

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The Zoom connection was listed and available for public participation. Members of the Village Board physically attended at the Village Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee  
Ray Perry, Trustee (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)  
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Planning & Zoning Administrator Dan Barusch, Tony Hall (Lake George Mirror) and others via Zoom. There were some technical difficulties with the Zoom connection at the beginning of the meeting, but we successfully got it up and running within a few minutes.

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

At 4:31 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the following Public Hearings to run concurrently for the proposed Village budgets:

- General Fund budget for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023
- Water Fund budget for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023
- Special Assessment District budget for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 - Lakefront Walk Way district which relates only to the individuals who own property in that particular area. They are under contract to pay for this portion of the walkway which was built several years ago.

Mayor Blais commented that this has been one of the more difficult budgets to complete, but last season's increase in parking meter fees has helped to cover the debt especially for the new WWTP. The proposed tax rate is \$5.79/\$1,000., which is an increase of .14 over the 21/22 budget. He noted that the rate is approximately .25 lower than the tax rate was ten years ago without any reevaluation. A home assessed for \$250,000. will see about a \$35. per year tax increase. He opened the floor to public comment, and kept the public hearings open, and moved on with the rest of the agenda.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2022 and Special Meetings held on February 28 and March 7, 2022. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2022 and the Special Meeting held on March 7, 2022.

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

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on March 7, 2022.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 3</b>	<b>Blais, Earl, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Abstention: 1</b>	<b>Mastrodomenico</b>
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Perry</b>

**MOTION PASSED.**

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Fire Department, Superintendent of Public Works, REC Center, Planning & Zoning, and Teen Center were presented and made available to the public. Mayor Blais noted that the attendance at the Teen Center has increased substantially, with credit being given to the Director, Jennifer Dell'olio.

Fire Chief Combs submitted a request for scuba training by Waterhorse Adventures for two members at a cost of \$540. each.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 249, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the scuba training class by Waterhorse Adventures on March 31, 2022 for Fire Department members, Tyler Hubbard and Tom Williams at a cost of \$540. each.**

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 4**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1**

**Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root Perry**

**RESOLUTION NO. 249, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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Mayor Blais introduced our Planning & Zoning Administrator Dan Barusch and asked him to go through the items that he requested be added to the agenda. Mr. Barusch handed out Part 2 of the SEQRA form. He noted that he and Mayor Blais have been working with Attorney Fuller to amend Local Law Chapter 220-9 Zoning in developing an amendment to our current code in regards to performance bond or other security. He explained that when a project comes through the planning and zoning process, depending on its magnitude, complexity, and amount of work outside the normal scope of construction, such as digging in the right of way, there are several things that can trigger the need for a financial security to assure that the project gets completed as proposed, including making sure that these items are put back as they should be. He noted in our current code, we are allowed to require a performance bond, but they are hard to get and expensive; the purpose of the amendment is to allow for additional types of financial security instruments. These instruments give the Village assurance that the project is done as requested by our department heads and/or public properties repaired to their prior status. He went on to say that the Planning or Zoning Board will decide that they would like financial security, which will then come to the Village Board to decide on an acceptable type of security, whether it's a cashier's check, a performance bond, or a letter of credit. Mayor Blais noted that it has been recommended that we proceed with the amendments, and reported that what we are proposing is commonly done in other communities, and it gives the Village leverage to get the project completed as it should be. Mr. Barusch noted that there are three resolutions to consider for tonight, and it is usually a two-month process. The Board was in agreement to setting a public hearing at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2022**

**Accept a Negative Declaration SEQRA for amendments to**

**3-21-22 regular & PH budgets**

## **Chapter 220 ZONING, Section 9 'Fees'**

HEREAS, the Village Board of Lake George desires to adopt an amendment to Chapter 220 Zoning, Section 9 'Fees', 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 220-9 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 Form Part 1, 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 performance bonds and other financial security), concluding that none of the criteria contained in 6CRR-NY 617.7(c) are going to be impacted by this proposed amendment, 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 9 'Fees', 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 Part 2 and 3 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: 4      Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root  
                  Nays: 0  
                  Absent: 1      Perry

RESOLUTION NO. 250, 2022 ADOPTED.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 251, 2022

Request APA Review and Approval of the amendments to Village Code  
Chapter 220 ZONING, Section 9 'fees'

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Lake George desires to adopt an amendment to Chapter 220 Zoning, Section 9 'Fees', and said local law requires completion of a SEQR review and an APA consultation 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 zoning 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. 250, 2022 dated March 21, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board requests the review and approval of the Village of Lake George Chapter 220 ZONING Section 9 'Fees' amendments by the Adirondack Park Agency (**APA**) Board pursuant to Article 27 of the Executive Law, Section 807.

VOTING      Ayes: 4      Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root  
                  Nays: 0  
                  Absent: 1      Perry

RESOLUTION NO. 251, 2022 ADOPTED.

March 21, 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 252, 2022

Set Public Hearing for amendments to Village Code  
Chapter 220 ZONING, Section 9 'Fees'

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Lake George desires to adopt an amendment to Chapter 220 Zoning, Section 9 'Fees', regarding Performance Bonds and other financial securities, and said local law requires completion of a SEQR review and an APA consultation prior to the action commencing, and a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board is hereby scheduling a Public Hearing for the proposed 220-9 amendments at the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on May 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

VOTING      Ayes: 4      Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root  
                  Nays: 0  
                  Absent: 1      Perry

RESOLUTION NO. 252, 2022 ADOPTED.      March 21, 2022

Trustee Root noted that at a previous construction project the pavers have settled. Mr. Barusch commented that we do have to sign off on projects, but we could not have foreseen a problem with the bricks. He remarked that we could consider holding the security for a year.

Mayor Blais asked for any comments on the budgets. There were none.

Mayor Blais reported that there was again flooding on the Howard Johnson's properties this weekend. This flooding caused the WWTP and Shepard Park pump station to reach their capacity. Village staff and the Fire Department were onsite and tried to pump out the flooded area. Any water that goes in to the public sewer ends up at the WWTP. If this were to happen in July or August, Shepard Park may not have been able to keep up. We need to mitigate this immediately. It was found that a pipe was collapsed on the old McDonald's property. The property owner has agreed to hire a contractor, Ellsworth Excavating, who mobilized immediately and is onsite. The water overflowed the collapsed pipe and flooded the neighboring motel units above the door knobs. The water flowed through the toilets and sinks and into the sewer lines. There are now pumps there bypassing the blocked pipe. Mayor Blais would like to declare a state of emergency until this is corrected. We can expend village funds to hire an engineer for preliminary drawings and for the rental of pumps. The owner has agreed to reimburse all costs, including staff overtime. Mayor Blais noted that there is a lot of damage to the property. We need a temporary solution to alleviate the flooding immediately. The weather forecast is calling for more rain. Mayor Blais noted that a more comprehensive solution will be sought in coordination with the property owner, NYSDOT, NYSDEC and possibly a FEMA grant.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 253, 2022**

**WHEREAS, the Village Pump Station and Wastewater Treatment Plant has been adversely affected on several occasions by recent floods; and**

**WHEREAS, these floods have been caused by a blockage located on private property located at the former McDonald's Restaurant at 105 Canada Street; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined that the problem is within the storm water system and must be corrected immediately; and**

**WHEREAS, the floods have caused damage to the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at 99 Canada Street, created numerous hours of overtime for our Village employees, occupants of the hotel have been rescued by boat, and the Fire Department has responded on several occasions.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert M. Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, do hereby declare this matter an emergency and authorize the following:**

1. Hiring of an engineer to provide the necessary basic scope of services required to correct the condition and coordinate all efforts with NYSDOT and NYSDEC.

2. Authorize the hiring of a contractor, with the written permission of the owner to correct the problem and for the owner to be billed directly by the contractor or to bill the owner accordingly.
3. Authorize overtime, procuring of all necessary equipment, including pumps and personnel to assist in facilitating the correction of this serious problem.

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 4**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1**

**Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root Perry**

**RESOLUTION NO. 253, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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Mr. Barusch provided a draft of the proposed Stormwater and Stream Corridor amendments for the Stormwater Management Regulations. The draft emulates the stormwater code of the Lake George Park Commission. In the Lake George Park, the Commission is the sole entity that has the authority to regulate stormwater; they have relegated authority to any local municipality that replicates their code. Last year the Park Commission updated their regulations. Mr. Barusch is suggesting that the Village, as a relegated authority, update their stormwater codes to reflect what the Park Commission has done. A draft document has been distributed. Mayor Blais recommended review by the Board, then scheduling of a public hearing. It was suggested that possibly at the Regular Meeting in April, the three resolutions for the SEQR, the APA review, and declare a date for the Public Hearing could be considered.

Mr. Barusch presented a Summary of the Certified Local Government Program with NYS SHPO (Historic Preservation Office). He explained that it is similar to the Park Commission in that the authority can be relegated to a local government. He suggested to the Board that the Village become a Certified Local Government as it gives more stewardship over local historic preservation efforts. To do that a Historic Preservation Commission would need to be created. He has spoken with the Town Board, and is recommending a joint Commission. Also to become a Certified Local Government, among other criteria, you must have regulations in place, which we do, but the code would have to be updated. He noted that there may be some grant funds available, as well. Mr. Barusch is interested in pursuing this, and is willing to administer the program. Mayor Blais liked the idea of a joint commission and agreed that we have many historic properties. Mr. Barusch confirmed that the Program and Historic Preservation Commission is meant to help identify potentially sensitive areas before projects are approved. The Board agreed to proceed with this.

Mayor Blais reviewed a list of possible grant opportunities that Dan Barusch submitted as suggestions for him to pursue as part of his shared duties with the Village. The list is as follows:

- FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant - for the 99-105 Canada Street Flooding previously discussed
- DOS LWRP or Smart Growth Comp Planning grant for a Comprehensive Plan Update, the last one was done in 2004
- LCBP Champlain Valley Heritage Program - Mr. Barusch pointed out that Saratoga has this historical signage and identified a web site to look at. He is very interested in pursuing this.
- NBRC grant - solar field at the WWTP
- ACFTC TIP or DOT grant - for the South Canada Street improvements to merge with the Town's Gateway project. Mayor Blais remarked that this is the one that we applied for and were denied, but there was a debriefing meeting in which the State gave us suggestions and encouraged us to reapply.
- AGFTC Unified Work Program - North a Street improvements, which needs to be

designed.

Mayor Blais added one more grant suggestion to research for the potential development or construction of some housing for the J1 students and/or seasonal workers. He would be interested in exploring the possibility of a public/private partnership.

Mayor Blais polled the Board members and asked them to choose what they would like to see worked on. Trustee Root was in favor of pursuing the grant to do the work on South Canada so that the there is continuity in the transition from the Town's Gateway to the Village entrance. Trustees Mastrodomenico and Earl agreed with that. Mayor Blais suggested searching for a grant opportunity for affordable housing. Mr. Barusch noted that he has a grant in mind, as a joint Villagen-own project for that. He also mentioned the \$12M in County stimulus funding in which a portion will be set aside for local communities, as well. Mr. Barusch asked about the FEMA funding for the flooding issue; Mayor Blais recommended waiting to see how the project goes; hopefully it will be finished tomorrow. Mayor Blais, also mentioned the LCBP Heritage Program as a possible option.

The Village Board considered the following resolutions:

- MVP health insurance 2022/2023 renewal contract for active employees

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 254, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a renewal contract with MVP Health Care for health insurance for our active employees for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.**

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 4**      **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1**      **Perry**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 254, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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- Approve Cost of Installation for New Hot Water Tank at the Village Hall  
The Village Board was interested to explore the possibility of putting in an electric tank. Superintendent Lanfear confirmed that there was previously a gas tank there, so all of the piping and venting is already there.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 255, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes hiring Matt McKernon Heating to provide and install a new 40 gallon natural gas water heater at the Village Office at a cost of \$3,100.**

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 4**      **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1**      **Perry**

**RESOLUTION NO. 255, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**March 21, 2022**

- Declare the 2007 Ford F350 dump truck as surplus

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 256, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby declares the 2007 Ford F350 dump truck ID#...58213 as surplus and wishes to auction it through Gov Deals to the highest bidder.

**VOTING**      **Ayes:** 4      **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root**  
                  **Nays:** 0  
                  **Absent:** 1      **Perry**

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 257, 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: Blue Heron, and other contractors and 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: 4**      **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root**  
                  **Nays: 0**  
                  **Absent: 1**      **Perry**

Trustee Perry arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Superintendent Lanfear suggested Spring Clean Up Days be set for April 25 through May 15, 2022. Superintendent Lanfear set the hydrant flushing schedule for April 18 through April 29, 2022. The hydrants are flushed during this time when school is not in session.

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 258, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board sets Spring Clean Up Days for April 25 through May 15, 2022 and authorizes advertising as such.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board set the hydrant flushing schedule for April 18  
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**through April 29, 2022.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 258, 2022 ADOPTED.

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Superintendent Lanfear presented a request from the Lake George Triathlon organization for changes to their 2022 event scheduled for Sunday of Labor Day weekend, which includes time changes and route revisions. One meeting with the Sheriff's Department, organizers and Village staff has already been held. The Board reviewed the drawings which showed much more use of Canada Street than previously for the event. It was agreed that further discussion with the organizers is necessary.

Superintendent Lanfear revisited the proposal from Hunt's Tree Care for the treatment of the Shepard Park trees. It was confirmed that the County is not interested in treating their properties. Trustee Root commented that he went and looked at the trees in the Park, and only found a couple spots on the trees. Superintendent Lanfear tried to get another quote, but didn't get a response. The Board was in agreement that they will not pursue this.

The following Special Events/Facility Use Applications were reviewed:

Special Event

- Tails and Ales, Lisa Giknis, at Adirondack Brewery, May 21 & 22, 2022

Beach Road Parking Lot

- Americade, Christian Dutcher, June 5-12, 2022

Wood Park

- Nordesee Euro-Foreign Car Show, Anthony Fitzsimmons, May 21 & 22, 2022
- Americade, Christian Dutcher, June 7-11, 2022, with set up on June 5 and tear down on June 11 & 12
- Backstreet Box-off, BeBob's Backstreet BBQ - Jill Collins, 6/18 & 7/16/22  
Mayor Blais confirmed that they intend to schedule boxing matches on two dates. Trustee Root commented that boxing matches may not be good family entertainment.
- E1 Presents Rock the Lake- 80's Tribute Fest, John Myers, August 12-14, 2022

Shepard Park

- Lake George American Legion, Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Step off from West Brook at 11:30 a.m., to Beach Road, Canada Street and ending at the memorial in Shepard Park with refreshments for the participants to be served at the Legion. Mayor Blais noted that the Village budgets for and usually sponsors them.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 259, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the Special Event application from Lisa Giknis to hold Tails and Ales at Adirondack Brewery on May 21 & 22, 2022.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval is contingent upon compliance with COVID protocol, receipt of fees, insurance and other necessary documents.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 259, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 260, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Beach Road Parking Lot for Christian Dutcher and Americade Inc for the 2022 Expo with set up and event days to include June 7 through June 11, 2022 contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees for such use will be \$7,500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 260, 2022 ADOPTED March 21, 2022

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 261, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following event with a request for an alcohol waiver contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- Americade, Christian Dutcher, June 7-11, 2022, with set up on June 5 and tear down on June 11 & 12
- E1 Presents Rock the Lake- 80's Tribute Fest, John Myers, August 12-14, 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 this event 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 the Capital District Control Group.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 261, 2022 ADOPTED. March 21, 2022

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 262, 2022

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

- Nordesee Euro-Foreign Car Show, Anthony Fitzsimmons, May 21 & 22, 2022

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 this event 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 the Capital District Control Group.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 262, 2022 ADOPTED. March 21, 2022

- Backstreet Box-off, BeBob's Backstreet BBQ - Jill Collins, 6/18 & 7/16/22  
Mayor Blais confirmed the boxing matches would be scheduled for two days. Trustee Root commented that boxing matches may not be good family entertainment. It was suggested that the Board approve the first day as a trial and see how the event goes as far as the second date.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 263, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following event with a request for an alcohol waiver contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- Backstreet Box-off, BeBob's Backstreet BBQ - Jill Collins, Board approval for 6/18, pending further approval 7/16/22

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves June 18, 2022 as a trial date. If the event goes well, the second date of July 16 will be allowed. Mayor Blais can approve this after checking with the Board for further approval.

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 this event 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 the Capital District Control Group.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 263, 2022 ADOPTED. March 21, 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 264, 2022

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby grants permission to the Lake George American Legion Post 374 to hold their annual Memorial Day parade and/or ceremony on Saturday, May 28, 2022 approval is contingent upon compliance with COVID protocol at the time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Deputy Mayor or Mayor to sign a contract with the American Legion Post 374 and approves support in the amount of \$850.00.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 264, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **March 21, 2022**

Trustee Root requested adding John Kearney to the Sewer Rate Committee which was recently created. Mayor Blais agreed to add Mr. Kearney, and the Committee will work along with Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions. Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried to appoint John Kearney to the Sewer Rate Committee.

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

Mayor Blais returned to the Public Hearings and there were no other comments. At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Blais closed the Public Hearings on the budgets.

Trustee Perry moved to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 General Fund Budget as presented and seconded by Trustee Earl.

**RESOLUTION NO. 265, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, hereby adopts the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 as follows:

General Fund Appropriations	\$6,532,915.
Less General Fund Revenues	\$4,277,424.
Less Unexpended Balance	\$ 715,000.
Amount to be raised by Taxes	\$1,540,491.

TAX RATE \$5.790 PER THOUSAND.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 265, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **March 21, 2022**

Trustee Perry moved to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 Water Fund Budget as presented and seconded by Trustee Earl.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 266, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the Water Fund budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 as follows:**

Water Fund Appropriations	\$1,045.875.
Less Water Fund Revenues	\$1,045,875.
Less Unexpended Balance	\$ 0.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 266, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **March 21, 2022**

Motion by Trustee Perry seconded by Trustee Earl to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 Special Assessment District Fund budget:

**RESOLUTION NO. 267, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, hereby establishes the Special Assessment District Fund for the purpose of collecting taxes from the property owners in the Special Assessment District, and for making payments on the principal and interest on the bond for the Special Assessment District improvements, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board adopts the following budget for the Special Assessment District Fund for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 as follows:

Special Assessment District Fund Appropriations	\$31,885.
Less Special Assessment District Fund Revenues	<u>\$ 3,492.</u>
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$28,393.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 267, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **March 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais reviewed a list of 22/23 Occupancy Tax requests and noted that these are included in next year's budget at the revised amounts:

- ESTRA, Bob Gorman, June 3, 4, and 5, 2022, Amount Requested: \$7,000. Suggested: \$3,000. This is a returning event.
- Law Enforcement Officers Weekend, Austin Glickman, June 17, 18, and 19, 2022, Amount Requested: \$5,000. Suggested: \$2,500. This is a returning event.
- Adirondack Institute, Neal Herr, July 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31, 2022, Amount Requested: \$2,000. Suggested: \$3,000. Mayor Blais noted that they plan to use the Carriage House for the Georgia O'Keeffe musical. This is a new and historical production. The Town has agreed to award \$3,000., also.

- LG Skate Plaza Committee, Frank Cavone, October 1 and 2, 2022, Amount Requested: \$1,000. Suggested: \$2,000. The Skate Club wants to raise money for Phase 2 of the Skate Park. The Board suggested \$2,000. for them

Mayor Blais noted that all four applications were also submitted to the Joint Committee. The County has awarded to the Adirondack Institute as well.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 268, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees authorizes Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures for the 22/23 budget as follows:

- **ESTRA, Bob Gorman - June 3, 4, and 5, 2022 Award: \$3,000.**
- **Law Enforcement Officers Weekend, Austin Glickman - June 17, 18, and 19, 2022 Award: \$2,500.**
- **Adirondack Institute, Neal Herr - July 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31, 2022 Award: \$3,000.**
- **LG Skate Plaza Committee, Frank Cavone - October 1 and 2, 2022 Award: \$2,000.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 268, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**March 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais presented a request from Adirondack Cycling Advocates for support for their Annual Campaign.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 269, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Adirondack Cycling Advocates works to promote Warren and surrounding counties as a cycling destination;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George wishes to support the Adirondack Cycling Advocates, Inc for their 2022 Annual Campaign in the amount of \$500.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 269, 2022 ADOPTED**

**March 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais pointed out that the Lake George Park Commission has been working on a project for passing regulations in regards to septic systems around Lake George. He noted that Warren County is receiving COVID relief funding. Warren County has many other lakes that need to be protected as well. He mentioned success that the Fund for Lake George has had in Rockhurst with replacing septic systems. Mayor Blais has been suggesting that the County use some of the funding to help property owners around the lakes with their septic upgrades. He is contacting the other related agencies for help with supporting this.

Mayor Blais reported that he is working with Lake George School personnel to set up guidelines for a poetry contest for the students to write about the new WWTP and the quality of the Lake.

He has set aside some time in the month of August for a date for the grand opening and would like to include a poem about the Lake.

Mayor Blais noted that he is working with the Lake George Arts Director to coordinate a Traffic Box Art project. The City of Glens Falls has done this project as well.

Mayor Blais received a marketing proposal in the amount of \$6,000. for 2022 season Lake George Adventures advertising from the local radio station. He noted that he spoke with Supervisor Dickinson, and the Town is willing to split the cost. He recommended teaming up with the Town to support the local station.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 270, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves the Loud Media proposal dated January 31, 2022 for the 2022 Summer and Fall campaign Lake George Adventures in the total amount of \$6,000., with this cost to be shared equally with the Town of Lake George.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 270, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**March 21, 2022**

Superintendent Lanfear asked the Board to review a request to deactivate the water account for High Cabins & Resorts. The property was sold, but they have not used water since 2006. Keith commented that the buildings have been abandoned, and they don't plan on doing renovations for about three years.

Based on Superintendent Lanfear's recommendation Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 271, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes High Cabins & Resorts LLC water account #4549 for 3089 Lake Shore Drive to be made inactive and because no water has been used since 2006, they agree to waive the most recent billed water.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 271 2022 ADOPTED.**

**March 21, 2022**

The following seasonal employees were submitted for consideration: James Schoonover and Monica Proctor.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 272, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves hiring of the following seasonal 3-21-22 regular & PH budgets

**employees:**

**REC Center - James Schoonover at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to begin April 20, 2022**

**Beautification - Monica Proctor at a rate of \$15.00 per hour to begin April 20, 2022**

**VOTING****Ayes: 5****Nays: 0****Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root****RESOLUTION NO. 272, 2022 ADOPTED.****March 21, 2022**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 273, 2022****MARCH 2022 WATER CHANGES****FINAL READS:**

<b>N Turner</b>	<b>\$ 27.46</b>
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**The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:**

<b>DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>\$27.46</b>
<b>CR F2140 WATER METERED</b>	<b>\$ 27.46</b>

**VOTING****Ayes: 5****Nays: 0****Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root****RESOLUTION NO. 273, 2022 ADOPTED.****March 21, 2022**

Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for transfers and audits:

**RESOLUTION NO. 274, 2022****TRANSFERS:**

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>		
A5110.4 Streets Contr.	A1490.4 Public Works Cont. Central Garage			\$700.00
A5112.4 Woodshop	A1640.4 Cont.			\$600.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A5650.43 Town Parking Lot			\$1,500.00
A1990.4 Contingency	A5650.42 West Brook Lot			\$2,000.00
A1210.4 Mayor Contr.	A1210.43 Mayor Phone Clerk Treas			\$120.00
A1325.4 Clerk Treas Cont	A1325.22 Inventory			\$600.00
A7020.4 Rec Ctr Contr	A7020.42 Rec Ctr Gas Source of Supply			\$700.00
F8320.4 Source of Supply Cont	F8320.22 Inv			\$100.00
2/24/2022 General Water	\$87,356.18 \$15,447.06	221365-221382		36121-36131

\$102,803.24

3/10/2022	General	\$55,162.88		
	Water	\$8,748.55	<b>221383-221408</b>	36132-36145

Sewer Plant (HK)	\$432,381.15
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	\$496,292.58

3/21/2022	General Water	\$441,313.46 <u>\$12,901.79</u> \$454,215.25	221409-221511
<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>	
	<b>Nays: 0</b>		

**RESOLUTION NO. 274, 2022 ADOPTED.** **March 21, 2022**

Superintendent Lanfear presented a lease/purchase agreement for a new Vac truck. There are funds for payments in the 21/22 budget and the 22/23 budget. There was a question as to whether a seven or an eight year lease would be better. Keith suggested the seven-year term could save interest costs. The proposed lease/purchase agreement from Real Lease, which is the company affiliated with the vendor that sells the truck, has an interest rate of 3.588%. The lease agreement will have to be reviewed by Attorney Fuller. Mayor Blais confirmed that the old vac truck will be auctioned off at a later date. Mayor Blais asked if we checked to see if we were to buy the truck outright, with a loan direct with the bank, could we save interest costs. The Board agreed to sign the agreement for the best deal.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 275, 2022**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously approved purchase of and financing for a 2022 Vactor Vacuum Western Star truck,**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a financing agreement in the best interest of the Village and after review by Attorney Fuller.**

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 5</b>	<b>Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO. 275, 2022 ADOPTED** **March 21, 2022**

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Trustee Root suggested that the Village check into the possibility of live streaming with a recording on YouTube. Trustee Perry agreed to follow up with this and see what the fees are.

Trustee Earl mentioned that he noticed the graffiti at the Skateboard Park. Mayor Blais noted that he thinks most of it is intentional by the group.

Mayor Blais asked about the trash can liners. He would like to get them ordered and replaced in the near future.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk