

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 virus outbreak and public attendance was prohibited. Due to an internet access malfunction, Zoom access was not available today.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney and WWTP Operator Tim Shudt.

At 10:05 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and began with the first item on the agenda. He noted that normally any balance of funds left in the Fire appropriations are transferred to the Fire Reserve Fund at the end of the year. This year there is an additional \$30,000. to be put into the reserve; it is left over from the vehicle that was budgeted, but then Village and Town officials decided not to purchase it. If at some point during the course of the 21/22 budget, the Board decides it is necessary to get a Chief's vehicle, the funds can be approved with a 30-day permissive referendum.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George Fire Department has completed the fiscal year 2020-2021, and has unused funds estimated in the amount of \$51,600., and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George Fire Department requests that the unused funds be transferred into their Fire Reserve Fund for future equipment purchases,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, New York hereby authorizes a transfer of \$51,600., from the General Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2021. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority, to approve the May 17 Regular Meeting minutes.

VOTING **Ayes: 3** **Blais, Earl, Perry**
 Nays: 2 **Mastrodomenico, Root**
 MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Blais asked for permission to hire two new seasonal employees.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 68, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves hiring the following seasonal employees:

Trevor Dunsmore	DPW	\$14.00 per hour
Paul Montanye	Beautification	\$14.00 per hour

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68, 2021 ADOPTED. **May 26, 2021**

There may be WWTP Capital Expenses that need to be paid before the next regular audit on June 21.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC Payment Request #32, which currently includes: 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: 3** Blais, Earl, Perry
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 2 Mastrodomenico, Root

RESOLUTION NO. 69, 2021 ADOPTED. **May 26, 2021**

Mayor Blais acknowledged an Occupancy Tax request that was submitted to Warren County by Bethanie Lawrence of the World Awareness Children's Museum for their 31st International Cuisine Festival scheduled for the Festival Space on June 13, 2021. The County did not award them funds as it is only a one-day event. Mayor Blais recommended supporting them in the amount of \$500. Mayor Blais reported that he had a discussion with the County Committee in regards to partnering for the fireworks shows. The Committee agreed to provide funds for the shows in the amount of \$25,000. Mayor Blais also noted that he's got some sponsors for them, as well.

- Bethanie Lawrence of the World Awareness Children's Museum submitted an Occupancy Tax Request to Warren County for their 31st International Cuisine Festival schedule at Wood Park on June 13, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes an occupancy tax award in the amount of \$500. to Bethanie Lawrence of the World Awareness Children's Museum for

the 31st International Cuisine Festival schedule at Festival Space at Wood Park on June 13, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes encumbrance of the payment for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and funding upon receipt of proof of payment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Office of General Services is offering virtual seminars, "Power of Purchasing" on five different dates until Fall.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves Village staff to attend the Office of General Services virtual seminar, Power of Purchasing on one of the offered dates.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Mayor Blais submitted an agreement from the Warren County Sheriff's Department offering a dedicated vehicle with an officer, as well as a Patrol person, in the Village for the 2021 season. The service will begin this weekend. We successfully used the Sheriff's Department services in 2020 and had a substantial savings in doing so. He recommended we sign the agreement again for this year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72, 2021

WHEREAS, the County, and the Village are authorized to enter into agreements for the performance of their respective functions on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village brings thousands of individuals to Warren County annually; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of enhancing public safety and welfare in the Village, the Village is requesting the Warren County Sheriff's Office to provide police presence in the Village on such dates and times as the parties agree upon and continuing throughout the 2021 season.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of services to be provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Department the Board of Trustees of the Village agrees to pay the Sheriff's Department an hourly overtime rate for the specific employees plus fringe benefits, and does hereby authorize Mayor Blais to sign an intermunicipal agreement with Warren County to that effect.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Mayor Blais commented that Superintendent Lanfear could not attend today, but his assistant Tim Shudt was present to give an update on the Beach Road water break issue. Mr. Shudt reported that the excavation proceeded along the water line without finding a break. The original location by NY Rural Water was not accurate, as there are several factors that they needed in order to pinpoint the location. More information is now available, and they have determined that the leak is probably at the culvert under the brook. The documentation on this construction project was not accurate, and there were several changes made to the original design, but they were not noted. This was put in by a directional bore, so a new bore next to the old one would be anticipated. Mayor Blais noted that the line is shut down, but it doesn't affect the water customers. We do not want to leave the water on because the leak could cause substantial damage. It can be monitored and turned back on if necessary. It was noted that Chazen is working on a cost estimate for future work which could be quite costly.

Mayor Blais asked Clerk McKinney to give the details about the Car Show PP (Preferred Parking stickers) Sales Prices. She explained that we did not sell them in 2020, but in 2019 we sold them successfully at a cost of \$100. for passenger vehicles only and \$400. for trailers or any other vehicles using more than one parking space. The permit was good for the period of Tuesday through Sunday. Mayor Blais reported that he has had some discussion with the Sheriff's Department and also the event organizers in regards to shutting the street down during the Friday night cruise and possibly Saturday night as well. He suggested that we shut down the main street Friday night as a trial and see how it goes. The Sheriff's Department will support this, and will commit staff for this. He mentioned that the following week, the Jeep show will be here, and he would like to limit the burnouts so that they are not encouraged to do them as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73, 2021

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George hosts the Adirondack Nationals Car Show annually, and it is scheduled for September 9 through 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS seasonal attendees and owners wish to park their vehicles for extended periods of time, overnight and for numerous days on our public streets, and

WHEREAS, these vehicles occupy paid metered spaces,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George does hereby agree to issue Parking Permits "PP's" set at the following fees:

- **Passenger vehicles only \$100. each**
- **Trailers or any other vehicles using more than one parking space \$400. each**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PP's will be valid Tuesday, September 7, 2021 through Sunday, September 12, 2021 only.

VOTING **Ayes: 3** **Blais, Earl, Perry**

Nays: 0
Absent: 2 Mastrodomenico, Root

RESOLUTION NO. 73, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Mayor Blais gave a report on the status of the Lake Avenue Park. He has been receiving complaints about the activities happening at the Park. This weekend he was called there as there were problems involving the police. Mayor Blais commented that last year the fence worked well, but thought maybe we wouldn't put a fence up down there this year, but with all the problems and complaints he is now recommending that a fence get put back up down there again as soon as possible. The price quote that Superintendent Lanfear got was for \$6,500. installed for a chain link fence with privacy slats. The Board discussed fencing options, and would prefer a 6' aluminum fence instead of a chain link. Mayor Blais noted that he has checked with Attorney Fuller about resident versus non-resident usage and whether we can make it private access. The attorney confirmed that it can be set as private use for Village residents only, but if you open it up to town residents, you must allow any other class of people, you have to allow anyone. Mayor Blais suggested charging a seasonal fee of \$75. for a Village resident and \$125. for outside Village. The discussion about Lake Avenue Park and the usage policy continued. He suggested that we will have to change the lock and keys every year. Trustee Perry suggested that we can use the Park anyway we wish. Mayor Blais suggested we open it up by permit again, and open it up including Town of Lake George. Mayor Blais can follow up with those that were signed up last year. They continued the discussion about the options. They agreed to approve the fencing with a follow up on the cost of the 6' aluminum fencing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village Board would like to mitigate vandalism and other illicit activities taking place at the Lake Avenue Park; and

WHEREAS, we have a proposal from Afsco Fence Supply to rent temporary fencing until a permanent fence can be installed;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Board authorizes the installation of temporary fencing with the intent to purchase and order permanent fencing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the purchase of fencing, preferable a 6' aluminum fence, including installation for the purpose of instituting a permitting process for the Lake Avenue Park at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution for Transfers and Audits:

RESOLUTION NO. 75, 2021

TRANSFERS:

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From:		To:		Amount:
F8310.4	Water Adm Contr	F8310.43	Water Adm Phone	\$240.00
A9060.08	Health Ins	A9060.83	Copays	\$600.00
A3120.1	Peace Officer Pers	A3620.1	Safety Insp Pers	\$350.00
	On Street Prk		On Street Prk	
A3320.22	Inventory	A3320.4	Contr	\$200.00

AUDITS:

5/20/2021	General	\$61,366.58	211819-211828	35191-35196
	Water	<u>\$9,809.63</u>		
		\$71,176.21		

5/26/2021	General	\$46,948.36		
	Water	\$61,978.45	211829-211892	
	Pay Stations (HM)	\$408.04		
	EPG (HT)	<u>\$664.00</u>		
		\$109,998.85		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75, 2021 ADOPTED. May 26, 2021

Trustee Perry asked about the status of the quotes for the cameras in Shepard Park. It was confirmed that we have two quotes, one quote is for more high quality cameras. Mayor Blais agreed to put this on the agenda for further discussion in June.

Trustee Perry reported about the Student Connection meeting that was held yesterday. He noted that Allie Towbridge is interested in setting up a vaccination clinic at the church for the students.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney
Village Clerk