 for three service dates for a total cost of \$8,853.65.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 304, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 305, 2024

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George Zoning Board alternate Kieran Murray became a permanent member;

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Perry hereby makes the following new appointments effective January 27, 2025 unless otherwise noted:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Vice Chair – Kieran Murray

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

RESOLUTION NO. 305, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 306, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares the 2011 F-250 Ford flatbed pickup as surplus and wishes to sell them via public auction.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 306, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 307, 2025

WHEREAS, an RFP was sent out to solicit for beverage services for the Shepard Park Fridays at the Lake concert series;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to award the bid and sign an agreement with the vendor offering the highest amount. Common Roots Brewing Company at 58 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY offered \$400. per date to provide beer and wine beverage service for Fridays at the Lake in Shepard Park on the eight Friday dates: July 4, 11, 18, 25; August 1, 8, 22, and 29, 2025.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Common Roots Brewing Co. shall provide and obtain all necessary SLA permits and insurance according to the proposal, as well as supply refrigeration, necessary cover, product, tables, signage, lighting fixtures, and personnel for their event dates.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 307, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry presented the results of the RFP for Food vendors for Fridays at the Lake. Trustee Root pointed out that the submittal from Vincent Cianciolo of Bambaz failed to comply with the request as he did not submit a photo of his food truck as required and therefor should not be considered. There was discussion regarding the two remaining proposals.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Filomeno made a motion to table the award until references could be presented by each vendor.

Mayor Perry presented the resolution for snowmobile and ATV use. Trustee Root said he was still opposed to use in the Village due to safety concerns. Linda Duffy spoke on behalf of the ATV use stating that in all the years that ATVs had been permitted, there had never been an accident or problem.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 308, 2025

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George hosts several special events annually, in accordance with Article II 135-10 of the Code of the Village of Lake George;

WHEREAS, many of these events require the use of motorized vehicles, ATV's and snowmobiles during the winter months;

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to make accessible all businesses in the Village to these participants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, due to a large influx of snowmobiles and ATV's that the Board of Trustees agrees to assist our open businesses into taking advantage of their presence, we hereby amend Article XXIII Snowmobiles of Chapter 200 Vehicle and Traffic of the Village Code to permit snowmobiles and ATVs on the following streets commencing February 1, 2025 until ice out on Lake George:

- 1) Dieskau Street and Ottawa Street from the intersection of Amherst Street north to a point 300 feet north of the intersection of Mohican Street.**
- 2) Crossing Canada Street.**
- 3) Lower Amherst Street from the shoreline to Canada Street**
- 4) Shepard Park**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 308, 2025 ADOPTED January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 309, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees hereby rescinds in its entirety Resolution No. 274, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 309, 2025 ADOPTED January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry pulled the resolution abolishing the director of special events from the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 310, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves amendments to the Village Employee Handbook as follows:
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N. Training:

Commercial Drivers License

The Village Board of Trustees may select employees as necessary to complete a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) course and pay the necessary tuition.

Water and Wastewater License

The Village Board of Trustees may select employees as necessary to complete training towards earning a certificate for Water and Wastewater accreditation Licenses and pay the necessary tuition.

Employees selected for training that will earn a license must sign an agreement to stay employed with the Village of Lake George for a term of two years after earning the license, or they must repay the cost of the tuition and or license.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 310, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Explanation: New Material is underlined. Deleted Material is ~~crossed out~~.

Mayor Perry began the discussion of the special event and facility use applications.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 311, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the Special Event application from Nancy Nichols, for use of Shepard Park and Blais Park for the Lake George Winter Carnival for weekends in February 2024 and March 1 & 2, 2025, approves the Parade permit for their scheduled parades on February 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025 contingent upon receipt of insurance and other necessary documents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board waives the fees for these events at the Rec Center, Soccer Fields, Shepard Park, and for the Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval is contingent upon receipt insurance, and other necessary documents.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 311, 2025 ADOPTED. **January 27, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 312, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Use of Shepard Park contingent upon receipt insurance and other necessary documents, fees to be waived.

- **Lake George Arts Jazz at the Lake, September 12 - 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
- **Lake George Art Concert Series, Wednesdays, July 2 – August 27, 2025, 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 312, 2025 ADOPTED. **January 27, 2025**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 313, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following events with a request for an alcohol waiver contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance, and other necessary documents:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to a daily rate as set by the County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village’s code will be waived for all applications hereafter referenced and indicate the sale of beer and wine on the premises during the event is hereby approved contingent upon proof of licensing from the New York State Liquor Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other aspects of these events are contingent upon approval of the promoter’s safety plan by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park.

- **Adirondack Wine & Food Festival, Sasha Parady, June 28-29, 2025, 10:00am-6:00pm**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 313, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 314, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following events with a request for an alcohol waiver contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance, and other necessary documents:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to a daily rate as set by the County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village’s code will be waived for all applications hereafter referenced and indicate the sale of beer and wine on the premises during the event is hereby approved contingent upon proof of licensing from the New York State Liquor Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other aspects of these events are contingent upon approval of the promoter’s safety plan by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park.

- **ESTRA Tow show, Empire State Towing & Recovery, Bob Gorman, June 6-8, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 314, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 315, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following events with a request for an alcohol waiver contingent upon receipt of all insurance and other necessary documents, fees to be waived:

- **Wild in the Trees Music & Skateboarding Festival, Frank Cavone, October 4, 2025, time TBD**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board waives all Village fees and suggests the County waive their daily rate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village’s code will be waived for all applications hereafter referenced and indicate the sale of beer and wine on the premises during the event is hereby approved contingent upon proof of licensing from the New York State Liquor Authority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other aspects of these events are contingent upon approval of the promoter’s safety plan by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 315, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry submitted the requests for Occ tax to the Village Board.

Trustee Root said that he would like to see guidelines set up to help determine who, how often, and how much an event can receive.

Trustee Miller said she would like to also see criteria set up to help make determinations.

Mayor Perry said he did not like the idea of limiting the Board. He said that limiting an event to receive funds like “not-for-profit” will always require funding to make their event successful.

Trustee Root said he would like to see more money from Occ Tax used for other purposes than events. He said that he does not believe Lake George needs to be a four-season destination.

Mayor Perry said that the Village had many businesses that feel differently. He said that Village businesses have a hard time with finding and keeping employees if they are unable to offer year-round employment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 316, 2025

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

- **Kellys Angel’s, Mark Mulholland, July 25-28, 2025, \$6,000.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 316, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 317, 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 \$3,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 317, 2025 ADOPTED.

January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry introduced Caleb White to the Board and asked him to please explain to the Board what he was looking for permission to do in regard to his event application.

Mr. White said that he was looking to hold a free event on July 20, 2025, in Shepard Park that would showcase local comedians, including himself. He said that all the acts would be seasoned, and family friendly. He asked the Board to waive the fees as he was paying the comedians to perform, and he was not charging for attendance. John Root suggested instead of waiving the fee that the Board award him \$500. in Occ Tax.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 318, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Use of Shepard Park Beach, contingent upon receipt insurance and other necessary documents.

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

- **Family Comedy Night, Caleb White, July 20, 2025, Occ Tax Award \$500.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 318, 2025 ADOPTED.

January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry presented two requests for variances.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 319, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves a variance for Brett Lange, of Pablos Cantina, Inc, from the Local Law requiring him to keep his sidewalk café open during the winter months. The variance is contingent on him maintaining a clear sidewalk and entire walkway in front of his business and his business being open every day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves a variance for Robert Langley, of Kicking Country, from the Local Law requiring him to keep his patio fencing

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up during the winter months. The variance is contingent on him maintaining a clear sidewalk and entire walkway in front of his business and his business being open every day.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 319, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry explained to the Board that there was an outstanding balance owed by Billy Joe Ovitt for a few shirts that he had failed to return to the Village. He asked if the Board would like to waive the fees and said that if they did not want to he would pay for the shirts himself. The Board members each chimed in and said they would like to split the fees equally and not invoice Billy Joe Ovitt. The Board members submitted the money to Clerk Allen to pay the invoice.

Mayor Perry asked the Board if they would like to renew the lease with Quirk for the ticket booth rental or if they would like to have an RFP done. There was a short discussion, and the Board determined they would like to do an RFP siting that several people had shown interest in submitting a bid.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 320, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of the Village of Lake George authorizes Clerk Julie Allen, to request proposals from people interested in leasing the ticket booth located off Beach Road, Lake George.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 320, 2025 ADOPTED. January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry explained to the Board that he was approached by a company called EGS energy systems that would go back and look at utility bills, free of charge, to see if the Village had been overcharged. He said that it would not cost the Village any money and if they found any money due us, they would split the savings with us 50/50.

Mayor Perry read over the training requests presented to the Village Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 321, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves Village staff to attend:

- **Wastewater Treatment – Tim Shudt Jr., Microsoft Excel Level 1 & Level 2, March 18 & 20, 2025 and April 8 & 10, 2025, SUNY Adirondack, \$145.00 & \$145**
- **NYAWWA – April 15 – 17, 2025, Chris Andrews, Chris Buckley, \$90.00 each**
- **Saratoga County – Planning and Zoning Conference, February 5, 2025, Debonnay Meyers, Kevin Merry, Tom Sullivan, Carol Sullivan, Bob Labar, Mike Ravally, Patricia Dow, and Dean Howland \$90.00 each**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 321, 2025 ADOPTED.

January 27, 2025

Mayor Perry suggested going forward that the Village Board hold two meetings each month. He suggested the first meeting be a workshop to discuss ideas and the second one to be the regular Board meeting. He said that for the month of February the meetings would be February 10 and February 24, 2025 due to the holiday. He explained that after that the meetings would be on the first and third Monday of each month. All Board members agreed it would be a good idea.

Mayor Perry asked Fire Chief Barber if he had anything he wanted to present to the Board. Chief Barber said that he had a new member that he would like approved. Mayor Perry said that Chief Barbe could present the request at the February 10, 2025 meeting.

Chief Barber then asked if the Village had done anything at the Rec center to help facilitate the Fire department being able to train there. Superintendent Lanfear explained that the flow that they currently get at the pump station is the most they will get anywhere else. He said that they can put in a hydrant near the ball fields but that it would have to wait until the ground thawed.

Chief Barber said that at times getting the fire trucks out during calls was difficult due to both lanes being blocked with traffic. He suggested that the Village consider making one side from Iroquois to Canada street a fire lane.

Mayor Perry presented the water changes and transfers and audits.

Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the Water Changes:

RESOLUTION NO. 322, 2025

JANUARY 2025 WATER CHANGES

JANUARY PENALTIES	\$ 1,583.14
FEBRUARY BILLING	\$151,006.24
LESS SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT	(\$ 1,152.96)
METER UPGRADE	\$ 15,931.00
PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE	\$ 50.00

F0350 is off \$0.15 due to an incorrect deposit on 1/21/25. Cash payment was entered as \$160.65 but was inadvertently switched to \$160.50 when the deposit was completed by Treasurer, waiting for correction.

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

DR F0350 Water Receivable	\$1,583.14	
CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 1,583.14	
DR F0350 Water Receivable	\$165,834.28	
CR F2140 WATER METERED		\$149,853.28
CR F2145 WATER METER EQUIP CHARGES		\$ 15,931.00

CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES

\$ 50.00

VOTING

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

RESOLUTION NO. 322, 2025 ADOPTED.

January 27, 2025

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 323, 2025
JANUARY 2025**

TRANSFERS:

From:		To:		Amount:
A5630.0400	BUS OPERATION	A7550.0400	CEEBRATIONS	\$9,000.00
A1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	A1620.0400	BUILDINGS CONTRACTUAL	\$10,000.00
A1640.0400	CNTRAL GARAGE	A1640.0440	CENTRAL GARAGE VEHICLES	\$5,000.00
	SANITRAY SEWER		SANITARY SEWER	
A8120.0400	CONTRACTUAL	A8120.0200	EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00
A3410.0200	FIRE- EQUIPMENT	A3410.0400	FIRE CONTRACTUAL	\$26,651.81
A1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	A1950.0400	TAXES ON PROPERTY	\$255.00
A1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	A9040.0800	WORKERS COMP	\$2,500.00
			STREET MAINTENANCE	
A1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	A5110.0410	PAVING	\$302.80

			Voucher Numbers	Checks
1/9/2025	General	\$131,038.32	243144-243154	39759-39766
	Water	<u>\$20,534.14</u>		
		\$151,572.46		
1/23/2025	General	\$86,415.84	243242-243247	39767-39772
	Water	<u>\$19,652.61</u>	243258-243260	
		\$106,068.45	243288-243290	
1/28/2025	General	\$271,121.96	243155-243241	
	Water	<u>\$28,064.94</u>	243248-243257	
	Shepard Park Gazebo	<u>\$51,172.11</u>	243261-243287	
		\$350,359.01	243291-243315	
			243317-243352	

- CK # 39765 - VOID for payroll (01/09/25)
- CK # 7348 - VOID for payroll (01/09/25)
- CK # 39770 - VOID for payroll (01/23/25)
- CK # 7351 - VOID for payroll (01/23/25)

VOTING

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

RESOLUTION NO. 323, 2025 ADOPTED.

January 27, 2025

1-27-25 regular

At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Perry, made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

At 7:20 p.m. Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Filomeno, unanimously carried to end the executive session and open the regular Board meeting. No action was taken during executive session.

At 7:20 p.m. there was a motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Filomeno to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie K. Allen
Village Clerk