

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 virus outbreak and public attendance was prohibited. The public was allowed access via teleconferencing which was publicized on the Village's web site and Facebook page.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Deputy Mayor

**MEMBERS VIA ZOOM:** John Root, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee  
Ray Perry, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Debra McKinney, Operator Tim Shudt, Thom Randall, and via Zoom Doni Smith.

Mayor Blais opened the special meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The Fire Company's President Doni Smith sent the list of newly elected Fire Department Officers to the Village Board for their approval. Jim Barber was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief and according to the Bylaws he must meet the following requirements: have 4 years of active service in the Company; have certain training; be a Class A interior qualified firefighter and have held the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant or Higher in the past three years. The Board was informed by Company President Doni Smith that he is not currently an active firefighter and has not held the rank required during the past three years. It was confirmed that Mr. Barber has been a member since 1998, has been an active member for the four years required, has been Chief previously, and has met the training criteria. Doni Smith noted that the Company waived the officer requirement, but didn't realize at the time that he is not an active Class A firefighter. She commented that they could have a meeting as soon as next Tuesday to consider waiving that requirement as well.

Mayor Blais commented that we have had issues before with some candidates not meeting the criteria, but he agreed to follow up with Village Attorney Matt Fuller to get clarification. In the meantime, he recommended approving the Chief and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant until we get an answer, and acknowledging the rest of the list.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby appoints the following list of newly elected firematic officers for the 2021-2022 year;**

**Chief – Matt Oswald  
1st Assistant Chief – Brandon Combs**

**In addition these department officers were acknowledged to their respective positions:**

**Captain – Tom Williams  
1st Lieutenant – Craig Underwood  
2nd Lieutenant – Nicholas Benjamin**

**In addition the following list of Fire Company Administrative officers elected to their respective positions were accepted for informational purposes only:**

**President – Doni Smith  
Vice President – Garrett Ramsey  
Secretary – Brad Lashway  
Treasurer – Bob Leombruno  
Board of Directors - Mike Parsons, Mac MacDonald, and Richard White**

**VOTING        Ayes: 3        Blais, Earl, Root  
                  Nays: 0  
                  Absent: 2       Mastrodomenico, Perry**

**RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2021 ADOPTED                      April 8, 2021**

There was a motion by Trustee Earl to adjourn at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
Village Clerk