

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available with audio only.

Present: Raymond Perry, Mayor  
Joe Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor  
Jose Filomeno, Trustee  
Alyson Miller, Trustee  
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Julie Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Beautification Judy Gearwar, Fire Chief Jim Barber, Fire President Doni Smith, Patricia Dow, Pam Mannix, Attorney Gregory Teresi, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2024.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2024.

**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, Director of Events, REC Center, and Financial Reports were presented and made available to the public.

Mayor Perry presented an application for a new junior fire member.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2024**

**WHEREAS the following individual: Mykah Collier-Fisher 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 Mykah Collier-Fisher for junior membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately.**

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry asked Judy Gearwar, head of Beautification, to present to the Board the results of the 2025 Flower requests for proposals. She presented the results along with a written request to the Board to award the proposal to the best value vendor. She went on to explain the justification in awarding to the best value rather than the lowest proposal.



**RESOLUTION NO. 233, 2024 ADOPTED.**

**October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 234, 2024**

**WHEREAS the Board of the Village of Lake George has previously approved using NYCLASS for investments in Resolution 148, 2024;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes a transfer in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the parking account to NYCLASS for investment.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 234, 2024**

**October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 235, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Perry to sign a contract with Mountain Medical/Standard Medical Services to handle the random drug testing of Village employees for the period January 1, through December 31, 2025.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 235, 2024 ADOPTED.**

**October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 236, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves Mayor Perry to sign the contract with Jim Anderson of Willjam to handle booking the bands for 2025 Fridays at the Lake in Shepard Park; at a cost of \$44,000.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 236, 2024 ADOPTED.**

**October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry asked Attorney Gregory Teresi to present the license agreement for LGBC,LLC. Trustee Filomeno recused himself from the discussion and vote. Attorney Teresi asked that the Village Board to consider making a change to the license agreement to allow it to auto renew four times. He explained that the Village Board, according to the agreement, can terminate or change the fee at any time during the term of the agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 237, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves Mayor Perry to sign the license agreement with Lake George Beach Club. LLC for the lease of tax map parcel 251.18-3-55.2, 3 Lower Montcalm Street, Lake George, New York for \$250.00 per year. The license agreement will auto renew, for (four) five-year terms.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 237, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry read through the special event and facility use applications.

Trustee Miller stated that she looked into the request by Sasha Pardy of Adirondack Winery to waive fees for NYS Agriculture members. She stated she was unable to find anything that would help a person to identify that the vendor is a member. She asked to table the matter and ask Sasha Pardy how these vendors can be identified (i.e. – a certificate?). The motion to table was unanimously approved.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 238, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves the Special Event application from Luke Dow, of the Lake George Steamboat Company for Rock the Dock Music Fest to be held on the Steel Pier July 12, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 238, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 239, 2024**

**BE IT 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 be waived.

- 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. 239, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 240, 2024**

**BE IT 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 to be waived.

- Lake George Polar Plunge – Beach, Chris Hughes, November 23, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 240, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2024**

**BE IT 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 to be waived.

- LGCGC Plant Sale, Theresa Rescorl, May 17, 2025, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 242, 2024**

**BE IT 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 to be waived.

- LGFD Summer Festival, Doni Smith, June 19-22, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- LGFD Family Festival, Doni Smith, August 14-17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 242, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 243, 2024**

**BE IT 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 to be waived.

- **Kelly's Angels Summer Lovin' Fun Fest, Robert Blais, Mark Mullholland, July 24-27, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**VOTING- Approval of Event**

**Ayes: 5** Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

**Nays: 0**

**VOTING- Waving of Fees**

**Ayes: 4** Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller

**Nays: 1** Root

**RESOLUTION NO. 243, 2024 ADOPTED. October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 244, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the use of the Village Fire House dependent with fees to be waived for:

- **Firehouse use – Birthday Party, Brandon Combs, November 2, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 244, 2024 ADOPTED. October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry presented the requests for training.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 245, 2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves Village staff to receive training with:

- **Adirondack Water Works Conference, Fall Meeting workshop, Century House, Latham, October 23, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Chris Andrews, Chris Buckley, \$75.00 each**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 245, 2024 ADOPTED. October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry presented to applicants for employment:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 246, 2024**

10-21-24 regular

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

- John Smith, DPW laborer, Full-time, \$20.00/hour, start date 10/22/24
- Sarah Haley, Teen Center, Part-time, \$16.00/hour, start date 10/22/24

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 246, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry asked Clerk Julie Allen to explain the Anthem retiree insurance increase and its options. Clerk Allen explained that the first decision was to determine if the Board wanted to renew the Anthem option or to go with a slightly less expensive alternative. She went on to say that the next decision to make was what to do about the increase in the premiums. She said there were many options available.

She presented some options including:

- The Village covering the entire increase, stating a budget decision would have to be made as this large increase was not budgeted for.
- The Village covering a portion of the increase, and the retiree paying the balance of the increase.
- The Village discontinuing or decreasing other benefits such as prescription reimbursement or Medicare stipend.

The Village Board agreed that they wanted to stay with Anthem as they just recently switched to this insurance and did not want to offer a lesser option. They then determined after discussion that they wanted to have the Village pay for some of the increase while having the retiree pay for the balance. The next discussion was regarding what percentage they would increase the retiree portion to. The Village Board then determined they would offer the retiree supplemental insurance at the same rate as current employees, making the retiree portion 20% across the board.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 247, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George received notification that along with the renewal for Anthem health insurance for retirees there was a large premium increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the large increase in premiums was unforeseen and therefore not budgeted for;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to sign a one-year contract with Anthem Medicare health insurance called "Custom Medicare Advantage PPO 10PL" beginning January 1, 2025 at a cost of \$274.81 per person per month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves amendments to the Village Employee Handbook as follows:

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**3. Effective October 21, 2024:**

10-21-24 regular

Those that paid 25% in May 2024, will pay 20%, with the Village to pay the balance. (5-20-24 Board Meeting)

Current employees that paid 15% in June 2012, will pay 15%, with the Village to pay the balance. (June 2012)

Effective January 1, 2025 all retirees will pay 20% with the Village to pay the balance. (10-21-24 Board Meeting)

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4. Effective October 21, 2024 for any employee hired after January 20, 1988 or official elected after January 20, 1988 and before January 1, 2017 with twenty years of service or more, be at least 55 years of age when leaving the Village, and retire from the NYS Retirement System, and must have continually been on the Village of Lake George health insurance plan, they can elect to remain in the Village health insurance plan and pay 20% of the premium cost for the retiree and/or spouse, (single or two-person coverage) or be offered COBRA in accordance with federal law. If the retiree needs the "family" coverage, they must pay 100% of the difference between the cost of two-person and family coverage. There will be no dental or drug coverage offered. Costs associated with the coverage must be paid at least 30 days in advance of the due date. The Village reserves the right to cancel anyone who fails to make the payment in accordance with the above provisions. (October 21, 2024)

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VOTING

Ayes: 5

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 247, 2024 ADOPTED.

October 21, 2024

Mayor Perry presented the nominations for the residential beautification award. Each Village Trustee received a ballot and returned their vote. The Bellinger's of 95 Montcalm street, Lake George were unanimously voted to receive this year's award.

Mayor Perry brought up for discussion the possibility of changing a local law to allow for personal watercraft in the basin with a 5 mile per hour limit. Trustee Filomeno asked Patricia Dow for her opinion on how it would affect the large boats. Patricia Dow responded that it would be very troublesome. She said that the boats already deal with a lot of interference from crafts in the water that pass in front or too closely to the large boats. She gave several examples of how often the large boats deal with pedestrians and must maneuver to try to mitigate accidents. She said she feels that changing the law will increase the possibility of accidents because they would be unregulated and not everyone knows the rules, and not everyone is responsible. Mayor Perry said he would speak to the Park Commission again. He offered that they could go a bit further and have the Park Commission require people to get a permit. He said he would also look into the possibility of having buoys with wording to limit access as well as limiting the amount of kayak rentals. Patricia Dow suggested putting a minimum age requirement on kayak use. Mayor Perry said he would follow up with the Village Attorney as well the Park Commission.

Mayor Perry asked Fire Chief Jim Barber if he had anything he would like to present to the Board. Chief Barber said there is a DEC Forestry Grant that he would like to apply for that was due November 15, 2024. The grant would allow the Fire Department to purchase \$5,000 worth of equipment and they would reimburse them \$2,500.

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

10-21-24 regular



## **RESOLUTION NO. 248, 2024**

**WHEREAS** the Fire Department would like to submit an application for a grant to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to purchase wildland firefighting equipment that would award the amount of \$2,500 with the Village to match that amount from account A.3140.0400.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves the Fire Chief Barber to submit an application for the grant funding and approves the necessary signatures and submittals for the application

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 248, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

Fire Chief Barber then requested that the Board permit fire member Scott Smith to be allowed to work mutual aid for the South Queensbury Fire Department and the Village would continue to pay for his workers compensation while working for them.

There was a motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously approved to allow fire member Scott Smith to work mutual aid for the South Queensbury Fire Department, with the Village to pay for his workers compensation coverage.

### **MOTION PASSED**

Mayor Perry asked Pam Mannix if she had anything to present to the Board. She responded that she would like to know if there was any resolution for the hole on Helen Street. Superintendent Lanfear responded that they did investigate it and that they needed to cut out the pavement and install a steel plate and then place new blacktop on it because there was a small sinkhole. Mayor Perry said they would at least provide a temporary repair before winter. Pam Mannix suggested that hotels and motels providing kayaks to their guests should have to have the hotel or motels name on it to help in case of incidents. She then said that the Village needs to address a better way to evacuate the Village after large events like the Fourth of July. Mayor Perry told Ms. Mannix that there was a meeting scheduled to address the issue and create a plan.

Mayor Perry presented the Water Changes, Water relevy, Transfers, and Audits to the Board for review.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 249, 2024**

### **OCTOBER 2024 WATER CHANGES**

<b>OCTOBER PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$ 767.21</b>
<b>NOV, DEC, JAN PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,031.01</b>
<b>TOWN RELEVY FEES</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>
<b>TOWN UNPAID WATER RENT RELEVY</b>	<b>\$28,602.48</b>

**FINAL READS:**

S. Levine, Acct 3529	\$ 63.12
S. Maldonado, Acct 3077	\$ 64.90
R. Gunther, Acct 2043	\$ 68.50

**ADJUSTMENTS - payment postmarked prior to 9/30/24**

J. Carr, Acct 2083	\$ 4.40
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The above will result in the following Journal Entries upon Board approval:

DR F0440 DUE FROM OTHER GOV'T	\$28,602.48
CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$ 26,221.47
CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 2,381.01

DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$ 196.52
CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 196.52

DR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 4.40
CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$ 4.40

DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$ 767.21
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**VOTING**      **Ayes: 5**                      **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**  
                     **Nays: 0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 249, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2024**

**TRANSFERS AND AUDITS**

**OCTOBER 2024**

**TRANSFERS:**

From:	To:	Amount:
	Voucher Numbers	Checks
10/3/2024    General	\$78,301.71    242600-242622	39459-
Water	\$25,668.22	39463
	<u>\$103,969.93</u>	
10/17/2024    General	\$74,516.22    242656-242660	39464-
Water	\$16,715.84    242679-242680	39469
	<u>\$91,232.06</u> 242684-242686	
10/22/2024    General	\$469,006.89    242623-242655	

10-21-24 regular

Water	\$45,255.60	242661-242678
Shepard Park Gazebo	\$179.25	242681-242683
	<u>\$514,441.74</u>	242687-242778

CK # 39462 - VOID for payroll  
(10/03/24)

CK# 7318 - VOID for payroll (10/03/24)

CK# 39467 - VOID for payroll  
(10/17/24)

CK# 7324 - VOID for payroll (10/17/24)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2024 ADOPTED.                      October 21, 2024**

Mayor Perry asked if there were any questions or matters that the Board or Superintendent would like to bring up.

Superintendent Lanfear said that the Pump Station at the Rec Park should be completed by the following week and that the upper part of Montcalm Street sidewalk pavers should be completed within a week and a half.

Trustee Root asked questions about Fall clean up and what specifically would be allowed. Superintendent Lanfear replied that the bundles should be less than 4' long and 3" in diameter.

Trustee Mastrodomenico said that besides the hole on Helen Street he had noticed that there is a tree that needs to be limbed and asked Superintendent Lanfear to address it.

Trustee Miller said she would just like to let Judy Gearwar know the Halloween Decorations were cool.

Trustee Filomeno said that he was excited as the weather would be much better this year.

At 5:53 p.m. there was a motion by Trustee Miller to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen  
Village Clerk