

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, October 18, 2021 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 Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Joe Thouin from the Lake George Park Commission, John Herzog, Tony Hall (Lake George Mirror), and others via Zoom.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on September 20 and a Special Meeting held on September 29, 2021. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 20 and a Special Meeting held on September 29, 2021.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Blais, Earl, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Mastrodomenico</b>
		<b>MOTION PASSED.</b>

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 8, 2021 Amending Chapter 220, "ZONING" – Amusements. Mayor Blais noted that a committee was appointed by the Village Board to work on bringing our zoning regulations up to date concerning the placement of amusements and amusement devices throughout the Village. The proposed law sets forth the requirements and guidelines and covers areas such as lighting and landscaping, sound and noise and other things that a recreational device might bring in to the commercial areas. He opened the floor to public comment.

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Superintendent of Public Works, Planning & Zoning Office, Fire Department, Teen Center, Parking Meters Collections, and REC Center were presented and made available to the public.

Trustee Mastrodomenico arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Mayor Blais commented that there are Fire Department action items including consideration of three new members: Frank Nestro, Thomas Bellmio, Tyler Hubbard and approval for a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant award in the amount of \$3,000. with the Village matching \$1,500. for the purchase of wildland firefighting equipment.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 153, 2021**

**WHEREAS the following individuals: Thomas Bellmio, Tyler Hubbard, and Frank Nestro have submitted applications to join the Lake George Fire Department and have all previously been approved by the Fire Company, and;**

**WHEREAS** Thomas Bellmio, Tyler Hubbard, and Frank Nestro have been interviewed by Mayor Blais and Trustee Earl and are being recommended for approval by the Village Board;

**WHEREAS** Thomas Bellmio wishes to join as a mutual aid member and Chief Justyn Lewis of his home department sent a letter extending his benefits to allow him to assist in Lake George.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Thomas Bellmio as a mutual aid member and Tyler Hubbard and Frank Nestro for membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately pending satisfactory physicals and background checks.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 153, 2021 ADOPTED**                      **October 18, 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 154, 2021**

**WHEREAS** the Fire Department submitted a grant request to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to purchase wildland firefighting equipment and has been awarded \$1,500. with the Village to match that amount.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves the grant funding and approves the necessary signatures and submittals to get the grant and make the purchases.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 154, 2021 ADOPTED**                      **October 18, 2021**

Trustee Earl pointed out that according to the Chief's Report one of the firefighters is planning on taking the Master Diver Course at his own expense.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 155, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Jeremy Crispell to participate in the Master Diver Course at his own expense.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 155, 2021 ADOPTED**                      **October 18, 2021**

The following correspondence was received:

- Lake George Arts Project Executive Director Tanya Tobias-Tomis sent a Thank You for general support of their organization and for support of the Jazz at the Lake

event.

- NYS Empire State Development Grant Funds Program sent a letter notifying us that our application for the South Canada Street Streetscape Improvements grant request was denied.

Mayor Blais introduced Joe Thouin from the Lake George Park Commission for a Stormwater and Stream Corridor Regulations Update. Mr. Thouin handed out a summary document. He began by saying that the Commission has updated its stormwater and stream corridor regulations effective April 1, 2021. He reviewed the changes to each including:

- Stormwater: retrofitting properties, setbacks for better projects and fertilizer restriction. He noted that he had researched and the Village actually passed a similar fertilizer law back in 2010.
- Stream corridors: 35 foot stream buffers and stream crossing standards

Mayor Blais noted that it took them a lot of work and three years to pass the law. He asked Mr. Thouin about the status of their work on septic systems. Mr. Thouin replied that they are looking at the potential effects and risks of septic systems around the lake, and planning to develop an inspection program.

Ronald McDonald House Charities sent a thank you for funds raised on their behalf. They also invited Village staff to come down and tour their Albany facility and to attend a luncheon on Wednesday, October 27. Mayor Blais extended the invitation to any Board member that would like to attend. He advised that the Village Office will be closed at 11:00 a.m. that day.

Mayor Blais asked Clerk Deb McKinney to review the resolutions to be considered:

- Tax Collector Danna Bock submitted the list of unpaid Village Taxes to be relayed onto the January 2022 Town & County Taxes.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 156, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Treasurer to relay to Warren County the list of unpaid Village taxpayers for the June 2022 Village taxes in the amount of \$66,477.34 plus interest in the amount of \$5,318.19 which includes a postage fee for each parcel, for a grand total of \$71,795.53. onto the January, 2022 Town and County taxes.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 156, 2021 ADOPTED.      October 18, 2021**

- 2022 Fire Contract with Town of Lake George

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 157, 2021**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George has contracted with the Village of Lake George for fire protection;**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the 2022 Fire Contract for Annual Operating and Debt Expenses with the Town with a total payment of \$338,498.49 to be due in the month of February, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 157, 2021 ADOPTED.**                      **October 18, 2021**

- Utica National Dividend Check for the Fire Department Insurance Coverage Usually received annually, but there were no dividend payments last year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 158, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves a transfer of \$4,340.70 from the General Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 158, 2021 ADOPTED.**                      **October 18, 2021**

- MOU with Warren County SWCD for stormwater management work planned for Transfer Road, Smith Street and Old Post Road

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 159, 2021**

**WHEREAS** the Village of Lake George has an opportunity to get certain Stormwater Management work done on Transfer Road, Smith Street and Old Post Road in cooperation with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with Warren County SWCD for reimbursement of costs up to and including \$25,000.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 159, 2021 ADOPTED.**                      **October 18, 2021**

- Handbook Addition for Pandemic related time off  
Mayor Blais noted that since the declared pandemic back in 2020, no verbiage has been added to the handbook in regards to time off.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 160, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves an amendment to the Village Employee Handbook as follows:

**Employee Handbook  
Section V - Benefits**

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**R. Pandemic-related Absences:**

**Any employee having symptoms must get tested as soon as possible and not report to work.**

**Permanent year-round employees will receive their regular pay for the day of the test and up to three (3) days while waiting for the results. They will be charged their accrued sick time while out sick BEFORE being tested.**

**If a permanent year-round employee tests positive or are quarantined due to a positive exposure, they will receive up to ten (10) days of pay. A notice of quarantine from either a physician or a County Agency must be submitted to the Payroll Clerk along with the negative/positive tests.**

**Decisions in regards to employee circumstances that do not fit the above criteria, will be up to the Mayor's discretion and may be subject to the Village Board's review.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 160, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

- WWTP Capital Payment to Contractors

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 161, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC Payment Requests, which currently includes: Chazen Companies and Blue Heron Construction among other vendors, 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. 161, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 162, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George has taken in additional revenues for credit card use for parking and in fines in the amount of \$8,500.; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional revenues incur additional costs associated with the process;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY

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authorizes the following amendment to the General Fund budget to pay for the expenditures:

**Increase of Revenues and Expenditures:**

DR A5650.41 Beach Road Lot Expenditures	\$ 6,500
DR A5650.44 Quirk Parking Lot Expenditures	\$ 2,000
CR 1722 Beach Road Lot Revenue	\$ 6,500
CR 1727 Quirk Parking Lot Revenue	\$ 2,000

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 162, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

The following Special Event/Facilities Use applications were considered:

Shepard Park

- Lake George Youth Commission Trick or Treat Trail, Cathy O'Brien Oct 24, 2021
- Lake George Jr. Prom Coronation, Francis Cocozza April 30, 2022
- Lake George Sr. Prom Coronation, Francis Cocozza June 3, 2022

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 163, 2021**

**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 and compliance with NYS and Warren County COVID regulations and protocol:

- Lake George Youth Commission Trick or Treat Trail, Cathy O'Brien Oct 24, 2021 with fees waived
- Lake George Jr. Prom Coronation, Francis Cocozza April 30, 2022 with fees waived
- Lake George Sr. Prom Coronation, Francis Cocozza June 3, 2022 with fees waived

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 163, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

Wood Park

- Lake George Arts & Crafts Festival, Tim Cianciola July 28-31, 2022
- Lake George BBQ Festival, Tim Cianciola August 18-21, 2022

Trustee Perry made mention that for future events no tents be allowed to block the driving paths. Superintendent Lanfear noted that the organizers have been made aware of this.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 164, 2021**

**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:

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## **Wood Park**

- Lake George Arts & Crafts Festival, Tim Cianciola July 28-31, 2022
- Lake George BBQ Festival, Tim Cianciola August 18-21, 2022

**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, the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park, and compliance with COVID protocol as required.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 164, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

The following training sessions were considered:

- 2021 North Country Stormwater Tradeshow & Conference Virtual October 21, 2021
- NYRWA Standard Operating Procedure, Lake George Firehouse, November 17, 2021
- Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, Lake George, December 5 & 6, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 165, 2021**

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

- 2021 North Country Stormwater Tradeshow & Conference Virtual October 21, 2021
- NYRWA Standard Operating Procedure, Lake George Firehouse, November 17, 2021
- Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, Marriott Courtyard, Lake George, December 5 & 6, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 165, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

Mayor Blais asked for more input in regards to the Cannabis Regulation. He informed the Board that Attorney Fuller had sent correspondence with draft documents late this afternoon regarding the procedures necessary to enact a local law to opt out, if the Board so chooses to take that route. Clerk McKinney noted that she would forward the documentation to the Board.

Mayor Blais asked for any other comments from attendees.

Tucker Mogren spoke via Zoom. He noted that he is aware of the previous public comments. He wanted to make sure that the Board understands the financial implications and how they could support the Village for long term and/or short term goals. He noted that the other 10-18-21 regular & PH

municipalities in different states have seen, he believes it is 2 or 3% of the total revenue and could be tens of thousands of dollars that we would potentially miss out on. He also commented that concerns about “family friendly” atmosphere is also effected by the sale of alcohol and tobacco; the concept is the same. Mayor Blais noted for the record that we previously held a public information session and asked for comments. He advised that a public hearing will need to be set and held to pass a law to opt out. He asked the Board for their input. Several points were made as follows:

- The potential cut for the taxes on the sale from the distribution was generally thought to be a minimal amount. The Village wouldn't get the full share. Mayor Blais noted that is not certain of the share, but was remembering .5%.
- If the Village were to opt out, there was interest in revisiting and possibly reversing the decision at a later date, after we see how it goes in other communities.
- At the previous public information session, all of the speakers seemed to be opposed.
- It was noted that most of the issues mentioned previously involved consumption not so much the distribution. Control of consumption would be difficult, but we can control sale. It was noted that there are areas of the Village that are tobacco free, but that's hard to enforce consistently.
- Mayor Blais noted that he has received a couple of letters of interest for a dispensary.
- The first step in opting out is to hold a public hearing on a proposed law to opt out.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 166, 2021**

### **RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW REQUESTING THAT THE CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RETAIL DISPENSARY LICENSING AND OF ON-SITE CONSUMPTION LICENSES IN THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS, New York's recently adopted Cannabis Law of the State of New York provides, at Section 131 of the Cannabis Law, that a municipality may request that the New York State Cannabis Control Board prohibit cannabis retail dispensary licenses and on-site consumption licenses in the municipality, which request must be in the form of a local law adopted by the municipal board subject to permissive referendum; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George has debated such retail dispensary licenses and on-site consumption licenses in the Village of Lake George and wishes to hold a public hearing on a proposed local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board prohibit on-site consumption licenses in the Village of Lake George pursuant to Cannabis Law Section 131; and**

**WHEREAS, a proposed local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board of the State of New York prohibit any retail dispensary licenses and on-site consumption licenses in the Village of Lake George pursuant to Cannabis Law Section 131 in the Village of Lake George has been drafted; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to hold a public hearing concerning the proposed local law.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed local law requesting that the Cannabis Control Board of the State of New York prohibit retail dispensary licenses and on-site consumption licenses in the Village of Lake George pursuant to Cannabis Law**



**Section 131 in the Village is hereby accepted for introduction to the Village Board; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the consideration and proposed adoption of this Local Law is an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Village Board hereby declares that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(33) and the action is hereby precluded from further environmental review; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be scheduled for the consideration of this proposed local law to be held by the Village Board on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at the Village of Lake George Village Hall; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to post and publish a notice of said public hearing in the Post Star Newspaper at least five (5) days before the public hearing.**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 166, 2021 ADOPTED.                    October 18, 2021**

Superintendent Lanfear requested permission to hire seasonal employee Randy Ryther as a full time permanent employee for the DPW in the winter and Beautification Department in the summer.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Randy Ryther as a permanent full time employee for DPW at a rate of \$18.00 per hour effective November 1, 2021.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2021 ADOPTED.                    October 18, 2021**

Mayor Blais reported that the Lake George Community Band will release one of their intended 2022 performance dates, so that the Village can hold an additional "Fridays at the Lake" event. Band member Jim Hughes has notified Mayor Blais that the band is looking for a place to hold rehearsals, as the school is no longer available. They have gotten a quote of approximately \$1,037.50 from Adirondack Community College to hold practices there. Mayor Blais mentioned that he just wanted to make the Board aware that they are looking for funding from the Village and possibly the Town to help cover this cost.

Mayor Blais recently read an article in the NYCOM Bulletin about penalties being placed on vacant building owners for leaving their buildings vacant over long periods of time. Mayor Blais noted that there are about three vacant buildings in the Village; he has tried to contact the owners to no avail. He would like to encourage the owners to do something with the buildings and not leave them vacant, as they become an eye sore and sometimes there are maintenance issues. He has spoken with Attorney Fuller as to what our options might be.

Mayor Blais announced that long-time historian Peg Edwards has passed away. Mayor Blais commented that he would like to send her family a certificate of tribute on her behalf.

Mayor Blais reported that he has received emails from visitors with children in regards to the offensive window displays at the DILLIGAF store. He has brought it to the attention of Mr. Massry several times, but this is a continuing issue in which the amendment rights have been cited.

Mayor Blais announced that Lite Up the Village is scheduled for November 27, 2021 in Shepard Park. There will be an expanded program this year. Also, someone has called with interest in decorating MacDonald Pier this year. He also, reported that Ice Castle trailers have begun to arrive at Wood Park

Mayor Blais pointed out that Code Enforcement officer Jim Anagnos has had some problems finding houses because the homes do not have identifying numbers displayed. This could be a "911" issue for responders. He has asked Jim to do an inventory of which addresses are not numbered.

Mayor Blais reported that he would like to add more dates for the Fridays at the Lake 2022 Schedule. He will come up with a schedule for budget time.

Mayor Blais asked for any other comments in regards to Proposed Local Law No. 8, 2021 Amending Chapter 220, "ZONING" Amusements. There were none. At 5:40 p.m. Mayor Blais closed the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 8, and asked for a decision on the SEQR Parts 1, 2, & 3 that had been presented to the Board.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2021**

##### **Accept a Negative Declaration SEQR for amendments to Chapter 220 ZONING, Sections 37, 101 and Attachment 1**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board of Lake George desires to adopt an amendment Chapter 220 Zoning, Section 37 'Planned recreational development standards; miniature golf courses', Section 101 'Definitions' and Attachment 1 'Use Table', and said local law requires completion of a SEQR review prior to the action commencing;**

**WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) regulations found at 6 NYCRR Part 617.3(a) require that no agency may undertake, fund or approve an action until it has complied with the requirements of SEQR;**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, located at 26 Old Post Road in Lake George, NY, has followed procedure pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6, has identified the Warren County Planning Department and Adirondack Park Agency (APA) as involved agencies, and are completing an uncoordinated review of the Unlisted SEQR Action;**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby determines that the proposed amendments to Village Code Chapter 220-37, 220-101 and Attachment 1 (Use Table) constitutes an Unlisted action that is subject to**

SEQR and that although the County and APA are involved agencies with respect to this specific action the Village is completing an uncoordinated review;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Lake George Board has reviewed the SEQR Short Environmental Assessment and has answered the questions in Part 2 and Part 3, which applies to the proposed Zoning Code amendments (to set regulations in regards to Amusements within the Village of Lake George), concluding that none of the criteria contained in 6CRR-NY 617.7(c) are going to be impacted by this proposed amendments, and determined that the proposed Local Law has no significant adverse environmental impacts on any areas of environmental concern in the Village (which include but are not limited to changes to the air and water quality, deforestation and removal of habitats, creation of hazards to human health, change in the use of energy, change in intensity and type of land use, and conflict with a community's current adopted plans or goals); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does, based on the environmental concerns identified and analyzed, hereby declares a Negative Declaration under SEQRA for the proposed local law to amend Village Code Chapter 220 ZONING, Section 37, Section 101 'Definitions' and Attachment 1 'Use Table', and that this Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Village Mayor to complete and sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the proposed local law to indicate the Village Board's determination to issue a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Planning and Zoning and/or the Village Clerk to take any additional actions necessary, including distribution of copies of this Resolution and /or copies of the completed Short Environmental Assessment Form, to document the Village Board's issuance of a Negative Declaration in its review of the proposed local law.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2021 ADOPTED.                      October 18, 2021**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 169, 2021**

**Request APA Review and Approval of the amendments to Village Code  
Chapter 220 ZONING, Sections 37, 101 and Attachment 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Lake George desires to adopt an amendment Chapter 220 Zoning, Section 37 'Planned recreational development standards; miniature golf courses', Section 101 'Definitions' and Attachment 1 'Use Table', and said local law requires completion of a SEQR review prior to the action commencing;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George shall send proposed zoning amendments to the APA for approval under Section 807 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George must receive approval on major code amendments from the APA prior to acceptance by the Lake George Village Board;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review for the listed Zoning amendments, and has subsequently declared a negative declaration through an uncoordinated review of the Unlisted Action, pursuant to Village Board Resolution No. 167, 2021 dated October 18, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board requests the review and approval of the Village of Lake George Chapter 220 ZONING Sections 37, 101 and Attachment 1 amendments by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) Board pursuant to Article 27 of the Executive Law, Section 807.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 169, 2021 ADOPTED.                   October 18, 2021

Treasurer Danae Bock announced that the AUD filed successfully on September 16, 2021. Mayor Blais reported that she is working on sending out an RFP for auditors to complete an audit of the prior fiscal year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170, 2021

**OCTOBER 2021 WATER CHANGES**

**FINAL READS:**

D Galloway	\$	48.65
G Foss	\$	105.38
G Foss	\$	219.59
L Chiaravalle	\$	62.57
E Lynch	\$	59.63

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$508.82
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 479.82
	CR F2145 WATER METER EQUIPMENT CHGS	\$ 29.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170, 2021 ADOPTED.                   October 18, 2021

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the Transfers and Audits:

RESOLUTION NO. 171, 2021

**TRANSFERS:**

From:		To:	Amount:	
A.5110.4	Streets Contr	A.8140.4	Storm Sewers Cont	\$2,000.
9/23/2021	General	\$103,964.74	220601-220615	35641-35646
	Water	\$23,740.56		
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		\$127,705.30		
10/7/2021	General	\$59,086.46		
	Water	\$11,181.87	220616-220633	35647-35654
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	\$336,420.86		
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		\$406,689.19		
10/18/2021	General	\$192,633.46	220634-220729	
	Water	\$9,129.71		
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		\$201,763.17		

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 171, 2021 ADOPTED.****October 18, 2021**

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Superintendent Lanfear updated the Board on the Beach Road Water Break Project and reported that the contractor will be onsite and begin the job tomorrow. There will be some lane changes and closures during the work.

Superintendent Lanfear advised that he followed up on a West Street resident's request to add a second driveway curb cut on the side entrance to their property. The resident was also requesting a handicap parking spot be put there for his in-laws. Keith noted that this is not a necessity and probably the sidewalk work would probably cost the Village about \$5,000. to complete and in the process about five parking spaces would be lost. Trustee Perry requested that the hedges on the corner be cut back, and Keith commented that they were planning on doing that.

WWTP Operator Tim Shudt gave an update on the WWTP construction and remarked that it is moving along; there is a lot of work being redone in the Admin building. Mid November is the "clean water start up" date, with intentions to be fully online the first week in December. The final restoration is scheduled for July of 2022. The original startup date was May of 2021. Mayor Blais commented that the Town Board was invited and participated in a tour of the plant last week.

Trustee Root reported that there are some limbs blown down on School Street. Superintendent Lanfear acknowledged and will follow up. Mayor Blais mentioned that there was a call about trees down up on the Prospect Mountain Trailhead; he commented that he thinks that it's a Village right of way. Superintendent Lanfear remarked that he is investigating the ownership with Dickinson Surveyors.

Trustee Mastrodomenico mentioned a sidewalk section between McGillis and Mohican that may need some attention. Superintendent Lanfear agreed to check it out.

Mayor Blais reported that he has heard that in light of the recent increased outbreak of COVID again, some communities may be enacting a new Emergency Order. The Board agreed to authorize Mayor Blais to make executive decision as it relates to COVID.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 172, 2021**

**WHEREAS, the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has continued to take a toll on the Country, State and Warren County, and current projections suggest the pandemic spread is unlikely to be resolved in the near future.**

**WHEREAS, there have been over 5,300 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Warren County and that number is increasing; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has a clear governmental interest in protecting the health and safety of the residents, visitors and employees of the Village; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, the Village Mayor proclaimed a local State of Emergency on March 19, 2020 for the Village of Lake George, which expired on June 12, 2021; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees hereby designates Mayor Robert Blais executive authority to make timely decisions in regards to the ever changing COVID environment and protocol as it effects the Village residents and staff and Village owned buildings and property.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this directive will remain in effect until further notice.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 172, 2021 ADOPTED.                   October 18, 2021**

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk