

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 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Zoom teleconferencing was not available as we were unable to connect.

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

Also Present: Clerk Julie Allen, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, and Attorney Jeffrey Meyer.

At 8:30 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2022. Trustee Root made a motion to approve but due to Trustee Perry not being present, and both Trustee Earl and Trustee Mastrodomenico having to abstain as they were absent from that meeting, they had to postpone the vote until Trustee Perry arrived.

At 8:37 a.m. Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root to go into executive session for the Board only, for Advice of Council.

At 8:38 a.m. Trustee Perry arrived.

At 9:39 a.m. Executive Session Ended

At 9:40 a.m. Special Meeting resumed.

Mayor Blais again offered up the minutes from the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. Trustee Root suggested we investigate using YouTube instead of Zoom for the meetings. Trustee Perry agreed we should consider it. Mayor Blais requested we add it to our Regular November 21, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Root, seconded by Mayor Blais, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2022.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 3</b>	<b>Blais, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays : 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico</b>
		<b>MOTION PASSED.</b>

Mayor Blais reviewed the proposed resolutions for consideration:

A day in the honor of Christine Molella:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 165, November 7, 2022**

**WHEREAS, Christine Molella has served this Community for (45) Forty-Five Years as Office Manager of the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau, and**

**WHEREAS, she has given her time and energy as an Election Inspector and other Community endeavors, and**

**WHEREAS, Christine and her family are Residents and Loyal Citizens of the Village of Lake George, and**

**WHEREAS, over all these years Christine has been instrumental in the continued growth of The Chamber,**

**BE IT RESOLVED that we, The Village Board of Trustees and the village of Lake George, do hereby honor Christine Molella with:**

**“A DAY IN HONOR OF CHRISTINE MOLELLA”  
December 30, 2022**

**And ask all our Citizens to wish her much love, affection, and gratitude for all she has done to make our Community a Welcoming Place.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 165, 2022 ADOPTED.                      November 7, 2022**

Flower Bid Award:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 166, 2022**

**WHEREAS THE Village of Lake George requested bids for the 2023 Flowers for both the Village Portion (Sections 1 and 2) and Town Portion (Sections 3 and 4); and**

**WHEREAS proposals were received from two competent vendors – Garden Time, and Jim Girard Landscaping, and Jim Girard Landscaping being the lowest bid at \$8,758.72 Village Portion (Sections 1 and 2) and \$5,211.15 Town Portion (Sections 3 and 4);**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the hiring of Jim Girard Landscaping for a total of \$13,969.87 to complete the necessary Village and Town work.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 166, 2022 ADOPTED                      November 7, 2022**

Adirondack Park Review Board Agreement:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign an agreement with Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for the 2023 year;**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves a payment to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the amount of \$150.00 for the services of the Review Board for the 2023 year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 167, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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October 17, 2022 water billing correction:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2022**

**October 2022 Water Change Corrections:**

**OCTOBER 2022 WATER CHANGES**

<b>OCTOBER PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$ 798.10</b>
<b>NOV, DEC, JAN PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$ 689.04</b>
<b>TOWN RELEVY FEES</b>	<b>\$ 1,125.00</b>

<b>TOWN UNPAID WATER RENT RELEVY</b>	<b>\$27,885.86</b>
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**FINAL READS:**

<b>T Kelly</b>	<b>\$ 76.90</b>
<b>R Koblinski</b>	<b>\$ 48.02</b>
<b>R Everhart</b>	<b>\$ 67.17</b>
<b>M Lamb</b>	<b>\$ 73.41</b>

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

<b>DR F0440 DUE FROM OTHER GOV'T</b>	<b>\$27,885.86</b>
<b>CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>\$26,071.82</b>
<b>CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,814.04</b>

<b>DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>\$1,063.60</b>
<b>CR F2140 WATER METERED</b>	<b>\$ 265.50</b>
<b>CR F2148 WATER METER EQUIPMENT CHGS</b>	<b>\$ 798.10</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 168, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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New Hire WWTP- Justin Webb

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

**RESOLUTION NO.169, 2022**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Justin Webb as a WWTP Full Time CDL employee at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 169, 2022 ADOPTED**

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Mayor Blais spoke of the Water Capacity proposals that we received on Friday. Superintendent Lanfear said that we have received a total of six proposals. Due to the length and complexity of each proposal, we will narrow it down to three or four, and then send out a letter to invite those selected to interview with us. We are going to work with the Town and have them participate in the selection process. We will be asking several questions and will assign a point system to grade and select a winner. Mayor Blais said that it is very important who ever we select must have experience with these types of water models. Mayor Blais stated we are doing this study because of the number of possible upcoming requests for approval. There are currently around one hundred units that have been approved and they are: East Cove, Bloody Pond, Sun Valley, and Heart Stone. There are approximately another six hundred ten units that are pending approval.

Trustee Root brought up that in the Town Meeting they have discussed the possibility of creating Water Districts. Trustee Perry said there was mention of possibly three different districts. Trustee Root questioned if the districts would include current users and Trustee Perry responded with yes, they would envelope them. Mayor Blais mentioned that currently every time there is a water main break, the Village takes care of them. If districts were made, the corresponding district would have the burden of taking care of the break and would purchase the water from us.

Mayor Blais presented the special event use application for Americade next year. Next year will be slightly different because they requested it be done one week earlier than normal. The reason for the earlier date is that there is a conflict with the usual timing and a larger show in New Hampshire. The Estra Truck show will be using Wood Park at the same time so Americade will be held on Beach Road, and the Beach Road Parking lot. The Expo will be held at Fort William Henry.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 170, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Beach Road and Beach Road Parking Lot for Christian Dutcher and Americade Inc for the 2023 Expo. Days to begin 12:00 p.m. May 29, 2023 through 12:00 a.m. June 4, 2023 for Beach Road and 12:01 a.m. May 29, 2022 through 5:00 p.m. June 5, 2022 for Beach Road Parking Lot. All is contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the fees for such use will be \$9,750.00 for Beach Road and \$12,000.00 for Beach Road Parking Lot.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 170, 2022 ADOPTED****November 7, 2022**

Mayor Blais presented a letter from Patty Kirkpatrick requesting a one-year trial variance on the Local Law requiring her to take down her deck every winter.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 171, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby approves a one-year trial variance for Patty Kirkpatrick of Nina's Sweet Shop, from the Local Law requiring her to remove her deck every winter. The trial variance is contingent on her maintaining a clear sidewalk and entire walkway in front of her business and her business being open every day;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the variance will be re-evaluated at this time next year and will be determined based on how well the area was maintained.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 171, 2022 ADOPTED****November 7, 2022**

Mayor Blais requested each Trustee send a nomination for Citizen of the Year to Julie Allen, the Clerk, for Voting on the next Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2022.

Mayor Blais asked if there were any further matters anyone would like to address. Superintendent Keith Lanfear requested we speak about the Water Plant secondary bulk storage containment system.

Superintendent Lanfear said we have met with Jennifer from LaBella. They had responded to NYSDEC, and give a written a proposal to design a system that would mimic the one we currently have at the WWTP. LaBella had presented Phases 2-4 with a total cost of \$10,400.000. Phase 2 is the topographical study, Phase 3 is construction documents, and Phase 4 is the SPR (Spill Prevention Reports) updates. LaBella also presented Phase 5 (Optional) CBS compliance assistance. It is felt we do not need help with the optional as we are already doing this work ourselves. Superintendent Lanfear feels we need to go with Phase 2-4 ASAP as we must become compliant with NYSDEC. LaBella has been in contact with NYSDEC with our plans to build in the Spring. They have approved that the Spring build will work. It was questioned whether a bid was needed. Superintendant Lanfear answered with a NO because it was below bid minimum and there was a time constraint to become compliant.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 172, 2022**

**WHEREAS** the Village of Lake George was found in violation by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for failing to have a Secondary Containment System at our Transfer Station at our Water Filtration Plant at 215 Ottawa Street, Lake George, N.Y.; and

**WHEREAS** LaBella Associates presented us with a proposal of Phases 2 – 4, Phase 2 Topographic survey, Phase 3 Construction Documents, and Phase 4 Spill Prevention Report updates with a total cost of \$10,400.00, and an Optional Phase 5 for Compliance

**Assistance for \$4,000.00; and**

**WHEREAS LaBella Associates being the only quotation as there was a time constraint to remedy the violation;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the hiring of LaBella Associates for Phases 2,3, and 4 at a total cost of \$10,400.00 to complete the necessary Village work.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 172, 2022 ADOPTED**

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Trustee Root questioned where the beautiful Thomas Jefferson Light Display came from, and Mayor Blais responded that Judy Gearwar had built it last year. Mayor Blais said Judy has many more beautiful displays that she has designed herself this year.

Mayor Blais brought up that the Fire Department recently had a fire alarm call, and that before anyone arrived at the location the dispatcher had reported it was a false alarm. Chief Combs arrived at the scene and called in that it was a false alarm. The fire alarm still went off two more times and then a fire truck was dispatched. Mayor Blais felt it was a waste of resources as it had already been confirmed to be a false alarm by the Chief. Mayor Blais wants to create a directive where if the Fire Chief, First Assistant, or Second Assistant arrive on scene and determine a false alarm, that the fire truck be called off or turned around if enroute. According to Trustee Earl a county call cannot be called off until the Chief cancels the response.

Trustee Perry requested we look at allowing chickens at personal residences at the next Regular Meeting November 21, 2022. Thewould be of course contingent on following specific guidelines. Mayor Blais said he would look up what the City of Glens Falls has set up to see if it were something we would like to copy.

Superintendent Lanfear mentioned the Ice Castle contract and Mayor Blais asked to have the Ice Castle contract added to the next Regular Agenda November 21, 2022.

There was a motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Allen  
Clerk