

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee
John Root, Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Julie Allen, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Jessyca Durrah, and Thom Randall via Zoom. Linda Duffy Joined the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais presented the Citizen of the Year Plaque to Trustee John Earl and thanked him for his service. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Earl if he would like to say a few words. Trustee Earl said he had been reflecting on the past 22 years here and had lived in the Village of Lake George his entire life. Trustee Earl said there had been some tough times but, in the end, it had all been worth it. Trustee Earl said he saw many projects brought to completion and felt one of the biggest and most rewarding one was the Marriot. Trustee Earl expressed that for the most part the Board got along well and that when he first started there were times when he thought there could've been fists fights. Trustee Earl thanked everyone. Trustee Root offered thanks for his long service. All members of the Board expressed their gratitude for his service.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2022. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2022.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
Nays: 0

MOTION PASSED.

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

Mayor Blais began to discuss the correspondence he received from Linda Duffy and Nancy Nichols of the Winter Carnival when Linda Duffy arrived at 4:39 p.m. Mayor Blais welcomed her to the meeting. Mayor Blais went on to explain that the Winter Carnival had already submitted and been approved to have a Poker Run on two weekends during the Winter Carnival. Mayor Blais asked Linda Duffy to explain her concerns. Ms. Duffy explained that she had started the Poker Run and had run it every year except for a couple years. Ms. Duffy expressed that she did not like the way the Poker Run had been handled those years and therefore took it up again to ensure it was run properly. Ms. Duffy was concerned when she thought that the Winter Carnival was running the Poker Run during Presidents weekend. Ms. Duffy did not feel that the Winter Carnival was equipped to run it during that weekend as it was too large. Ms. Duffy had since discovered that Presidents weekend was not one of the weekends the Winter Carnival had control of the Poker Run. Mayor Blais asked if she would be applying for a special event permit for the two remaining weekends in February and Ms. Duffy responded yes. Mayor Blais said he saw no reason that she would not be approved so long as she had the paperwork and insurance required. Ms. Duffy asked if there was a way to determine if the riders are with the Poker Run or just an ATV rider at the Carnival. Mayor Blais responded there is no way to determine that. Ms. Duffy asked why there were covers on some parking meters but not all.

Mayor Blais explained that the Village is trying to generate more revenue during the winter months and that the Village Board had passed a Local Law to keep some of them open.

The following resolutions were reviewed and considered:

- 2023 Standard Mileage Rate

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

RESOLUTION NO. 207, 2023

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; and

WHEREAS the IRS has set a new Standard Mileage Rate effective January 1, 2023, as .655 cents per mile for business uses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.655 per mile effective January 1, 2023.

**VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
 Nays: 0**

RESOLUTION NO. 207, 2023 ADOPTED. January 9, 2023

- WWTP Capital Payments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 208, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC Payment Requests, which currently includes: Uline, Hach, Stilsing Electric, and Blue Heron Construction among other vendors, and any other request that comes in prior to the next Village Board meeting. Upon receipt of the transfer of funds from EFC, checks will be issued at the next available payroll/audit.

**VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
 Nays: 0**

RESOLUTION NO. 208, 2023 ADOPTED. January 9, 2023

- New Member – Fire Department – Thomas Bellmio

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

RESOLUTION NO. 209, 2023

WHEREAS the following individual: Thomas Bellmio has 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 Thomas Bellmio for membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately pending satisfactory physical and background check.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 209, 2023 ADOPTED **January 9, 2023**

- Warren County Contract Support for Visitor Center

Warren County submitted the annual contract for their \$25,000 support for the promotional space used within the Visitor Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 210, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a renewal Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the Lake George Visitor Center and space within the facility for Warren County to be used for promotional purposes and intended for the period of 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Warren County agrees to pay the Village a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for the services and benefits described in the agreement.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 210, 2023 ADOPTED. **January 9, 2023**

- Lease agreement with Quirk – Ticket Booth

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

RESOLUTION NO. 211, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that James D. Quirk will be offered renewal of the lease for the ticket booth located at the Beach Road Pump Station, for one year at the rate of \$16,296.84 with a right for renewal for one more year with a 5% increase. The term of the 2023 lease is from May 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon agreement by Mr. Quirk, Mayor Blais is authorized to sign a new lease agreement with the new terms.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 211, 2023 ADOPTED. **January 9, 2023**

- Appoint Election Inspectors & Polling Place

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

1-9-23 regular

RESOLUTION NO. 212, 2023

WHEREAS, the next general Village election will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, and

WHEREAS, no person shall be entitled to vote at any village election whose name does not appear on the register of the election district in which he claims to be entitled to vote, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has abolished registration days in the Village of Lake George pursuant to Chapter 217 of the Laws of the State of New York.

WHEREAS the Village Election will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Administration Building;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Christine Molella and Darlene Gunther be appointed election inspectors, with Christine Molella serving as the Chairwoman, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Margaret Mannix be appointed as an alternate election inspector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for the election inspectors will be \$15.00 per hour worked at the polls or preparing the roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village will use only the names from the Warren County registration list for the Village of Lake George general election, and

Voting for the forthcoming Village election shall be conducted upstairs at the Town Office Center, 20 Old Post Road, Village of Lake George, NY from 12 noon to 9 p.m.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 212, 2023 ADOPTED. **January 9, 2023**

- Johnson Controls WWTP Alarm monitoring renewal

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

RESOLUTION NO. 213, 2023

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 \$1,800;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the hiring of Johnson Controls to complete the necessary monitoring for 2023 at a cost of \$1,800.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 213, 2023 ADOPTED**January 9, 2023**

- ASCAP annual license renewal

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

RESOLUTION NO. 214, 2023

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George has received its annual license renewal with a cost of \$420 from ASCAP to be able to hold Special events;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board grants Mayor Blais to sign the license renewal and pay the fee of \$420.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 214, 2023 ADOPTED.**January 9, 2023**

Special Events/Facilities Use Applications:

REC Center

Titans Fast Pitch, Matt O'Connor, Summer - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, June – August 2023. Fall – Sundays, September – October, 2023. One Tournament in June, 2023. All Fields.

Mayor Blais explained that Matt O'Connor had requested that the \$2,600 fee be reduced if they agreed to make improvements to the field and provide some equipment. Matt O'Connor is looking for approximately a \$1,000 break for purchasing equipment and providing all the labor to maintain the fields. Trustee Perry asked to verify that they would not use the fields until one week after the Youth Commission ended. Mayor Blais verified that this is the case. Trustee Perry questioned if they would need to use the concession stand, Mayor Blais responded no. The Mayor suggested that we accept their help to maintain the fields but still charge a couple thousand dollars because our rates are already much lower than other area fields. Trustee Root questioned who would get to keep the equipment, Mayor Blais responded the Village would. Trustee Perry explained that we had purchased a mound last year and that no mound is required for softball so there is currently no need for another mound. Trustee Root was concerned that if we allow them to purchase the equipment, they will feel they had ownership. Superintendent Lanfear mentioned that the mound that was purchased last year was only a 6-foot mound and that it was too small. Mayor Blais said that they would not be purchasing any mound as it is softball, and a mound is not required. Trustee Perry said that a mound is needed for Youth Commission but that is separate from this request. Mayor Blais asked the Board what they would like to offer them. Trustee Perry moved that we go with the Mayors recommendation. Mayor Blais said he will offer them to use the fields for a fee of \$1675, they don't start until after the Youth Commission ends, and they supply all the materials and labor to make improvements to the fields with Village approval and oversight of the work. Mayor Blais said there will be no motion at this time, and he would take the offer to Matt O'Connor.

Charles R Wood Park

Oriental Shrine Circus, Paul H Manning Sr., August 6, 2023, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 215 , 2023

1-9-23 regular

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

- **Oriental Shrine Circus, Paul H. Manning Sr., August 6, 2023, 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other aspects of this event are contingent upon approval of the promoter's safety plan by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park, and the Capital District Control Group.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root, Perry**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 215, 2023 ADOPTED. January 9, 2023

Mayor Blais announced that he was appointing Amanda Metzger from the Town, and Trustee Perry from the Village to the Joint Occupational Tax Committee.

Training:

Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference, February 1, 2023, Saratoga Springs City Center, Tom Sullivan, Carol Sullivan, Dan Wolfeld, Jeffrey Blau, and Robert Lebar, \$75 each

Wastewater Treatment – Basic Laboratory Course, SUNY Adirondack, March 14 – April 13, 2023, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Dan Khalenbeck \$340.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 216, 2023

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

- **Saratoga County Planning and Zoning Conference, February 1, 2023, Saratoga Springs City Center, Tom Sullivan, Carol Sullivan, Dan Wolfeld, Jeffrey Blau, and Robert Lebar, \$75 each**
- **Wastewater Treatment – Basic Laboratory Course, SUNY Adirondack, March 14 – April 13, 2023, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Dan Khalenbeck \$340**

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 216, 2023 ADOPTED January 9, 2023

New Employee Hire:

- Mike Sabo, Water Department Laborer, Part Time, Seasonal, \$21.00/hour
- Eugene VanAlen Jr., Rec Center, Full Time, \$20.00/hour

Mayor Blais asked if Mike Sabo would be working 4 days a week until April 1, 2023 and then become full time in April. Superintendent Lanfear responded that Mike Sabo would not become 1-9-23 regular

full time. Superintendent Lanfear explained that Mike Sabo has his own business, and this is his slow time, so he agreed to come work for us until his work picks up. Mayor Blais asked Superintendent Lanfear what the Water Department would do after April 1st. Superintendent Lanfear clarified that this was done as a temporary measure until a full-time employee could be found.

Trustee Mastrodomenico questioned if Eugene VanAlen was meant to be the replacement for retiring Ron Goodspeed. Superintendent Lanfear responded yes. Mayor Blais asked if Mr. VanAlen had accepted the job and Superintendent Lanfear responded yes, assuming he was accepted at the Board meeting. Mayor Blais suggested that Trustee Root or somebody else interview Mr. VanAlen. Superintendent Lanfear expressed that both he and Chris Buckley had both interviewed him and both felt his skills were better aligned with the Rec Center position than the Water Department position. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Root if he would like to interview Mr. VanAlen and Trustee Root responded no, he would go with Superintendent Lanfear's recommendation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 217, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Mike Sabo as a Water Department Part Time Laborer until April 1, 2023 at a pay rate of \$21.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Eugene VanAlen as a Rec Center Full Time laborer, with a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 217, 2023 ADOPTED January 9, 2023

Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund:

Mayor Blais presented a copy of a Resolution in support of increasing Snowmobile Registration fees in New York.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 218, 2023

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a key contributor to the Village of Lake George's winter tourism industry, bringing in significant spending by snowmobiling supporting our restaurants and small businesses, and contributed annually to the Upstate New York economy, and

WHEREAS, SINCE 1987, THE New York State Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund has been utilized by municipalities and the snowmobile club partners to properly groom and maintain their local snowmobile trails, including through the purchase of necessary equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund is fully funded through the registration of snowmobilers participating in the sport, and has no general assessment of taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the snowmobile community, including the New York State Snowmobile Association, have requested an increase in the snowmobile registration fees to support trail maintenance, and

WHEREAS, there has not been a registration fee increase for snowmobiles since 2005, while there have been registration fee increases in surrounding states, and

WHEREAS, there is significant inflation throughout the country, including on critical machinery needed to maintain the trails, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George supports the snowmobiling community and the economic impact that snowmobiling has on our businesses and people, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George respectfully requests that the Governor and Legislature support increases to snowmobile registration fees that will in turn create more financial support for the Snowmobile Trail and Development Fund, the utilization of which support critical winter tourism in the Village of Lake George.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 218, 2023 ADOPTED January 9, 2023

Rotary Club Raffle:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 219, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees has approved the request from the Rotary Club of Lake George to hold a 50/50 Raffle for raising funding for local charity organizations and groups. The Raffle will begin in January 2023 with the Drawing June 3, 2023 on Beach Road.

VOTING Ayes: 5 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 219, 2023 ADOPTED. January 9, 2023

Mayor Blais brought up that he had recently had some Special Event vendors wishing to cancel due to concern over duplicate bookings. Mayor Blais was able to reschedule the bookings and keep all the Events on the schedule but with a new schedule. Mayor Blais has notified the Chamber of the changes. Mayor Blais said that in the end, everyone was happy, and the Village continues to be fully booked for Special Events in May and June of 2023. Mayor Blais asked that the Village Board keep these everyday changes in mind when he comes to them in a subsequent meeting asking them to hire him as a Special Events Director.

Workforce Housing Study:

Mayor Blais presented the study that the Town of Lake George submitted from Camoin Associates. Mayor Blais explained that Town had received a total of six bids and is hoping to choose Camoin Associates. Mayor Blais said the project committee, through evaluation, has

found them to be the best suited for the job. Mayor Blais further explained that the total cost of the study will be \$34,380. Mayor Blais said the Town of Lake George only budgeted for \$20,000 and is asking the Village of Lake George for the additional \$15,000 to proceed with the study. Trustee Perry said that he was on the committee and that Camoin was the most qualified as well as being local. Mayor Blais said the biggest advantage to the Village in doing this study would not only be to get the economic impact of the J1 students, but also help to locate the best place and cost for the dormitory idea. Mayor Blais said Dan Barusch has agreed to include this in the Restore New York Application that he is working on. Mayor Blais said the Town of Lake George was looking to get an answer on whether the Village will help because they want to decide on whether to hire Camoin Associates. Mayor Blais asked each Trustee what they would like the Village to do. Trustee Root responded that he has already said three times that he is not interested in the study. Trustee Root is not interested in a project that is in the Town, he felt that it will be a millstone around the Village's neck, and a long-term strain on the Village. Trustee Root said that he was not interested in getting involved in this project. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Earl his opinion. Trustee Earl responded that he agrees with Trustee Root, that he does not see the benefits. Trustee Earl further expressed that he is always leery of partnerships with the Town after Wood Park. Mayor Blais said he has some reservation on the project after the cost of the Sky Harbor study. Mayor Blais said he felt that this is going to be a very costly project and that he does not think we will get any money from the Restore New York Application. Mayor Blais said the funds from the Restore New York normally goes to communities that are hard pressed and the Village of Lake George is not. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Perry for his opinion. Trustee Perry responded that although the project is in the Town, it will benefit the Village just as much. Trustee Perry said he believed this because it will not only help to find housing for the J1 students, but for traveling nurses. Trustee Perry said that the people doing the study are not only looking at the needs and analysis but looking for ways to help fund it. Trustee Perry said they are not only looking statewide but nationally for funding. Trustee Perry felt that it was worth \$15,000 to help solve the housing shortage. Trustee Root said that the County supports the Civic Center to the rate of \$250,000. Trustee Root said that he would rather keep this in the private sector, that he doesn't want another long-term debt. Trustee Perry agreed that he also doesn't want to see more debt. Trustee Root would want just the study. Trustee Mastrodomenico asked Trustee Perry if the Town of Lake George would be willing to come up with another \$5,000. Trustee Perry answered that the Town had not been asked. Trustee Mastrodomenico said that he would not be opposed so long as the Village could find the money. Mayor Blais said that an answer does not have to happen tonight, that we will be having a Joint Meeting with the Town on February 7, 2023 and we can put this on the agenda. Mayor Blais asked that they get on the same page as to how they want to proceed. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Root, Trustee Perry, and Trustee Mastrodomenico how they would like to proceed. Trustee Root said he is not interested in the study and Trustee Perry and Trustee Mastrodomenico both said they would like to ask the Town if they would be willing to take less than the \$15,000.

Set Hearing Date for Local Law:

Mayor Blais presented a Local Law that Attorney Fuller had written regarding Window Obstruction in the Village that he would like added to the end of the current Chapter 118. Mayor Blais said there were currently thirteen businesses that are in violation by having 100% of their windows blocked. Trustee Perry asked what the current percentage of a window being covered was and Mayor Blais responded that he believed it to be 50%. Trustee Perry said he felt it was a fire risk as well as safety concern if you cannot see anything. Mayor Blais said that he felt it would be more aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Trustee Root said he wouldn't mind putting money towards having a merchandising expert to help businesses set up better window displays. Trustee Perry said he would be willing to give people a list of merchandising experts but have the businesses pay for it themselves. Mayor Blais asked if the Board would like to

have 50% or 25% as the blocked area. Trustee Perry responded that he felt 50% was a good number. Mayor Blais said he would change the write up to reflect 50% and that he would set the Public Hearing to be at the next Regular Meeting on February 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Fireworks January & February, Saturdays:

Mayor Blais let the Board know that he permitted Christian Dutcher to have Fireworks every Saturday for all of January and February, 2023. Trustee Root asked where he was doing it from, and Mayor Blais responded that it would be from McDonald Pier.

Water Changes and Transfers and Audits:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 220, 2023

JANUARY 2023 WATER CHANGES

JANUARY PENALTIES	\$1,011.40
FINAL READS	
Z. Ruland Acct 4145	\$ 54.96
M. Mound Acct 3563	\$ 59.81
M. Mound Acct 3567	\$ 59.81
M. Mound Acct 3569	\$ 59.81

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$1,245.79
CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 234.39
CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$1,011.40

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 220, 2023 ADOPTED. **January 9, 2023**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 221, 2023

TRANSFERS:

From:		To:		Amount:
A9010.08	NYS Retirement	A9040.08	Worker's Comp	\$405.54
A1990.4	Contingency	A1950.4	Property Taxes	\$2,412.00
A8010.4	Zoning Contr.	A8020.4	Planning Board	\$200.00
F8340.4	Trans. & Dist Cont	F8310.04	Water Admin Cont	\$2,037.71
F9040.8	Worker's Comp	F1440.4	Engineering	\$1,860.00
		Voucher Numbers		Checks
12/29/2022	General	\$412,761.07	231021-231050	37141-37151
	Water	<u>\$23,215.25</u>		

		\$435,976.32		
1/9/2022	General	\$282,567.36	231051-231124	37152-37206
	Water	\$23,981.84		
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	\$280.00		
		\$306,829.20		
	General Water	\$0.00		

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Blais, Earl Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 221, 2023 ADOPTED. January 9, 2023

Mayor Blais explained the Governor Hochul had just passed a law for a 10% Tax Exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. Mayor Blais further explained that we would need to adopt a local law if the Village would also like to offer this exemption. Mayor Blais asked for a Motion if the Board would like to have a Public Hearing on both this and Amendment for Chapter 118, Food Drink and Retail Establishments. Trustee Root asked if the State was offering reimbursement to the Village and Mayor Blais responded no.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Superintendent Lanfear requested that he be able to investigate getting training for Village employees to or CPR and AED usage. Superintendent Lanfear has reached out to the County to get costs and dates. Mayor Blais asked him to get back with the dates and costs and we will see about adding it to the Budget.

Trustee Root asked that when it comes to Budget Planning that he be informed of dates and times, and he will take time off. Trustee Root said that mornings and late afternoon work best. Trustee Earl said he had nothing to add. Trustee Mastrodomenico said he had nothing to add. Trustee Perry said he had nothing to add.

Mayor Blais said that rather than go into Executive Session he just wanted to let the Board know what he is looking to do after he retires. Mayor Blais said he is going to ask for the Village to hire him to run the Event Planning for the Village. Mayor Blais said that he currently has 22 letters of recommendation for the position, Mayor Blais explained that he is fully set up at his home to work from there. Mayor Blais said that currently the Village handles everything for Wood Park and that he will be asking for the County to hire him on at a rate of \$15,000 per year. Mayor Blais then said he will be asking the Town for \$5,000 per year, and then he will ask the Village of Lake George to approve him a cost of \$15,000 per year. Mayor Blais feels that the new Mayor will have too much to handle at first and this would allow him to mentor and transition the new Mayor into the roll. Mayor Blais said that his intention would be to only do it for a year or so. Mayor Blais said that he would be asking the County first. Trustee Earl asked if this is something they agree to do, should they consider paying the new Mayor less as less work would be required of him. Trustee Root expressed that he felt if the Village creates the position that we should allow for people to apply so that it be fair. Mayor Blais agreed. Mayor Blais responded that he felt the current pay rate of \$40,000 is already low and he doesn't believe they will get anyone to run for Mayor if they make it lower.

Mayor Blais said he had been talking to our Fireworks provider and they are currently working with drones. Mayor Blais said he is getting a price for a drone show. Mayor Blais said he is trying to get a July 4th show, perhaps one with both fireworks and the drones. Mayor Blais said the normal cost would be around \$40,000 but he believes he can get them to do it for around \$10,000. Mayor Blais said they do it with a theme and he requested an Adirondack Theme.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Allen
Village Clerk