

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Hall on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Lori Bott, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Anagnos, and Carol Sullivan.
Attending via zoom: Attorney Matt Fuller, Director of Planning Zoning Dan Barusch, and Steven Thurston.

Mayor Blais explained that the purpose of this Special Meeting is discuss the laws and regulations surrounding vacant properties. Mayor Blais had asked the Village Attorney, Matt Fuller to research how other municipalities handle vacant properties. Matt Fuller had sent over a few examples for the Board to review.

The Board and Mayor Blais asked a few clarifying questions. Matt Fuller stated that a vacant property law cannot be used as a hidden tax, to coerce a property owner into renting or selling their property, and that it would only apply to vacant buildings that have code violations.

The Board decided to table this matter.

Fridays at the Lake dates, and contract was discussed. The proposed dates are:

Friday, June 10, 2022
Friday, June 24, 2022
Friday, July 1, 2022
Friday, July 8, 2022
Friday, July 15, 2022
Friday, July 22, 2022
Friday, July 29, 2022
Friday, August 5, 2022
Friday, August 12, 2022
Friday, August 26, 2022
Friday, September 2, 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a contract with WillJam for eleven nights of entertainment for Fridays at the Lake in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 that includes the bands, lights, sound, master of ceremonies, and stage management.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2021 ADOPTED.

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The proposal from Adirondack Scenic for the Lake George Visitor Center upgrades, and topo map repairs was discussed. With the Board deciding to table the matter to give Mayor Blais time to meet with the Lake George Association, Adirondack Scenic, and the Warren County Bikeway Association.

Mayor Blais advised the Board that Jeff Myers sent a memo regarding the Village getting involved with the Carriage House at the Fort William Henry. Mayor Blais will forward the memo to the Board members, and summarized it saying that municipalities are not allowed to invest any more in a privately owned building then they can amortize during the same time frame.

Mayor Blais discussed the recent rise in COVID cases and how to keep all Village employees safe and will be issuing a memo regarding mask policies, social distancing, and vaccine requirements.

There was a motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl to adjourn at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Bott
Planning and Zoning Clerk