

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

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

Also Present: Clerk Julie Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Chief Operator Tim Shudt, Laura Kohls, David Kenny, John Cocozza-Hill, Michael Menter, Fire President Doni Smith, Gina Mintzer, Sarah Hoffman, and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2025. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the minutes with a correction in the discussion between Director of Planning and Zoning, Dan Barusch, and Trustee Root, regarding the comprehensive and consolidation plan.

**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, Planning & Zoning Office, Fire Department, and Financial reports were presented and made available to the public.

Mayor Perry presented a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation, recognizing Lake George as a 2024 Tree City.

Mayor Perry presented proposed Local Law 1, 2025, Chapter 213-13, Water, Schedule of rates and charges where the Village will be looking to increase water rates 6%. He asked to set a Public Hearing for the April 7, 2025 meeting to possibly pass the Local Law. All members of the Board agreed to set the hearing.

Mayor Perry presented the resolutions for consideration.

Mayor Perry presented the proposal for assistance by Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District in completing the 2026 – 2028 MS4 paperwork. He explained that the paperwork has become much more involved and needed expert assistance in order to complete it now.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 365, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George (the “Village”) has been an MS4 community since 2013 and as an MS4 community must adhere to certain requirements set forth in the General Permit for MS4’s established by NYS DEC through the US EPA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village received a proposal from Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District to complete the MS4 update for a not-to-exceed price of \$10,000 which is less than the budgeted amount for MS4 in the 2025 Village Budget; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby agrees to enter into a MOA with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation to complete the Village 2025 MS4, based on the proposal submitted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign an MOA with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation for said services for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$10,000, to be paid for by Storm Sewers Contractual budget funds from the 2025 budget and fiscal year; and

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 365, 2025 ADOPTED.                    March 17, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 366, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George (Landlord) currently has a Ground Lease agreement with Charter Communications for the lease of property located at 21 Treatment Road, and

**WHEREAS**, they are requesting a Thirty One month extension to the lease,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Raymond Perry to confirm renewal with them according to the terms of the lease extension. The Term will be from June 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027, with a monthly rent of \$1,250.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO, 366, 2025 ADOPTED.                    March 17, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 367, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, due to a clerical issue, Dean Howland was not registered during the early registration period that resulted in an additional \$30 fee;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the additional fee for registration of Dean Howland to attend:

- **Saratoga County – Planning and Zoning Conference, February 5, 2025, Dean Howland \$30.00 additional**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 367, 2025 ADOPTED.**

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Mayor Perry presented the results of the Bounce House RFP's. Trustee Miller questioned if they provided their plan on how the inflatable will be tethered. Mayor Perry said it was not included in the paperwork received. Trustee Miller said she would offer approval based on receiving the requested information.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 368, 2025**

**WHEREAS Austin Clements of AA Tents and Inflatables was the highest responsive of two bidders for providing bounce houses during Fridays at the Lake for a revenue of \$50/event or \$400 total;**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby awards Austin Clements of AA Tents, 537 Luzerne Road, Queensbury the proposal, contingent on receipt of tethering plan.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO. 368, 2025 ADOPTED**

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Trustee Root requested the Mayor have the Bounce House moved away from the beer vendor. Mayor Perry said that he could accommodate that request.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 369, 2025**

**WHEREAS, converting to LED fixtures at the Water Treatment Plant would be cost effective with approximately half a year payback, and;**

**WHEREAS, these conversion to LED fixtures have an environmental benefit of lowering greenhouse emissions, and the bulbs and ballasts have a life span of over 50,000 hours;**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George received three quotations from Integra LED for \$4,055.54, Gross Electric Inc. for \$49,180.00, and from J. McBain Inc. for \$21,255.59;**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Integra LED to replace the fixtures for a total cost of \$4,055.54.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 369, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 370, 2025**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has received public bids for the Beach Road Ticket Booth Lease; and**

**WHEREAS, Waterfront Property was the highest bidders at \$18,000.;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George awards the Beach Road Ticket Booth Lease to Waterfront Properties for \$18,000. for the 2025 Season. Payments to be received in the amount of \$3,000. monthly, beginning May 1, 2025 until fully paid.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 370, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

Mayor Perry presented special events/facility use applications to the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 371, 2025**

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

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

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

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

- **Lake George Hike-A-Thon After Party, Sarah Hoffman, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 5, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 371, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

Mayor Perry presented the requests for Occ Tax.  
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Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 372, 2025**

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

- Hudson Valley Firefighters Association, Tom McKinney, \$2,000

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 372, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 373, 2025**

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

- Lake George Land Conservancy, Lake George Hike-A-Thon, Sarah Hoffman, \$5,700

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 373, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

Mayor Perry presented the requests for employee training.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 374, 2025**

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

- 2025 Adirondack Planning Forum, Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake, NY, May 7&8, 2025, Walt Adams, \$116.60

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 374, 2025 ADOPTED.                      March 17, 2025**

Mayor Perry presented the Water Changes and Transfers and Audits.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 375, 2025**

**MARCH 2025 WATER CHANGES**

**MARCH PENALTIES** **\$1,697.16**

**FINAL READS:**

D. Bennett	\$ 38.38
L. Bonavenia	\$ 44.45

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

Penalties reversed	\$ 25.15
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**Late fees reversed, post mark date on or before 2/28/25**

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

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$1,779.99
CR	F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$1,697.16
CR	F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 79.83
CR	F21445 METER UPGRADES	\$ 3.00

DR	F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 25.15
CR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$ 25.15

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 375, 2025 ADOPTED. March 17, 2025**

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

**RESOLUTION NO 376, 2025**

**3/4/2025**

**TRANSFERS:**

From:	To:	Amount:
A.8510.0200 Beautification equipment	A.8510.400 Beautification-contractual	\$1,595.34
A.1420.0400 Law- contractual	A.1362.0400 Legal ads	\$300.00
A.3410.0200 Fire - equipment	A.3410.0220 Fire Inventory	\$20.92
A.1640.0200 Central Garage equipment	A.1640.0440 Central Garage - Vehicles	\$500.00

**Voucher Numbers Checks**

<b>3/4/2025</b>	General	\$38,549.38	243535 - 243556	39959 -
	Water	\$6,566.48		39978

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	Shepard Park - Gazebo	<u>\$2,750.00</u>		
		\$47,865.86		
<b>3/6/2025</b>	General - PAYROLL	\$64,544.03	243557 - 243562	39979 -
	Water - PAYROLL	<u>\$14,539.19</u>		39982
		\$79,083.22		
<b>3/18/2025</b>	General	\$148,489.62	243563 - 243671	
	Water	\$10,995.68		
	Shepard Park - Gazebo	<u>\$8,096.50</u>		
		\$167,581.80		

CK# 39981 - VOID for Payroll (03/06/25)  
 CK# 7362 - VOID for Payroll (03/06/25)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 376, 2025 ADOPTED.                    March 17, 2025**

Mayor Perry presented the Budget worksheets to the Village Board for review.

Trustee Root said that a lot of the details do not come through in the worksheets. He questioned if there was money in the Budget to do a consolidation study. Mayor Perry said there was money in the Budget to do a consolidation study or comprehensive plan. Mayor Perry said there was \$20,000. slated under account A.1930.

Mayor Perry said that he would like to place the Budget up for approval and have the Public Hearing for the Budget at the April 7, 2025 meeting. Trustee Miller said she would like to see the paperwork submitted by the department heads to understand the Budget better. Mayor Perry said he would have the Treasurer provide her with copies of everything the following morning. It was agreed to have the Public Hearing on April 7, 2025.

Mayor Perry asked Superintendent Lanfear if he had anything to present to the Board. Superintendent Lanfear said he had two vehicles that were sold on GovDeals. He said that the International did not sell for as much as he would have liked. He said that he had two more items that would be going to auction or surplus steel within the week.

Chief Operator Tim Shudt said that he had two employees working on getting certified. He said they both completed the course, one passing the exam, and one who would need to retake the exam. He said that the new employee had submitted paperwork to go for his CDL.

Chief Barber asked if the Board if there was any progress on the fire lanes he had requested. Mayor Perry said that he and Superintendent Lanfear had looked at the area and that they had decided to make the five spaces a loading zone rather than a fire lane.

Chief Barber asked if there was an update on the water supply hydrant at the Rec Park. Superintendent Lanfear said that he had looked at it the prior week and that he would be checking its capabilities later in the week.

Chief Barber asked the status of the ambient air filters. Superintendent Lanfear said that he had requested a quote for three of them.

Chief Barber asked about purchasing tires for the aerial truck because due to their age, it was suggested they be replaced. Trustee Miller asked if it was a guideline or a rule. Mayor Perry asked if the tires had passed inspection. Chief Barber said that they had passed inspection. Trustee Root asked what the cost to replace them would be. Chief Barber responded it would cost approximately \$6,000. to replace the tires on both the aerial truck and the mini. Trustee Miller asked for Chief Barber to present the Board with a copy of the guidelines for replacement. Chief Barber said he would get a copy of the guidelines and give it to the Board the following day.

Trustee Miller asked if the Board could have the first monthly meeting be for discussions only and the second meeting of the month be for voting. Mayor Perry said that the following month would not be done that way due to the Public Hearing, and organizational items that need to be completed. He said that the Board could resume the workshop format for the first monthly meeting in May. He said that there will still be some voting as they will need to approve transfers and audits at each meeting.

Trustee Miller said that she does not like people throwing candy during parades. She said she feels it puts children in danger as they run into the street to get the candy. She said she would like to see a different format like walking along side the road to hand the candy out. Mayor Perry said he did not see a problem with throwing candy like it has been done in the past. He said the vehicles are moving at a very slow speed. Chief Barber said that he supported Trustee Miller's position. Chief Barber said that the Fire Department hands out the candy and that they do not use their air horns for the safety of the children attending the parade. Trustee Miller said if people in the parade handed out the candy it would make it much more enjoyable for the parents and she felt the Village would see a larger turnout. Trustee Root said that the reason he did not attend the parade was because of the noise.

Trustee Filomeno said he had spoken with a few correction officers, and they had asked if the Village had any employment opportunities. Mayor Perry suggested that Trustee Filomeno talk with Sheriff Jim LaFarr to see if they need help.

Trustee Root wished Trustee Mastrodomenico luck at the upcoming Village election.

Trustee Mastrodomenico said that he hoped it would not be his last meeting and wished Trustee Root luck in the upcoming Village election.

Trustee Root made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Julie K Allen  
Village Clerk

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