

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

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

Also Present: Clerk Julie K Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Joe Lanaro of LaBella, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2023 and a Special Meeting held on January 18, 2023.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2023 and a Special Meeting held on January 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m..

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

MOTION PASSED.

At 4:32 p.m. Mayor Blais opened a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1, 2023, Chapter 118 , Food, Drink, and Retail Establishments Article IV Obstruction of Store Windows of the Code of the Village of Lake George. Mayor Blais explained that the law would limit the amount of displays in windows that are permitted fronting public streets. It would permit 50% coverage.

The Public Hearing was left open for comments or questions.

Joe Lanaro, Project Engineer from LaBella presented the project budget and overview of additional work for the WWTP. Mr. Lanaro said he highlighted the original portion of the contract on the booklet he presented. Mr. Lanaro showed that the total hard cost to date is \$20,634,926.00, that we spent \$20,531,663.66 with a remaining balance for one contract of \$103,262.34. He explained that the next ten items on his project budget sheet are the soft costs. Mr. Lanaro then showed the additional work he believes should be done. The total costs for the additional work would be \$275,398.42. He further explained that there may be a slight change in this figure as LaBella was waiting for an updated quotation for the electrical work. Mr. Lanaro explained that of the original amount of the referendum, \$20,750,000.00 we have \$534,546.59 available to do additional work. Mayor Blais explained that of original Bond Resolution for the \$20,750,000.00 the Village only had \$20,500,000.00 because we did not have the full amount \$750,000.00 in reserve, there was only \$500,000.00. Mr. Lanaro explained that we should still be ok because if you deduct the \$250,000.00 from the anticipated fund balance of \$534,546.49 it still leaves you with \$284,546.59 available. Mr. Lanaro said that the total additional work totals \$275,398.42.

Mayor Blais asked Operator Shudt if he believed doing the additional recommended work would resolve all the problems at the WWTP. Operator Shudt responded that he believed it would.

Mayor Blais then asked if the additional work is approved and the work is done, will the contract then be ready to be closed out. Mr. Lanaro explained that his understanding was that if they have total numbers, even if the work is not fully completed, you can still schedule the closing. Mayor Blais said he had spoken to Larry Paltrowitz, our Bond Council, and he is getting anxious. Mayor Blais asked what action Operator Shudt was looking for, and Operator Shudt responded he would like approval on the change orders and permission for him to issue POs for the SCADA items.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes change orders as outlined by LaBella Associates:

EC

- Channel – PH Probes/Analyzers = \$67,038.00*
- Manifold Blower System Electrical Work = \$26,733.00
- Light Fixture Installation = \$7,169.00*

SCADA

- Channel- PH Probes/Analyzers \$4,900.00
- Camera/Security System Entire Plant = \$39,500.00
- SCADA integration of EQ Pumps = \$6,900.00
- Manifold Blower System SCADA Work = \$8,400.00

GC

- Channel- PH Probes/Analyzers = \$23,180.00
- Manifold Blower System - \$42,078.42

LaBella

- Additional CA/CI support for additional work = \$49,500.00

The EC numbers in asterisk are subject to change pending an updated quotation from the electrical contractor.

The above additional change orders total \$275,398.42*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the issuance of purchase orders for SCADA portion of the LaBella add-ons, and for Mayor Blais to sign the change orders.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Fire Department, Superintendent of Public Works, and REC Center were presented and made available to the public. The Local Government Historians Annual report for the year 2022 was presented for review.

Correspondence:

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Mayor Blais presented a letter from a resident requesting a sign to be re-posted identifying "Schuyler Heights". The Village has already purchased and posted the sign.

Mayor Blais gave each member of the Village Board a copy of the resolution from the Town of Lake George announcing the contract with Camoin Associates for the Lake George Workforce Housing Market Study.

The following Resolutions were presented by Clerk Julie Allen for consideration:

- LOSAP- annual certification forms

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

RESOLUTION NO. 223, 2023

WHEREAS the 2022 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 Robert Blais 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 Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 223, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Resolution changing the date the LOSAP benefit increase will take place and adding it to the ballot

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2023

WHEREAS, Fire Department representatives are requesting an increase in the LOSAP benefit from the \$1,000. per member that was approved by the Village voters on March 16, 2021 to the \$1,200. maximum as allowed by law;

WHEREAS, the Town Board agrees and has passed a resolution to approve the additional funding;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby agrees to put the requested LOSAP benefit increase up to \$1,200. per member to the voters for approval at the Village's next regularly scheduled election on March 21, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board is agreeable to include in the referendum that the points will become effective January 1, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2023 ADOPTED. **February 13, 2023**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225, 2023

In the matter of amending the Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company.

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, eligible voters of the Village of Lake George approved a proposition to establish a Defined Contribution Service Award Program, effective June 1, 1991 for active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company, and

WHEREAS such Service Award Program is administered by the Village of Lake George and currently provides that an active volunteer firefighter member of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company earns a \$1,000. Service Award contribution paid by the Village for each calendar year during which the volunteer firefighter earns 50 or more points under the Service Award Program Point System; and,

WHEREAS Article 11-A currently allows annual Service Award contributions to be as much as \$1,200., and;

WHEREAS Article 11-A authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George to seek voter approval of amendments to the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company Service Award Program which will improve Service Award Program benefits and thereby are intended to help the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company recruit and retain active volunteer firefighters.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law §216, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Village of Lake George, in an election to be held on March 21, 2023, to determine whether the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company Service Award Program shall be amended to increase the annual Service Award contribution from \$1,000. to \$1,200. for each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2023 during which an active volunteer firefighter earns a year of service credit under the Point System.

Based on the current active volunteer firefighter roster, the annual cost of funding the \$1,000. Service Awards was \$30,000. during calendar year 2022 but could have been as much as \$42,000. (\$1,000. per volunteer) if all current active volunteers earned a year of service credit under the Point System during 2022. Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost could increase to as much as \$50,400. or \$1,200. for each participating volunteer, if all current volunteers earn a year of service credit under the Point System during 2024 and any year thereafter. The annual cost of administration of the program would not change as a result of the adoption of this amendment. The current program administration cost is about \$3,800. per year.

All other provisions of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Company Service Award Program which require voter approval to amend shall not change and the program shall continue

to be administered by the Village of Lake George in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Budget Transfer for reimbursements from the Town

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village received funds from the Town of Lake George totaling \$5,750. for the American Legion 100th Anniversary(\$2,000.) and Lite Up the Village (\$3,750). It is reimbursement for payments made.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes a budget transfer to use the funds to reimburse the Celebrations Account for the above events, and

DR A7550.04	CELEBRATIONS	\$5,750.00	
CR 2390	JOINT ACTIVITY-TOWN SUPPORT		\$5,750.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Hunts Quality Pest Control 2023 agreement letter:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 227, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village Hall Building needs 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 in the amount of \$330.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 227, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Support of Joint Occupancy Tax Committee \$26,500

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

RESOLUTION NO. 228, 2023

WHEREAS, that Whereas the Village Board understands the importance and value of Special Events to our economy; and

WHEREAS, Special Events generate room nights and Occupancy Tax;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees do hereby affirm our support of the Joint Town and Village Occupancy Tax Committee and authorize payment of one-half the Committees awards for 2023 in the amount of \$26,500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 228, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Center of Economic Growth Annual Membership:

Trustee Root asked what both the Center for Economic Growth and the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages do for us to earn their dues. Mayor Blais responded that the Center for Economic Growth helps us by backing our requests for grants, that the members are very prominent and that the Governor generally listens to their recommendations. Trustee Root said he doesn't always agree with Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages. Trustee Earl said that they are helpful in trying to neutralize APA regulations. Mayor Blais said they are a very big lobbying group. Trustee Perry asked Trustee Root if he would like these two broken out from the group of Resolutions, Trustee Root responded no.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 229, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to support the Center for Economic Growth of the Capital Region with 2023 dues in the amount of \$500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 229 ,2023 ADOPTED February 13, 2023

- Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages 2023 Dues

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

RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to support the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages with 2023 dues in the amount of \$100.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2023 ADOPTED February 13, 2023

- NYCOM annual membership dues

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

RESOLUTION NO. 231, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to remain members of NYCOM with 2023 dues in the amount of \$731.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 231, 2023 ADOPTED **February 13, 2023**

- Lake George Park Commission Invasive Species

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

RESOLUTION NO. 232, 2023

WHEREAS, the Lake George Park Commission submitted a request for \$37,000. to support their Annual Invasive Species Prevention Program;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George supports the Lake George Park Commission Mandatory Boat Wash Station Program with an annual contribution of \$37,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 232, 2023 ADOPTED. **February 13, 2023**

- Americade PP stickers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 233, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby sets the price for a 2023 Americade PP at \$15., which is valid at any legal parking space from Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Sunday, June 4, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that trolley tickets will not be included in the sales this year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 233, 2023 ADOPTED. **February 13, 2023**

- NYS EC compliance for tree removal at Water Plant

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

RESOLUTION NO. 234, 2023

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have trees removed from around the Water Tanks to become compliant with NYS DEC; and

WHEREAS, the Village received two quotations, with Dave's Tree Service being the lowest estimate at a cost of \$12,600;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees awards the work to Dave's Tree Service with a total cost of \$12,600. with the funds being paid from F.8340.0400.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 234 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Change LL7 2022 number to LL2 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235, 2023

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 7, 2022, Chapter 135 License and Permits, Article I Licensed Occupations and Businesses of the Code of the Village of Lake George, had corrections needed in filing with E Code and that requires it be re-filed under a new number in the year 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 7, 2022, , Chapter 135 License and Permits, Article I Licensed Occupations and Businesses of the Code of the Village of Lake George now becomes Local Law No. 2, 2023, Chapter 135 License and Permits, Article I Licensed Occupations and Businesses of the Code of the Village of Lake George for filing purposes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

- Fleet Pump Sanitation Shepard Park Pump 2 Repair

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236, 2023

WHEREAS, the Shepard Park Pump 2 is out of service; needs emergency repair; and had to be sent away for evaluation to determine the cause of the problem;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby agrees to contract with G.A. Fleet Associates for the necessary repair of Pump 2 at a total cost of \$18,396.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the money to pay for these services will come from account A.8120.0400 for payment;

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236, 2023

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- WWTP Capital Payments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 237, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC payment requests, which may include: Stilsing Electric, R. F. Gordan, Blue Heron, Family Danz, and Chazen, 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. 237, 2023 ADOPTED.

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The following training requests were considered:

- Water Infrastructure Grants and Financing Workshop for Adirondack Communities, March 14, 2023, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Keith Lanfear, Tim Shudt
- NYCOM, To the Polls webinar, March 2, 2023, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, \$25 registration, Julie Allen

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238, 2023

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

- Water Infrastructure Grants and Financing Workshop for Adirondack Communities, March 14, 2023, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Keith Lanfear, Tim Shudt
- NYCOM, To the Polls webinar, March 2, 2023, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, \$25 registration, Julie Allen

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238, 2023 ADOPTED.

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Facility Use/Special Events Applications:

Wood Park

- Strand Theatre Summer Slam, Hudson River Music Hall Productions, Inc., John Myers, July 8 & 9, 2023, 3 pm – 11 pm
- Adirondack Nationals, Adirondack Rods & Kustoms, Kenny Williams, September 7 – 10, 2023, 7 am – 5 pm

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

RESOLUTION NO. 239, 2023

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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:

- Strand Theatre Summer Slam, Hudson River Music Hall Productions, Inc., John Myers, July 8 & 9, 2023, 3 pm – 11 pm
- Adirondack Nationals, Adirondack Rods & Kustoms, Kenny Williams, September 7 – 10, 2023, 7 am – 5 pm

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, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 239 , 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

Shepard Park

- Model Car Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, May 31 & June 1, 2023, 9 am – 8 pm
- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10 & 11, 2023, 11 am – 10 pm (moved from Wood Park to accommodate ESTRA)
- Lake George Community Band Festival, Corine Tarana, July 15, 2023, 9 am – 10 pm

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240, 2023

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

- Model Car Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, May 31 & June 1, 2023, 9 am – 8 pm
- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10 & 11, 2023, 11 am – 10 pm (moved from Wood Park to accommodate ESTRA)
- Lake George Community Band Festival, Corine Tarana, July 15, 2023, 9 am – 10 pm

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240, 2022 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Facility Use Applications contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance, and other necessary documents:

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**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

Mayor Blais said he had received an email correspondence from a lady interested in using the Rec Center for offering a child and family program to children ages 2-7 for an 8-week period. Jacalyn Warshauer owns a business called Wild Type Learning. The program will offer yoga, lawn games, hiking, and more physical and educational stimulus for the children. Mayor Blais has offered for her to come in and fill out a facility use application. Mayor Blais asked that the Trustees approve the usage dependent on all proper paperwork submitted along with fees and insurance proof.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Facility Use Applications contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance, and other necessary documents:

REC Center

- **Wild Time Learning, Jacalyn Warshauer, Mondays, April 24 – June 19, 2023, 10 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

Joint Occupancy Tax Applications and Awards

Mayor Blais presented to the Board the list of Joint Occupancy Tax Applications along with the awards given. Trustee Root asked to abstain from the first-time applications as he was not present to hear the presentations from the applicant directly. Mayor Blais abstained from the vote on the Ronald McDonald Charities as he is a member of the group.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243, 2023

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 22/23 budget as follows:

- **ESTRA, Bob Gorman - June 2, 3, and 4, 2023 Award: \$3,000.**
- **Law Enforcement Officers Weekend, Austin Glickman - June 7 – 11, 2023 Award: \$3,000.**
- **Jazz around Town, Tanya Tobias-Tomis, September 15,16, and 17, 2023 Award \$2,000.**
- **Oriental Shriner Circus, Paul Manning, August 6, 2023 Award \$1,500.**
- **Strand Theatre Summer Slam, Hudson River Music Show, July 8 & 9, 2023 Award \$3,000.**
- **Lake George Craft, Music Fest, Craftproducers, July 28 – 30, 2023 Award \$3,000.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 22/23 budget as follows:

- **Ronald McDonald House Charities, Mayor Robert Blais, August 3 – 5, 2023 Award \$6,000.**

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**
 Nays: 0
 Abstain: 1 **Blais**

RESOLUTION NO. 244, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 245, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 22/23 budget as follows:

- **Kris Kringle Fest, Vincent Cianciolo, September 23 & 24, 2023 Award \$3,000.**
- **Lake George Garlic Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 17 & 18, 2023 Award \$3,000.**

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry**
 Nays: 0
 Abstain: 1 **Root**

RESOLUTION NO. 245, 2023 ADOPTED.**February 13, 2023****School Tax Agreement**

Mayor Blais presented the agreement granting partial real property tax exemption to the Village of Lake George from the School. Mayor Blais explained the School has agreed to only raise the Village's taxes at a rate of 5% until it reaches its total assessed value (20 years). Mayor Blais further explained that the Village will still be going to grievance day to reduce the assessment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246, 2023

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George and the Lake George Central School have come to an agreement to for a partial real property tax exemption;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the contract drawing out the yearly real property tax rate increase for the next twenty years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246, 2023 ADOPTED.**February 13, 2023****Septage Rate Increase**

Operator Tim Shudt requested that the Board of Trustees consider raising the Septage Rate citing that both Ticonderoga and the City of Glens Falls have rates higher than ours. Operator Shudt explained that our current rate is set at \$65./1,000 gallon. (It was later determined that the correct rate was \$60./1,000 gallon). Operator Shudt recommended changing the rate to \$75./1,000 gallon. Trustee Perry suggested going to \$80./1,000 gallon. Operator Shudt said that the City of Glens Falls will be raising their rate to \$85./1,000 gallons in the next few months. Mayor Blais suggested that the rate go higher so that the Board did not have address this issue again in the next couple years. The Trustees went back and forth with suggestions on the rate, finally settling on \$100./1,000 gallons.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George authorizes the increase of the septic haulers rates by \$40.00 per 1,000 gallons from \$.060 per gallon to \$.10 per gallon effective March 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247 , 2023 ADOPTED.**February 13, 2023****Senior Tax Exemption based on income**

Mayor Blais said that the paperwork presented was not the up-to-date paperwork on this subject, so it was decided to be put on the March 20, 2023 Board meeting agenda.

Fire Truck Purchase

Mayor Blais presented the Board of Trustees with the question of whether to purchase a New Aerial Ladder Truck for the Fire Department. Mayor Blais explained that he had spoken with the Bond Attorney, and they would be able to bond up to 20 years. He further explained that his signing the contract would be contingent on the successful passing of a permissive referendum and bond resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 248, 2023

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Village of Lake George needs a new Aerial Lift Truck as the current 1995 Mini Tower is at its end of life, with replacement parts difficult to find, and is too short to reach some buildings in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Garrison Fire & Rescue Corp, an authorized Rosenbauer dealer, submitted a proposal for a Rosenbauer Commander 104ft. Rear Mount Cobra Aerial Tower Ladder in the amount of \$1,670,734.;

WHEREAS, this pricing is part of a cooperative bidding agreement by Sourcewell (formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance), which the Village is a member of, and with an award to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC Contract #113021-RSDSC, and the Village's procurement policy allows for purchasing from cooperative contracts;

WHEREAS, this purchase is contingent upon written approval by the Council of the Town of Lake George in accordance with our existing Fire Protection Contract. The percentage of shared responsibility for payment would be 50/50 between the Town of Lake George and the Village of Lake George. Upon receipt of their approval, it is our intention to bond the purchase for a term of 20 years.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon Attorney Fuller's review of all documentation, the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon finalized funding, the Village Board will pass a resolution whereby vote of the electors of the Village of Lake George within 30 days after its adoption, file a petition requiring a permissive referendum pursuant to law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 248, 2023 ADOPTED February 13, 2023

Professional engineering services by KSPE for culvert repair

Superintendent Keith Lanfear presented the need for professional engineering services to help find solutions for a culvert repair near the Visitor's Center. Superintendent Lanfear presented a quotation submitted by KSPE and asked that the Board approve the proposal. Trustee Perry asked if the work would begin before May or June and Superintendent Lanfear responded the

work would begin in March or April. Mayor Blais suggested the Board set a limit of \$5,000 on the proposal.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 249, 202

WHEREAS the Culvert near the Visitor Center needs repair and professional engineering is required to develop a plan for repair ;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the proposal submitted by KSPE not to exceed \$5,000. from KSPE for Professional Services to prepare a report for the Culvert repair near the Visitor Center in Lake George.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 249, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2023

FEBRUARY 2023 WATER CHANGES

FEBRUARY BILLING	\$159,871.90
LESS SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT	(\$ 1,083.51)
METER UPGRADE	\$ 15,482.00
PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE	\$ 50.00
FINAL READS	
J. RATYNKSI	\$ 88.16
A. BHATTI	\$ 106.18
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CIRCUITOUS	\$ 16.16

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$159,871.90
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$144,339.90
	CR F2145 WATER METER EQUIP CHARGES	\$ 15,482.00
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 50.00

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$ 221.81
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 208.81
	CR F2145 WATER METER EQUIP CHARGES	\$ 13.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2023 ADOPTED. February 13, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO. 251, 2023

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TRANSFERS

From:		To:		Amount:
A3410.22	Fire Inventory	A3410.1	Fire Personnel	\$1,500.00
A5142.1	Snow Removal Pers	A7110.11	Wood Park Pers	\$4,500.00
A1990.4	Contingency	A1362.4	Legal Ads	\$300.00
A1990.4	Contingency	A5630.4	GGFT	\$192.00
A9010.8	Retirement	A8090.4	Environmental Control	\$2,000.00
A8130.4	Sanitation	A8120.4	Sanitary Sewer	\$10,000.00
A9010.8	Retirement	A8120.4	Sanitary Sewer	\$10,000.00
A8020.1	Planning Pers. Svce	A8020.4	Planning Contr	\$1,000.00
A1990.4	Contingency	A1420.4	Law	\$12,000.00
A1110.01	Justice Pers	A1210.4	Mayor Contr.	\$50.00
F1990.4	Contingency	F8340.4	Water Meter Cont	\$12,000.00
F8350.41	Meter Upgrade	F8350.4	Water Meter Cont	\$350.00
A7270.4	Bands	A7550.4	Celebrations	\$100.00

			Voucher Numbers	Checks
1/12/2023	General	\$45,522.69	231125-231128	37208-37210
	Water	<u>\$10,365.94</u>		
		\$55,888.63		
1/26/2023	General	\$119,093.60	231129-231160	37211-37223
	Water	\$24,844.12		
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	<u>\$251,063.82</u>		
		\$395,001.54		
2/9/2023	General	\$64,652.77	231161-231182	37224-37235
	Water	\$11,543.30	231254-231256	
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	<u>\$55,353.91</u>		
		\$131,549.98		
2/13/2023	General	\$270,610.62	231183-231253	37236-37324
	Water	<u>\$89,756.20</u>	231257-231317	
		\$360,366.82		

Payroll ck#37071 voided

Payroll ck#37149 voided

CK#37204 for \$191,110.26 voided replaced w CK#37207 for \$178,648.80 Washington County

Payroll ck#37209 voided

Payroll ck# 37219 voided

Payroll ck# 37231 voided

RESOLUTION NO. 251, 2023 ADOPTED.

February 13, 2023

Operator Shudt explained that all departments of the Village need emergency First Aid kits and requested the Board approve purchasing them. Operator Shudt explained that the cost for the

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large kits required for the five departments cost \$295. each. Operator Shudt further explained that the smaller kit needed for the Village office would cost \$180.. Operator Shudt explained that each department should also have an AED unit available as there should be no more than a three-minute delay before administering the aid to save lives. Operator Shudt said that each vehicle should also have a medical kit on board at a cost off \$50. each. The Board agreed that each department could purchase the required safety kits as well as the vehicle safety kits. The board asked that Operator Shudt put the purchase of the AEDs in the upcoming budget.

At 6:16 p.m. Mayor Blais excused himself for the Board to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

At 6:17 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl to go into Executive Session.

At 6:53 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Earl to come out of Executive Session with no action.

Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to Adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen
Village Clerk