

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee (arrived at 4:47 p.m.)  
Ray Perry, Trustee  
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Julie K Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Doni Smith, Tony Hall (Lake George Mirror) and others via Zoom.

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

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on November 7, 2022. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on November 7, 2022.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

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

Mayor Blais commented that there was an application for membership for the Fire Department. Richard Gage applied to become a fire police member. Trustee Earl asked if Mayor Blais interviews the applicants still and Mayor Blais responded yes. Mayor Blais stated he knows Richard Gage and recommended him for approval by the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 173, 2022**

**WHEREAS** the following individual: Richard Gage has applied to join the Lake George Fire Department and has previously been approved by the Fire Company;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves Richard Gage for membership in the Lake George Fire Department effective immediately pending satisfactory physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 173 , 2022 ADOPTED**      **November 21, 2022**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- An email was received with a draft letter from Attorney Matt Fuller addressed to Lake George Central School. In the letter, the Village of Lake George is requesting that the significant increase in the WWTP school taxes be spread out over a 20-year period. The letter also noted that the Village of Lake George intends to meet with the

tax assessor as well to review the assessed value. The Mayor will sign the letter and authorize attorney Matt Fuller to send it to Katie Bruening, the President of the Board of Education for the Lake George Central School District.

The following resolutions were presented to the Board for consideration:

## Agreement with Town of Lake George for the Teen Center.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 174, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Village and Town wish to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for shared services for the Teen Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town owns and maintains a building known as the Senior Center at 22 Schuyler Street, Lake George, and this location has served well as a Teen Center;

**WHEREAS**, we believe that such use is a benefit to both communities in providing a suitable location for teen activities, approximately eight (8) hours per week, generally during the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village will contribute \$7,500.00 each year towards the operation of such center. The Town payment due on February 1 and the Village to budget for the Teen Center account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village hereby agrees to administer and oversee the operation and financial responsibilities of the Teen Center, including the budget, payroll, and activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED** by the Village and Town that we are desirous of contracting with each other for the use of the Senior Center and the sharing of the above amount in funding the annual budget of the Teen Center. This agreement is to commence on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2023.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor Robert M. Blais to sign on behalf of the Village.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 174, 2021 ADOPTED November 21, 2022

A request to increase our fees for Licenses and Permits which will be a change to Local law was presented by Mayor Blais. The following was the proposed increase:

## Chapter 135 License & Permits

## 135-2 Fees

## Category

Food service: full-service restaurant with seating	[\$75]	\$100
Food service: window service	[\$200]	\$250
Food service: window service, seating capacity 10 plus	[\$125]	\$175

## Chapter 135 License & Permits

### 135-2 Fees

Category	Fee
Food service: inside, seating less than 10, not full service	[\$150] <u>\$175</u>
Sidewalk cafe	[\$100] <u>\$125</u>
Bar	[\$75] <u>\$100</u>
Entertainment	\$50
Retail store	[\$75] <u>\$100</u>
Amusement centers, golf courses, arcades (10 or more)	[\$100] <u>\$125</u>
Recreation uses, outdoor	[\$100] <u>\$125</u>
Amusements, outdoor (using public lands or waters)	[\$125] <u>\$150</u>
Accommodations	[\$75] <u>\$125</u>
Boardinghouse 1	[\$75] <u>\$100</u>
Boardinghouse 2	\$100
Short-term residential rental	[\$125] <u>\$150</u>
Miscellaneous and other	[\$50] <u>\$75</u>
Contractors	[\$25] <u>\$100</u>
Vending machine within 20 feet of public right-of-way	[\$75] <u>\$100</u>
Entertainment center	[\$100] <u>\$125</u>
Parking lot, commercial	[\$50] <u>\$75</u>

Mayor Blais explained that our costs have increased both for materials and for personnel. The increase in fees will help to compensate for those increases. A public hearing will be added to the next meeting on December 19, 2022.

Corrections to Figures on Resolutions 158 (Retirement Fund) and 161 (Occ Tax):

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 175, 2022

**WHEREAS** the Village Board created a Compensated Absences Reserve which currently has a balance of \$43,643.70 and a Retirement Reserve of \$728.51.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes a transfer from the Retirement Reserve of \$728.51 to close out the Reserve and the balance from Compensated Absences Reserve in the amount of \$14,893.60 to reimburse A1325.1 Clerk-Treasurer Personnel Services account for the payout of Debra McKinney's balance of sick and vacation time, and

DR A0825	RETIREMENT RESERVE	\$728.51
DR A0836	COMPENSATED ABSENCES	\$14,893.60
CR A0917	FUND BALANCE	\$15,622.11

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO A1325.1** **\$15,622.11**

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

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Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 175, 2022 ADOPTED**

**November 21, 2022**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 176, 2022**

**WHEREAS** the County of Warren submitted the Village of Lake George's portion of County Occupancy Tax on 5/18/22 of \$285,863.43. The 2022-2023 budget needs to be increased by \$20,000 to cover additional Occupancy Tax expenses incurred so a Budget Adjustment is needed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees authorizes the following changes to the General Fund Budget:

<b>DR A917 Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>CR A6410.4 Occupancy Tax Contractual</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 176, 2022 ADOPTED**

**November 21, 2022**

Agreement with Greater Glens Falls Transit Services:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 177, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to execute an agreement between the Village of Lake George and the City of Glens Falls for Greater Glens Falls Transit services for our regular fixed route service and our Village trolley services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a cost of \$9,782.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 177, 2022 ADOPTED**

**November 21, 2022**

Hire Debra McKinney as a consultant for training as needed:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 178, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to train Julie Allen on the end of year and budget procedures for the clerk position;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Debra McKinney as a part time consultant/trainer at a salary of \$38.00 per hour as needed.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 178, 2022 ADOPTED**      **November 21, 2022**

Sale of 2005 VAC truck to Town of Lake George:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares the 2005 VAC Truck ID#...95381 as surplus and wishes to sell it to the Town of Lake George for the price of \$31,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2022 ADOPTED**      **November 21, 2022**

WWTP Capital Payment to Contractors:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 180, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC payment requests, which may include: Stilsing Electric, R. F. Gordan, Blue Heron, Family Danz, W.W. Grainger, and La Bella Associates, 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. 180, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

The following Special Events/Facility Use Applications were considered:

Shepard Park:

- Lake George Jr. Prom Coronation, Fran Cocozza, May 6, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2022**

**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:

- Lake George Jr. Prom Coronation, Francis Cocozza, May 6, 2023, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**November 21, 2022**

Wood Park- With Alcohol

- Wild in the Trees – Music and Skate Festival, Frank Cavone of Cavone Productions, October 7-8, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Holiday Buying Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, September 23-24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Lake George Garlic Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 17-18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10-11, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wood Park- No Alcohol

- ADK Jeep Invasion, Jamie Longmuir of Seven Slot Sales, LLC, August 4-5, 2023, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Blais stated that the calendar is full beginning June 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 except for a couple weekends in August.

Trustee Root commented that the application for the Lake George Garlic Festival had a tear down date of June 15<sup>th</sup> when the event is happening after that date. Trustee Root also questioned the need to have a Garlic Festival when the Town of Warrensburg already has one. Trustee Perry commented that the Garlic Festival in Warrensburg is very small. Trustee Root then voiced concern over the fact that three of the applications are from a new vendor (Vincent Cianciolo) and that he would have liked him to come to the board meeting to go over exactly what each event would entail. Mayor Blais responded that Vincent Cianciolo was not a new vendor, that he is the vendor that ran the Farmers market. Mayor Blais stated that he had personally spoken to Vincent Cianciolo and gone over what each event would entail. Mayor Blais said that the Garlic Festival already had 40 vendors signed up.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2022**

**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:**

- Wild in the Trees – Music and Skate Festival, Frank Cavone of Cavone Productions, October 7-8, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Christmas Holiday Buying Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, September 23-24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Lake George Garlic Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 17-18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10-11, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**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.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 183, 2022**

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

- ADK Jeep Invasion, Jamie Longmuir of Seven Slot Sales, LLC, August 4 – 5, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 183, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Applications for Occupancy Tax Funds:

Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, to table the requests for Occupancy tax funds for:

- Christmas Holiday Buying Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, September 23-24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.- \$5,000.00 requested
- Lake George Garlic Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 17- 18, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.- \$5,000.00 requested
- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10-11, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$5,000.00 requested

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2022**

**WHEREAS, the Lake George Community Band is looking for financial assistance to cover the cost of their rental of rehearsal space; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George is willing to split the expense with the Village;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby approves reimbursement to the Lake George Community Band in the amount of \$2,150. in a lump sum amount with proof of payment to be submitted in at least that same amount.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2022 ADOPTED.      November 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais asked WWTP Chief Operator Tim Shudt to go over the request for proposal for the WWTP septic receiving. CO Shudt explained that he had requested C.T. Male Associates to provide a proposal for engineering services that will evaluate appropriate alternatives for improving the septic receiving infrastructure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained that currently due to the increase in volume during the summer months the system can become overwhelmed. The problem is that the sludge is very concentrated and needs to be aerated before being processed. CO Shudt further explained that we can use the equalization tank we currently have, but do not use, to accomplish the aeration needed. We would need to get the tank cleaned immediately so that the rest of the work can start. The cleaning of the tank would be done by Ellsworth & Son Excavation for a cost of \$3,500.00. The Board of Trustees concurred with the hiring of Ellsworth & Son Excavation. The cost of the engineering proposal from C.T. Male would be \$28,500.00. Mayor Blais stated that the money will come from the WWTP operating budget. Mayor Blais will also contact the DEC, Park Commission, and LGA to see if there is any funding available. Trustee Mastrodomenico asked if anyone else can provide an additional proposal for engineering. CO Shudt said yes but he chose C.T. Male because of past work they have done and the time constraint.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2022**

**WHEREAS Tim Shudt, WWTP Chief Operator requested a proposal from C.T. Male Associates for preparation of an engineering report evaluating appropriate alternatives for improving the septic receiving infrastructure at the wastewater treatment plant;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal be awarded to C.T. Male Associates, being the best value proposal at a cost of \$28,500.00. Award to be paid from A.8130.0400.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 185 , 2022 ADOPTED.      November 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais explained that we received a request for donation from the Lake George Land Conservancy. He will notify the director that although we support them, we are unable to make any donation due to being a municipality.

Mayor Blais asked the Board to consider giving the employees of the Village of Lake George December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 off to show appreciation for the work they do. He supported the request stating that this has been an extraordinary year with all employees stepping up.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry Earl, unanimously carried to approve December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 off as a paid day off for Village employees. There was discussion on whether time and a half would be given if anyone is called in for weather. Per NYS Labor law, we must pay at 1 1/2 pay if anyone is called in.

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

The following Bids were presented with Bid results:

- Carriage Rides 2023 – 2024
- Farmers Market 2023

Mayor Blais explained that we recently had the bid opening for Carriage Rides and that we received one bid. The bidder, James Domino of Caldwell Carriage Co., submitted a bid for \$10,200.00 (\$5,100.00 per year) for the 2023 – 2024 seasons.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lake George, New York solicited quotes for the Carriage Rides Bid, and

WHEREAS, James Domino, of Caldwell Carriage Company was the highest responsible bidder, who met all the specifications of the Carriage Rides Bid,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby awards the James Domino, of Caldwell Carriage Company, 1809 State Route 9, Lake George, NY 12845, for a total sum of \$10,200.00 for a period of Two years to be paid as follows:

**\$4,600.00 (\$5,100 minus \$500 deposit) no later than August 15, 2023  
\$5,100.00 no later than August 15, 2024**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Blais is authorized to sign the agreement with Mr. Domino of Lake George.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2022 ADOPTED. November 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais submitted that we received bids for the Farmers Market for the 2023 season and Vincent Cianciolo, of Mountain Farmers' Market, was the highest responsible bidder at \$8,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby awards the Farmers Market proposal to the highest bidder, Vincent Cianciolo, 399 W Bridge, Catskill, NY 12414 at a fee of \$8,000. for the 2023 season, with 50% payable by June 15, 2023 and the balance to be paid by August 15, 2023. The Farmers Market will begin on Wednesday, June 21, 2022 and run through September 6, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in front of Shepard Park

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais presented a Village Public Information Policy that we are adding to our employee handbook. The Policy tells how, and what information is permitted to post on Village owned property.

Mayor Blais in response to recent incidents at other local offices, has decided to post signs at the entrance to the 26 Old Post Road, Lake George office stating, "No recording devices permitted". There will also be signs posted saying "Employees Only" in areas off limits to the public. Trustee Perry said that there are groups that go around recording and trying to instigate confrontation with public employees.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2022**

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

**VILLAGE PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY**

**NOTICE:** Our flagpoles, kiosks, bulletin boards, electronic signs, Visitor Center, and other Village owned property are not intended to serve as a public forum. Any information displayed or conveyed is being done as an official municipal action.

- All requests must be made in person or by phone.
- There is no application process
- Information should include date, time, location, and content of the event.
- Special birthdays, awards, achievements, and congratulations will also be considered
- Village Mayor will review all content in a timely manner

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais presented the contract with Ice Castles.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2022**

**WHEREAS, Warren County has approved the Ice Castle Group for use of Wood Park and construction of the Ice Castle Park Feature; and**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George agrees to provide water for the construction and water rates need to be set;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant shall pay a fee of \$2.00 per gallons of water used. Billings shall reflect a credit of 2,065,046 gallons prepaid by the purchaser in advance in 2022. Billings will be made on February 1, 2023 and the balance due on May 1, 2023.**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a Water supply agreement with the Ice Castle Group which stipulates the fees and criteria for use of Village Water.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 189, 202 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Clerk Julie Allen presented the option of having the Village meetings recorded and posted on YouTube. The Village of Lake George currently has a contract with Zoom where we are paid up until May of 2023. To post on YouTube, you must have a way to record and then download it onto the service. Trustee Root liked the idea of giving the public the option to watch recorded meetings. He believes this is important for two reasons, transparency, and because of the early time of the meetings. It was mentioned that we may need to add more microphones to the room to make it easier to hear those in the back of the room. We already have the additional microphones.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees to do all it can to assist in transparency and increase citizen awareness, will add video recordings of our monthly Regular Meetings to YouTube. YouTube posting to begin January 1, 2023 for any meeting with a Quorum.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Clerk Julie Allen informed the Board that there were two nominations for Citizen of the Year, John Earl, and Bill Dow. There will be a secret ballot at the December 19, 2022 Board meeting.

Trustee Perry asked the board to consider discussing the allowance of chickens in the Village of Lake George at the next Regular Board Meeting. Mayor Blais has asked Attorney Fuller to get a sample of the law that the City of Glens Falls has for the allowance of chickens within its limits

so we may see if it were something we would like to mimic. The matter will be added to our December 21, 2022 board meeting.

Mayor Blais explained that we are still trying to get the water capacity proposal started. The law requires that we have enough capacity to supply water service to current and future properties. The present system cannot provide an adequate supply if there are more properties added to the system. Mayor Blais said we are trying to stay ahead of the curve by having this water capacity study done.

Mayor Blais asked Superintendent Lanfear to update the Board on the water capacity study. We received a total of six proposals and narrowed it down to four. The Village and Town interviewed the four firms and then scored them. Superintendent Lanfear said that he, Trustee Earl, and Trustee Perry represented the Village. Dan Barusch and Marisa Muratori represented the Town of Lake George. After the scoring was done, there was a tie between C.T. Male Associates and KSPE. C.T. Male came in at a cost of \$43,500.00 and KSPE came in at \$38,300.00. Keith Lanfear requested the Board to decide what firm should be awarded the contract so that the work can commence. Dan Barusch who was on Zoom, was asked to weigh in and Dan Barusch said we would not be losing with either so it would come down to cost for him. Superintendent Lanfear was asked who he would like to see awarded. He said if he had his preference, it would be to go with C.T. Male Associates as they have an on-board certified plant operator. To him it is worth the extra money to have that experience on hand.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2022**

**WHEREAS** the Village Board requested proposals for a Village Water System Capacity Analysis for the Village of Lake George, and requests for proposals were received by six responsible parties; and

**WHEREAS** the proposals were narrowed down to four and then interviewed and scored by both the Village of Lake George, and the Town of Lake George; and

**WHEREAS** the scoring resulted in a tie score between C.T. Male Associates with a cost of \$43,500.00, and KSPE, Kathleen Suozzo PE, PLLC with a cost of \$38,300.00; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lake George has agreed to pay \$20,000.00, with the Village of Lake George being responsible for the balance of \$23,500.00; and

**WHEREAS** C.T. Male has an on-board certified plant operator;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposal be awarded to C.T. Male Associates, being the best value bid at a cost of \$43,500.00.

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 4**      **Blais, Earl, Perry, Root**  
                    **Nays: 1**      **Mastrodomenico**

**RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **November 21, 2022**

Employee Meetings and Trainings:

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2022**

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

- Municipal Hazard Mitigation Plan Points of Contact, Warren County SWCD, 394 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY – Keith Lanfear- November 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, Courtyard Marriott Lake George, December 4 Reception & Dinner 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., December 5, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. -Mayor Blais, All Trustees, Superintendent Lanfear, and Chief WWTP Operator Tim Shudt.
- Environmental training Center, Morrisville State College, Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Process, Tim Shudt Jr., January 17 – 20, 2023, School \$500.00, Hotel – 4 nights \$300.00, Textbook \$25.00 + Per Diem for Food

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2022 ADOPTED**

**November 21, 2022**

Water changes:

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2022**

### **NOVEMBER 2022 WATER CHANGES**

<b>NOVEMBER BILLING</b>	<b>\$346,747.43</b>
<b>LESS SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT</b>	<b>(\$ 1,294.72)</b>
<b>PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>METER UPGRADE</b>	<b>\$ 15,495.00</b>

**FINAL READS:**

<b>M. JONES</b>	<b>\$ 8.89</b>
<b>M. GALVIN</b>	<b>\$ 20.21</b>
<b>T. JOSEPH</b>	<b>\$ 22.22</b>

**The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:**

<b>DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>\$360,997.71</b>
CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$345,452.71
CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 50.00
CR F2145 WATER METER UPGRADE	\$ 15,495.00
 <b>DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE</b>	 <b>\$ 51.32</b>
CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 51.32
 <b>DR F2140 WATER METERED</b>	 <b>\$ 24.00</b>
CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$ 24.00

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2022 ADOPTED.****November 21, 2022**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 194, 2022****11/21/2022****TRANSFERS**

<b>From:</b>		<b>To:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
A1460.4	Records Mgmt	A1210.4	Mayor Contr.	\$250.00
A1990.4	Contingency	A1440.4	Engineer Contr.	\$2,750.00
F1640.4	Central Garage	F1440.4	Engineering	\$5,400.00
F1990.4	Contingency	F9710.6	Serial Bond	\$5,000.00
10/20/2022	General Water	\$115,679.65 \$21,854.33 <hr/> \$137,533.98	Voucher Numbers 230695-230714	Checks 36929-36935
11/3/2022	General Water	\$75,354.87 \$10,228.34 <hr/> \$85,583.21	230715-230730	36937-36944
11/17/2022	General Water	\$77,465.57 \$15,219.29 <hr/> \$92,684.86	230835-230849 230866-230868	36945-36950
11/21/2022	General Water Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	\$405,566.33 \$60,515.92 <hr/> \$369,585.78 <hr/> \$835,668.03	230731-230779 230780-230834 230850-230865 230869-230903	

Payroll ck#36669 voided

Payroll ck#36678 voided

V#230347 voided Bobby Dick \$1,000

Payroll ck# 36750 voided

Payroll ck# 36760 voided

Payroll ck# 36851 voided

Payroll ck#36857 voided

Payroll ck#36934 voided

Ck# 36373 for \$4240.00 replaced by Ck# 36936 FPI Mechanical (11/2/22)

Payroll ck#36942 voided

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 194, 2022 ADOPTED.****November 21, 2022**

The Verdin Clock Annual Maintenance contract was discussed. A motion was made by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Perry, to table it.

Mayor Blais set the dates for the January and February Regular Village Board Meetings as: January 9, 2023 and February 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

11-21-22 regular

Superintendent Lanfear reported that we are moving along on the second containment system at the Water Plant. They have completed Phase 1, which is the field visit. The next step will be to receive the reports from that visit. The actual construction phase will happen in the Spring.

Mayor Blais then reported to the Board that he got ahold of Municipal Solutions regarding the intent to establish a sewer utility tax rate. Municipal Solutions sent back a request for more information. The Mayor and Chief Operator Shudt will be responding. The intention will be to take it off the general budget and put it in place for this Spring. This means that there should be a reduction in the general tax rate. This would be in addition to the already promised tax reduction that stemmed from the dissolution study. Those that have tax exempt properties will still be subject to this sewer rate, same as they are for water bills. Trustee Root questioned if the billing will be quarterly or annually. Mayor Blais responded that ultimately it will be the decision of the Board.

Mayor Blais thanked Doni Smith for her work on the parade for the Lite up the Village this coming weekend. He asked that if anyone would like to be on stage for the countdown to be at the stage at 6:30 p.m.

There was a motion by Trustee Earl to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen  
Village Clerk