

Minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Perry, Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor
Jose Filomeno, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

ABSENT: Alyson Miller, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Julie K Allen, Fire President Doni Smith, Fire Chief Jim Barber, Gina Mintzer, Laura Kohls, Fire member John Cocozza-Hill, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry opened the discussion on the possibility of enacting a 1% Occupancy tax for Hotels and Motels in the Village of Lake George. He proposed that the Trustees reach out to residents as well as Hotel and Motel owners to get their perspective on the tax. He continued explaining that there was not a rush, and that no decision needed to be made immediately. He said that he had spoken with Dave Kenny Jr. and that proposition was not as popular as he thought it would be, so the Mayor wanted to hear more discussion on the matter.

Trustee Mastrodomenico asked Rob McGregor, who was on Zoom, if he would like to weigh in.

Rob McGregor said that he was unsure why there was so much controversy. He said that there was a need to help cover increasing costs for services, and that the only question was how to pay for it. He said the way he saw it was the increase needed to be paid for by either the residents or the tourists. He said that he felt the costs needed to be covered by the tourists visiting the Village. He said that he felt the message needed to be re-worded so that everyone understood the tax would be earmarked for infrastructure, not to go for promoting more tourism. He suggested the Village frame it as an either-or scenario, where either the residents pay, or tourists pay it through their Hotel/Motel stay. He said he did not see it impacting his business.

Laura Kohls said that she felt it would have a larger impact on the larger Hotels and Motels, especially those that are year-round, as it will put them at disadvantage to neighboring communities. She said that she would speak with other businesses and come back to the next meeting to discuss what she had found.

Mayor Perry thanked everyone for their input.

Trustee Filomeno said he felt this was a good start to the conversation.

Mayor Perry said he was waiting for some numbers from Warren County and that information would be forthcoming.

Mayor Perry presented a change order from C.T. Male Associates for the Geotech soil study.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 354, 2025

WHEREAS the Village Board has entered into an agreement with C.T. Male Associates, based on the Proposal for Professional Services submitted to the Village on October 17, 2024, for a cost not to exceed \$13,500, for the Geotechnical services assessment; and

WHEREAS, in the process of completing the study, it has been determined that further studies need to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the further studies will be a cone penetration testing with shear wave velocity measurements of 100 feet below existing grades; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost of this testing by C.T. Male Associates resulted in a change order for the additional sum of \$11,000; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign into professional services/contractual agreement with C.T. Male Associates for change order number one for said services as part of the Shepard Park Amphitheater project, to be paid for by general budget funds from the 2024-2025 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	Ayes: 4	Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root
	Nays: 0	
	Absent: 1	Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 354, 2025 ADOPTED March 3, 2025

Mayor Perry opened for discussion the possibility of the Village offering Trustees health insurance at a 50% cost instead of the 100% that's currently offered. Trustee Root suggested that the Trustees receive the benefit at the same rate as current full-time employees, with a 20% cost buy in. Trustee Mastrodomenico suggested possibly offering an initial buy in at 50% then after two years offering it at the 20% rate. Mayor Perry instructed the Trustees to think about what they would like to offer and come back to him.

Mayor Perry presented the results of the poll for the MVP Health insurance renewal. He explained that only one employee wanted to switch to a lower premium plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 355, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Raymond Perry to sign a renewal contract with MVP Health Care for the Platinum health insurance plan for our active full-time employees for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 355, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 356, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to sign a new one-year lease agreement with Sean Quirk and Quirk Enterprises for operating and maintaining his parking lot at 75 Canada Street for the summer of 2025 with the lease term to end the season on October 1, 2025. Quirk Enterprises shall receive seventy percent (70%) of the gross parking rental collections received from the property, and the Village shall retain the sum of the remaining thirty percent (30%) plus any and all fines received by the Village for any parking infractions at the Property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 356, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 357, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to send a letter of intent to Homes and Community Renewal to apply for designation as a Pro-Housing Community.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 357, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 358, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Perry hereby makes the following new appointments effective April 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted:

Zoning Board of Appeals – Permanent Member – Jeffrey Blau
Zoning Board of Appeals – Vice Chair – Robert Lebar
Zoning Board of Appeals – Chairman – Kieran Murray

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

RESOLUTION NO. 358, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 359, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Perry to file for Liquor License applications for July 24, 26, 2025 and August 2, 2025.

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nayes: 0
 Absent: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 359, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 360, 2025

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

- **NYRWA, Annual Technical Training Workshop, May 19-21, 2025, Tim Shudt Sr., Tim Shudt Jr., Keith Lanfear, Chris Buckley, Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY, \$455 registration & Meals each, Hotel \$348 each**

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nayes: 0
 Absent: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 360, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 362, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Perry 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 2025;

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: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nayes: 0
 Absent: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 362, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 363, 2025

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

- **Marching Band- St. Patrick's Day Parade, \$1,200.**
- **Family Comedy Night, Caleb White, July 20, 2025, \$500.**

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nayes: 0
 Absent: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 363, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO 364, 2025

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TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:	Voucher Numbers	Checks
3/4/2025	General	\$38,549.38	243535-	
	Water	\$6,566.48	243556	
	Shepard Park - Gazebo	\$2,750.00		
		\$47,865.86		

VOTING **Ayes: 4** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Root**
 Nayes: 0
 Absent: 1 **Miller**

RESOLUTION NO. 364, 2025 ADOPTED. March 3, 2025

At 5:09 p.m. there was a motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular fire member.

At 5:26 p.m. there was a motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Root to close executive session and return to the special Board meeting having taken no action during the executive session.

Mayor Perry asked the Board members if there was anything they wanted to bring up.

Trustee Root said he wanted to add to the discussion of the possible 1% Occ Tax increase. He suggested that instead of imposing a 1% Occ Tax fee to the Hotels and Motels, that the Village create a sewer rate to cover the expenses. He said Hotels and Motels would be covering the cost either way, by the Occ Tax, or by usage as they are the largest users.

Mayor Perry said that he felt it was doable now that the Village has a better grasp on the costs. He said he felt the Village could revisit the sewer rate again.

Trustee Filomeno said he would be visiting Trustee Root at the Visitor Center to see what they could do at the Visitor Center.

Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion to Adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen

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