

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The Zoom connection was listed and available for public participation. Some members of the Village Board physically attended at the Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor attended via Zoom from North Litchfield, SC
John Earl, Trustee
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

MEMBER ABSENT: Ray Perry, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Operator Tim Shudt, Jimmy Hartwyk of 1 Canada Street, and others via Zoom.

These minutes are done verbatim.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting.

ALL

I pledge of allegiance to the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Debra McKinney

No video. Yeah.

Debra McKinney

Okay. Hold on just a moment, Mayor. We're having a couple of technical difficulties. We have no camera on us....but we should see us. 1 second. We're just trying to get the video.

Zoom Auto

Video is recording.

Debra McKinney

There you go. You got it. Okay, we're good to go.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

So I just want to remind the members of the Village Board, just because this meeting is being run by Zoom and we'll have to take a roll call vote on everything that we need to vote tonight, every motion. So the first is approval of the minutes of our last Regular Meeting, which was on Monday, March 21, our Annual Meeting on Monday, April 14, and a Special Meeting held on Monday, April 7. Are there any additions or corrections to those minutes as they're presented this evening?

Trustee Root

I'll make a motion to approve the minutes, and I would like to add that Deb did a great job.....
Trustee Root.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Thank you, John.

Trustee Earl

Second.

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Debra McKinney

Trustee Earl Seconded.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. Trustee Root how do you vote?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Did I make all three of them? I don't think I made one of them.

Debra McKinney

You missed two of them.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Missed two of them. So abstain from the two that I didn't make and approve the one I did make.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

We will have Deb record that way then. Trustee Perry, are you on?

Trustee Root

Negative.

Motions were inserted.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2022.

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

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 4, 2022.

VOTING	Ayes: 3	Blais, Earl, Root
	Nays: 0	
	Abstention: 1	Mastrodomenico
	Absent: 1	Perry
		MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. Those minutes are approved. We have monthly reports from the Sanitation Department, the Planning and Zoning, Caldwell Sewer District, Superintendent of Public Works, the Recreation Center, and our Fire Department. Are there any questions on any of those monthly reports? Okay, we'll go on to Correspondence. You'll note that the Village has been designated as a Tree City USA. This is as a result of the work, in great part to Judy Gearwar, our Master Gardener, and the applications that were made over the past several months by our Zoning Administrator, Dan Barusch. We received the official recognition a couple of weeks ago. We've also received street signage, which we have erected on Route 9 coming into the Village on the north and south. So we are also planning, because of that, several ceremonies revolving around Arbor Day this year, which will keep the Board apprised as they develop. Item number four is our resolutions, and I will have our Clerk read those individually.

Debra McKinney

Okay. All of you received those via email. So I'll just quickly note the tax warrant is the 2022 tax period that Danna needs a resolution. The VAC truck... There are two new resolutions, one for the purchase and one for the serial bonds. Matt Fuller wrote those. He wanted me to replace my resolution with those two. So we'd like to rescind that first resolution that you passed in at the April meeting. The Second Chance Opportunities Price Concurrence Agreement is something that Keith works on. He does the schedule, figures out the hours, and then they send us back the price for the year, and that agreement needs to be signed. MS4 the annual report is for the posting, the signature and the submittal, which Keith works on that year round, and it has been posted on our website. The Turf Management Program is just for the Festival Space and that is what the County agrees to reimburse us for. And the Wastewater Treatment capital project payments is for payments that we process from EFC and need to pay them at a later date. That's it. Questions?

Trustee Earl

Should we take a VAC truck separate? It doesn't matter.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

There's no questions about any of them or even the Board can ask to do them, obviously, separately. I do want to tell the Board that the Turf Management agreement for Wood Park, when we entered into an agreement with the Ice Castle, we had no idea how the ice would affect the turf. If you've been down there, you can see that it has affected the turf in some areas. Apparently there is going to be some damage to the surface. We built in in our charge to the Ice Castles around \$10,000. for mitigation and work that might need to be done to return the area back to what it was originally. But right now we don't have any idea of what that's going to be. But I know some people have called me and they're concerned that they believe there might be some damage. And we did build all that factor into his charges at the beginning of the year when we signed a contract with them. Hopefully what we built in will cover the damages we might have, but we're hopeful. I don't really know where I am. How it's been melting. Did one of you want to just comment on that for me?

Trustee Earl

Slowly.

Tim Shudt

Still melting. There's a small amount left. There's not much left at all.

Trustee Earl

I think they're spreading it out. Aren't they trying to get it?

Tim Shudt

Yeah, they keep working every day, but there's not a lot left.

Trustee Earl

Somebody told me that. Have you been down there? Have you looked at it? Where the dumpster was placed? I guess with the truck pulling it out or... Anyway, that's really rutted up pretty badly.

Tim Shudt

Yeah, but where the Ice Castle was, it doesn't look too bad. It doesn't look as bad as I thought.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yeah, they've been breaking it up. That was part of the deal. They left a couple of employees, and they've been breaking up as much as so I think within another week or two we'll know a lot more about what we're faced with. So would you like to takeAnyone want to pull any of those resolutions out or would you like to vote on them all at once?

Trustee Root

I'll make a motion that we approve all the resolutions at once.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Hearing no opposition. Then I would take on the resolutions all at once. Trustee Joe, how do you vote?

Debra McKinney

We need a second.

Trustee Earl

I'll second it.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Aye

Trustee Earl

Aye

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

The Mayor votes Aye.

Resolutions numbered and inserted here.

- Tax Warrant

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, hereby, levies and assesses against the real property of the Village of Lake George, NY, the following sums for Village government and other charges for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 with a tax rate of \$5.79 per thousand of assessed valuation:

For General Fund	\$1,540,491.00
For Delinquent Water Rents	.00
For Delinquent Water Penalties & Other Charges	.00
For six Special Assessment District Properties	<u>28,393.00</u>

Total Real Property Taxes & Other Charges	\$1,568,884.00
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Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent

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Trustee Root - Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2022 ADOPTED.

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- Vac Truck
Rescind Res. No. 20, 2022

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2022

**WHEREAS, Attorney Fuller has drafted two new resolutions to be considered for:
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 WESTERN STAR 4700SB TRUCK WITH
2022 VACTOR 2100I PD AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKE
GEORGE And**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$428,325.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF
SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE
GEORGE TO PAY THE COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 WESTERN STAR
4700SB TRUCK WITH 2022 VACTOR 2100I PD AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE
VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE FOR THE AFORESAID
PURPOSES AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees hereby rescinds
Resolution No. 20, 2022 adopted on April 7, 2022.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote by roll
call, which resulted as follows:

Voting: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
Robert M. Blais, Mayor - Aye
John Earl, Trustee - Aye
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee - Aye
Raymond Perry, Trustee - Absent
John Root, Trustee - Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. **April 18, 2022**

- Vac Truck
New Resolution for Purchase

Introduced by Trustee Root who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the
following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2022

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW
2022 WESTERN STAR 4700SB TRUCK WITH 2022 VACTOR 2100I PD AND RELATED
EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE**

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Lake George (the "Village") desires to purchase a new 2022 Vactor 2100I PD, 18" Vacuum, 12 yard debris body, 1300 gallon water tank, mounted on a 2022 Western Star 4700SB, VIN No. 5KKHAXFE5NPNM7595, in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00) pursuant to purchase agreement from Joe Johnson Equipment, an authorized subsidiary of Federal Signal Corporation, pursuant to "Sourcewell" RFP #122017 (the "Project") and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that the purchase is an authorized 'piggy-back', state contract or other purchase as authorized by the New York General Municipal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the purchase of new 2022 Vactor 2100I PD, 18" Vacuum, 12 yard debris body, 1300 gallon water tank, mounted on a 2022 Western Star 4700SB, VIN No. 5KKHAXFE5NPNM7595, for the total sum of Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00) from Joe Johnson Equipment, an authorized subsidiary of Federal Signal Corporation, pursuant to "Sourcewell" RFP #122017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purchase shall be financed through one or more bonds the subject of a bond resolution to be adopted together with this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the Village are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the purchase of the above equipment as described as the "Project" above; and be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote by roll call, which resulted as follows:

<u>Voting:</u>	<u>Ayes: 4</u>	<u>Nays: 0</u>	<u>Abstain: 0</u>	<u>Absent: 1</u>
Robert M. Blais, Mayor - Aye				
John Earl, Trustee - Aye				
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee - Aye				
Raymond Perry, Trustee - Absent				
John Root, Trustee - Aye				

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. April 18, 2022

- Vac Truck
Serial Bonds

Introduced by Trustee Root who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2022

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW YORK**

BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

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**\$428,325.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY
INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE TO PAY THE COSTS FOR
THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 WESTERN STAR 4700SB TRUCK WITH 2022 VACTOR
2100I PD AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE VILLAGE OF
LAKE GEORGE FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSES AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Lake George (the “Village”) desires to purchase a new 2022 Vactor 2100I PD, 18” Vacuum, 12 yard debris body, 1300 gallon water tank, mounted on a 2022 Western Star 4700SB, VIN No. 5KKHAXFE5NPNM7595, in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00) (the “Project”) and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Project is Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00) all of which is the responsibility of the Village; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the costs associated with the Project, the Village desires to issue notes or serial bonds or a statutory installment bond, in lieu of serial bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00); and

WHEREAS, no other bond anticipation notes have been previously authorized or issued in anticipation of the issuance of serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution will not serve to renew any other existing bond anticipation notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Village as follows:

Section 1. The specific object and/or purpose of the Project for which the obligations authorized by this Resolution is the purchase a new 2022 Vactor 2100I PD, 18” Vacuum, 12 yard debris body, 1300 gallon water tank, mounted on a 2022 Western Star 4700SB, VIN No. 5KKHAXFE5NPNM7595, for the total sum of Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00).

Section 2. The financing of the Project shall be undertaken by the Village through the issuance of a bond anticipation note or notes in accordance with and pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00). The Village hereby authorizes any bonds, including a statutory installment bond, in lieu of serial bonds, to be issued for this Project in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$428,325.00).

Section 3. The Village hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village (the “Mayor”) to utilize funds held within the Fund and within the Budget for the purpose of physical public betterment or improvement and the payment of services rendered in connection with the Project and further authorizes the Mayor to repay any funds expended from the Fund with funds borrowed in connection with any bond anticipation note or bonds, including statutory installment bonds, issued pursuant to and authorized by and through this bond resolution.

Section 4. There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes ("Notes"), including the renewal of such Notes, for the aforesaid specific objects or purposes in amounts up to but not exceeding the maximum amount of the Bonds herein authorized. Any such Notes issued shall be approved as to form and executed by the Mayor and issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds herein authorized.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is five (5) years pursuant to Section 11.00(a)(32) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Village is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on any Bonds or Notes issued in connection with this bond resolution, as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of, and any interest, if applicable, on the Bonds or Notes becoming due and payable in such years.

Section 7. The maximum maturity of the Bonds shall not exceed the periods of probable usefulness set forth above and shall mature on or before the date of the expiration of the aforesaid periods of probable usefulness as measured from the date of the Bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. If deemed necessary by the Mayor, the Bonds or Notes to be issued hereunder may be issued in two or more separate series. The maturity of the Bonds issued in connection with this bond resolution will NOT exceed five (5) years.

Section 8. Any Notes or Bonds issued hereunder shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the issuance and or sale of the Bonds authorized herein or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 or Section 62.10 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. There are no bond anticipation notes or Bonds outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds authorized herein.

Section 10. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to issue and sell the Bonds and/or Notes, including all powers and duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the Mayor of the Village, except as herein provided. The Bonds and/or Notes shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, whether by public or private sale, as may be determined by the Mayor, pursuant to Local Finance Law, this resolution and any further resolution which the Board may hereafter adopt. The Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this resolution, including any resolutions, contracts or authorizations necessary to secure any Federal or State issued grant(s) or loan(s).

Section 11. The exact date of issue of the Bonds and/or Notes and the exact date upon which the same shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Mayor, provided however, that the maturity of said Notes or renewals thereof shall not exceed one year from the Note's or renewal's date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. The Mayor shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, such Bonds and/or Notes and sell the same in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local

Finance Law, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such Bonds and/or Notes, whether fixed or variable.

Section 13. The proceeds of the sale of the Bonds and/or Notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Mayor and the power to invest in any instruments described in the said Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

Section 14. To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Issuer hereby designates the Bonds and/or Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Issuer hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Bonds and/or Notes be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds and/or Notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

Section 15. The validity of such Bonds and/or Notes (collectively "Obligations") may be contested only if:

- (1) Such Obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced with twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such Obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 16. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full in the *Post Star*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Village in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 17. The adoption of this Resolution is considered an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Village hereby declares that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(27), and hereby declares that the action does not have a significant impact on the environment and the action is hereby precluded from further environmental review.

Section 18. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote by roll call, which resulted as follows:

Voting: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
Robert M. Blais, Mayor - Aye
John Earl, Trustee - Aye
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee - Aye
Raymond Perry, Trustee - Absent
John Root, Trustee - Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. April 18, 2022

- Second Chance Opportunities Price Concurrence Agreement

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2022

WHEREAS, Second Chance Opportunities has offered a proposal for staffing for the 2022 seasonal cleaning for the Village, and it meets the needs of the Village;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the Price Concurrence agreement with Second Chance Opportunities and New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. allowing them to forward it to New York State OGS for price approval.

Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2022 ADOPTED. April 18, 2022

- MS4 Annual Report Posting, Acceptance, Signature, and Submittal

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2022

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George had placed on their website on March 25, 2022 a Notice for Availability of Review (NAR) for the MS4 Annual Report, as well as a downloadable document of the MS4 Annual Report for a 30-day public comment period, and no comments have been received;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Annual MS4 report is hereby accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Deputy Mayor Earl to sign said Report.

Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2022 ADOPTED. April 18, 2022

- Turf Management Program for Wood Park

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

RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2022

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WHEREAS the Village of Lake George oversees the Charles R. Wood Park Festival Space and has an expense account set up for maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Warren County O&M Committee reimburses the expenditures;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George does hereby approve the Turf Management Company Inc. proposal for the Festival Space in an amount not to exceed \$2,327.10

Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2022 ADOPTED. **April 18, 2022**

- WWTP Capital Project Payments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28, 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:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 28, 2022 ADOPTED. **April 18, 2022**

Mayor Blais via Zoom

We have a Special Event that's Electrik Lake. It's a special Orchestra coming through here that wanted to perform in Shepherd Park at no cost to the Village. They are a band that will appear to many of our "inadible", and they've appeared in other communities across the east and I'd like to recommend their approval. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Trustee Root

I'll second it.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Second. Trustee Root how do you vote?

Trustee Root

I vote Aye.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl
Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom
Trustee Joe?

Trustee Mastrodomenico
Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom
And the Mayor votes aye.

Debra McKinney
Excuse me, Mayor, are you going to charge them fees or are the fees going to be waived for that?

Mayor Blais via Zoom
They are going to be charged whatever the normal fee is.

Debra McKinney
Okay.

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Facilities Use of Shepard Park contingent upon compliance with COVID protocol, receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents: Electrik Lake, Basheer Hashimi, July 9, 2022

Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

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Mayor Blais via Zoom
And the second group is a Sky Revival Community Outreach Concert. This is being sponsored by a local organization, our Church, the Caldwell Community Church. This is a one time two hour concert on August 27, and this is a revival concert, they say, again, sponsored by the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. And they are asking that we waive the fee for that group. Again, there's no charge to the Village. Make a motion on that if you'd like.

Trustee Mastrodomenico
I'll make a motion. We approve the special event.

Trustee Root
I'll second that.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root. Okay. Trustee Joe how do you vote?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Aye.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Mayor votes aye. Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root?

Trustee Root

Aye

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Facilities Use of Shepard Park contingent upon compliance with COVID protocol, receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- **Skys Revival Community Outreach Concert, Linashamed Ministries, Tom Petrofsky, August 27, 2022**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fees for use of Shepard Park for this event will be waived.

Voting:

**Mayor Blais - Aye
Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye
Trustee Root - Aye**

**Trustee Earl - Aye
Trustee Perry - Absent**

RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2022 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais via Zoom

And the last event is at Wood Park to benefit the Skate Plaza. That's being done by Frankie Cavone and Doug Quimby on October 1 and 2nd. And is a two-day event with bands and vendors and competition to raise funds for the improvements and the maintenance of the Skate Park. I'd like to make a motion that we approve that event.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Second?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I'll second it, Trustee Joe.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Second by Trustee Joe

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Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root, how do you vote?

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Mayor votes Aye. Item #6

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31, 2022

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

- Lake George Skate Plaza, Wild in the Trees Skate Camp, Frank Cavone/Doug Quimby, October 1 & 2, 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 these events are contingent upon approval of the promoter's safety plan by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park, and compliance with COVID protocol as required.

Voting: **Mayor Blais - Aye**
 Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye
 Trustee Root - Aye

Trustee Earl - Aye
Trustee Perry - Absent

RESOLUTION NO. 31, 2022 ADOPTED.

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Trustee Earl

Mayor? We do have a guest here. I'm not sure. I'm just going to get to him before we got into all the Occupancy tax applications. Do you have any business that you want to bring before the board or are you just.....

Jimmy Hartwyk

I wanted to ask a question about the availability of putting tents up in the Village.

Debra McKinney

State your name, please.

Jimmy Hartwyk

I'm sorry. Jimmy Hartwyke.

Trustee Earl

What's your address?

Jimmy Hartwyk

I have businesses at One Canada and 25 Canada.

Trustee Earl

Okay.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

I talked to Deb earlier today and did have that item on the agenda. I didn't know that you were there.

Jimmy Hartwyk

Oh, that's okay.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Well, we can bring this up now to the Village Board. We had a request from two businesses present that have had tents up. Were permitted to put tents up during COVID, the Biscotti Brothers and Salutees. And our policy has been with during COVID to give our businesses an opportunity to maintain seating during COVID and we allowed tents to be erected on a permit by permit basis so long as the property has the proper area on their property to do so and as long as it was approved by our Zoning Administrator and the Village Board. So we have a request to continue that this summer. Some of the COVID... I researched it after Deb told me and some of the COVID regulations that some of the board may know are still in effect. The social distancing is not. But there's also an indication, I'm sure you've been reading in the paper, that there may be another wave of COVID on its way. There's an increase presently in Warren County and across the country. So the request is whether the Board wishes to continue that permit process. We also had a tent that was erected up by a A1 Pizza in the back of their property and that was not for commercial purposes but for prayer services by a group of religious folks. So I'll open it up for a motion or questions as to whether the board wishes to continue that procedure this summer.

Trustee Root

I would just say that in a lot of people's minds the pandemic is not over, and they don't feel comfortable dining indoors. So I think it would be prudent to make them comfortable and extend the use of the tents through this season.

Trustee Earl

Seem to have worked out all right.

Jimmy Hartwyk

Thank you. I appreciate it. The climate is such that some people don't feel comfortable dining inside. We do have many requests for reservations that are outdoors only.

Trustee Earl

My gut feeling is that it won't be too long that we will be back to masks, the mandate for masks the way the COVID, the spreading.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Are you going to still try to maintain that COVID space? Or are you going to try to get as many tables in as possible?

Jimmy Hartwyk

No, so we are still at, I want to say maybe I'm at 80% inside. We haven't gone back to full capacity inside, mostly because people aren't comfortable.

Jimmy Hartwyk

And so outside, I mean it is open air, but we do have when we set it up with the tables, I only bought tables enough to space them 6ft apart. So there is spacing. I think honestly it looks nice too. We have flowers out there. It's a nice ...

Trustee Earl

It can be done tastefully, let's say.

Jimmy Hartwyk

It's not just like we throw up a dingy tent and we're throwing picnic tables out there. So we do try and make it look nice. I think the Village benefits from having more people coming in as parking, then they go for walks on and so forth.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

I have to say not because he's there, but the two tents that were erected on those two properties were done very tastefully. They had flower pots outside. They used good furnishings and that's what we're going to look for. If we have any other request, we'll insist that, again, that they use some creativity and not just put a tent up with some plastic furnishings or whatever. That's what we look for. And that's what we will insist that as they present any other ones to the Board. But we'll have to go through the same permit process we did previously. Just present the site plan where the tent is going to be, perhaps a photograph or whatever to the Zoning Administrator and it'll come to the Village Board. Obviously at our meeting in early May. I would make permit process for the erection of tents on individual businesses, properties, so long as they are approved by the Village Board.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Trustee Joe will second that, but there is one other question though.

Jimmy Hartwyk

Oh, it's wasn't a question. I was just going to say that if we could, this year it's going to be an allowance. If there's a way to move forward to have this be more of a permanent thing. The permit price could go up you know what I mean? It'd be worth it for everybody to pay a little more money for the permit. Right now the permit set it a weekly, is supposed to be seven days. If you allow us to keep it up for the whole summer, it would not be unreasonable to charge a little more money for the permit. Just so I know. "inaudible"

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I think that's something we'd have to talk to the zoning regulator and make sure it's something that's viable for the future, something like that. So we'll get through this summer first and see.

Trustee Earl

Revisit fall and then have the whole winter.

Trustee Earl

I guess we're ready to vote, Mayor?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

We have a second and everything. Right?

Trustee Earl

Got a second right.

Trustee Earl

We're ready to vote.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. Trustee Root?

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Joe?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Mayor votes aye, so the permit process is continued for another year.

Jimmy Hartwyk

Thank you. Enjoy your vacation.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

It's a working vacation, can't you tell? You, too.

Jimmy Hartwyk

Have a good night guys.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Have a nice summer.

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2022

WHEREAS, the Village Board previously allowed certain tents, by permit only, for the purpose of extending dining opportunities for business owners, and;

WHEREAS the Village Board wishes to continue this for 2022 contingent upon submission of a site plan to the Zoning Administrator, with final permit approval by the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a permit for the following businesses based on using the same design and details as last year:

- Owner, Jimmy Hartwyk – 1 Canada Street and 25 Canada Street

Voting:	Mayor Blais - Aye	Trustee Earl - Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico - Aye	Trustee Perry - Absent
	Trustee Root - Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2022 ADOPTED.

April 18, 2022

Mayor Blais via Zoom

We have some occupancy tax applications here, and I'll take those individually, as well. The first is Bebob's box office (box off) at Wood Park. The Board approved the May 14th date with the idea that if it goes well, the 18th and July 16th might be approved. The May 14 one... We're in touch with him now, and it's a possibility that they may not be able to do that again because of the condition of Wood Park. And he's requesting \$2,000, what's the Board's thought on that?

Trustee Root

As the board knows, I voted against the event, so I will not be in favor of the Occupancy tax award.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. Yeah. That's why I'm taking them individually, John, Trustee Root, because I knew that. We'll bring it to a vote. I'll just make a motion that we approve the \$2,000. I think, again, it's another very different event. He's actually doing it three times or wants to do it three times. If he can't do it May 14, he's indicated he may do it, like to do it at a weekend in the fall if there's a proper time to do it. He's also requested, I believe, the same amount from the Town Board.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

So he's looking for \$2000. for all three events then Mayor? Is what you're saying, right?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Total. Yeah. It's for \$2000. for all three events, not just each one.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

And it doesn't look like he's going to do the May 14, you said. But June 18 would be the first one that he's going to do?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

That would be the first one if he can't do it on May 18, we have to let him know about that.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Well, that's because I think like Ray was talking about let's see how the crowd and what the feedback from the...

Trustee Earl

Well, just moving it ahead.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Well, it's June 18, but if he's looking for \$2000. for three of them and he only does two?

Trustee Earl

Then he only does two.

Trustee Root

Do you want to award it to the first one?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

If he could, he plans to do three if he can, because he's having some type of an elimination that requires three box offs. He couldn't do May 14, he'd be looking for another weekend to be approved sometime in August or September.

Trustee Earl

Did you make a motion for that?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yes, I did.

Trustee Earl

I'll second it.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Joe, how do you vote?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Again the same way we did before. See how the first one goes and I'll vote yes.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root?

Trustee Root

Nay

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Yes

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes 2022/2023 Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures as follows:

- Bebob's Backstreet Box-off at Wood Park, May 14, June 18 & July 16, 2022, Jill Collins \$2,000.

VOTING **Mayor Blais: Aye**

Trustee Earl: Aye

4-18-22 regular verbatim

Trustee Mastrodomenico: Absent
Trustee Root: Nay

Trustee Perry: Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2022 ADOPTED.

April 18, 2022

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. I'll take the other three together all at once. The first is the Strand Theatre Summer Slam. This is done by Jon Newell. He's requesting \$3,000. I would use the \$3,000 that we put in our budget for the Fishing Derby. The Fishing Derby has been canceled. The gentleman that ran it with me is going to Alaska. We did have another gentleman that was interested in it, but he is not interested in doing it. So I would take that money in our budget, and I would say for this fact, Jonathan Newell has done some terrific events at the Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls. This would be a benefit. He would run bands all day long. The admission would be free. He's going to be asking for donations from people. He did a music festival three years ago at Wood Park that was highly successful. He has a tremendous mailing list from the folks that supported this Strand Theatre and he had an unbelievable crowd for a local group and also drew a lot of other people. His idea is to have continuous music all day long so that visitors and locals can all come and enjoy music free of charge and try to raise the money for the Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

The Lake George Arts Crafts Festival is a large craft show that we had last year put on by a professional promoter. And also the Barbecue Festival you're probably aware of was last year as well. And we did put \$4,000 in the Village budget to cover both of those events. So he's requesting \$2,000. for each. All of these folks have made applications to the Town for a similar amount of money that they're requesting from the Village. None of these groups got any funds from the Joint Committee or the County. But I would like to make a motion that we approve all three of these. The money is included in our budget, and I worked with all three of these events. The potential for them coming back and making this annually is all great and all of them, I believe would be a credit to the Festival Space.

Trustee Root

I'll second that.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Seconded by Trustee Joe (actually Trustee Root.) Is there any question about any of them?

Trustee Root

I do have a question, Bob, before we move forward here, I noticed on, I guess it was the skateboard park application, there was a note at the bottom that said was awarded \$3,000. from Joint Occupancy tax. In the past. I recall that any awards that were done in the Joint Occupancy tax committee came before the Board for final approval. Is that going to happen again this year or that hasn't happened yet to my knowledge?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

No, it hasn't. I don't know, John. I wasn't aware of that. We certainly have the list and we could present them all to the Village Board. As you know, we only had a small amount to give away. But yeah, we could certainly do that. None of these. I don't recall any of these. Is there a notation that one of these received money from the joint?

Debra McKinney

No, not the Oc Tax request. Yes, but this is the application for the event, not for Occupancy tax.

Trustee Root

Okay. But there's a note on it says that it was awarded.

Debra McKinney

The Village Board awarded \$2,000 to Frankie at their last, at March meeting. Yes, it says both. It says \$3000. from Joint Occupancy tax and \$2,000. from the Board.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yes, the Joint Occupancy tax should have been presented tonight, but I'll make sure that it's done in May, John.

Trustee Root

Thank you.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

It was very short, but yes, that was going to come before the Town and the Village Board. Is there a second to these?

Trustee Root

Trustee Root already, I seconded it already.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

All right, Trustee Joe, how do you vote?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Trustee Root

Trustee Root?

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

The Mayor votes aye. We have a list of some new employees, Deb do you want to go through them?

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes 2022/2023 Occupancy Tax funds awards/expenditures as follows:

- Strand Theatre Summer Slam by Hudson River Music Hall Productions Inc at Wood Park, July 2 & 3, 2022, Jonathan Newell \$3,000.

- **Lake George Arts & Craft Festival - Craft Producers at Wood Park, July 29-31, 2022, Tim Cianciola \$2,000.**
- **Lake George BBQ Festival 2022 - Craft Producers at Wood Park, August 19-21, 2022, Tim Cianciola \$2,000.**

VOTING	Mayor Blais: Aye	Trustee Earl: Aye
	Trustee Mastrodomenico: Absent	Trustee Perry: Aye
	Trustee Root: Aye	

RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2022 ADOPTED. **April 18, 2022**

Debra McKinney

Yes, we have Mark Adams for meter enforcement at \$15 an hour. Brayhan Cuevas for restroom cleaner at \$15 an hour; and Ashton Pism, P-i-s-o-n. So far, those are the seasonal employees so far. I'm sorry, there's one more on the list. James Vesey also as meter enforcement at \$15 an hour.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I'll make that motion to accept the applications.

Trustee Root

Second

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Second by Trustee Root. Mayor votes yes. Trustee Root?

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Joe?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

Aye

Resolution numbered and inserted here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves hiring of the following seasonal employees:

Restroom Cleaner – Brayhan Cuevas at \$15.00 per hour

Meter Enforcement – Mark Adams at \$15.00 per hour

Meter Enforcement – Ashton Pison at \$15.00 per hour

Meter Enforcement – James Vesey at \$15.00 per hour

4-18-22 regular verbatim

VOTING **Mayor Blais: Aye**
Trustee Mastrodomenico: Absent
Trustee Root: Aye

Trustee Earl: Aye
Trustee Perry: Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 35, 2022 ADOPTED. **April 18, 2022**

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Okay. We have a letter this evening, as you know, from Julie, who is tendering her resignation as our Water Manager. I know the Board expresses disappointment that Julie is retiring, but we certainly understand. She's been an outstanding employee for the Village all of these years. We did hold an informal luncheon for her previously, and I know that ladies in the office have another event planned for her on her last day of employment. So I would like to make a motion that we accept Julie's resignation with regret and thank her for all of the years of excellent service to the public and to the Village of Lake George in general. Is there is second?

Trustee Earl

Second

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Seconded by Trustee Earl. Anyone else like to say anything?

Trustee Root

I think you said it well enough.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root how do you vote?

Trustee Root

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

Aye

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Joe?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

With heavy regret, Aye.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Mayor Blais votes Aye. And I'll take the water changes and the transfers and audits together and make a motion that we approve those as presented in our agenda this evening by our Clerk. Tim, would you like to update the status of the work at the wastewater treatment plan?

Motion inserted here.

Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to regretfully accept Julie Malan's notice of retirement to be effective April 29, 2022 and to thank her for all of the years of excellent service to the public and to the Village of Lake George.

Resolutions numbered and inserted here.

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution for the Water Changes:

RESOLUTION NO. 36, 2022

APRIL 2022 WATER CHANGES

FINAL READS:

N. Turner	\$ 27.46
Pine Grove	\$ 114.19
Mohican LLC	\$ 71.24

ADJUSTMENTS:

Frost Plate \$ 10.00
High Cabins \$ (70.43)

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$152.46
CR	F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 122.46
CR	F2145 METER UPGRADE	\$ 20.00
CR	F2655 MINOR SALES	\$ 10.00

VOTING **Mayor Blais: Aye** **Trustee Earl: Aye**
 Trustee Mastrodomenico: Aye **Trustee Perry: Absent**
 Trustee Root: Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 36, 2022 ADOPTED. April 18, 2022

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution for transfers and audits:

RESOLUTION NO. 37, 2022

TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:		
A8510.1	Beautification Pers	A5142.1	Snow Removal Pers.	\$4,000.00
A8510.1	Beautification Pers	A7020.1	Rec Ctr Pers	\$3,800.00
A7180.4	Docks	A8090.4	Environmental Control	\$2,000.00
A.8020.4	Planning Contr	A8010.4	Zoning Contr.	\$117.00
F8330.22	Purification	F8350.4	Meters Contr	\$1,000.00
F8320.4	Source of Supply	F8320.22	Source of Supply Inv	\$217.00
A8140.4	Storm Drains	A5110.42	Street Maint. Gas	\$6,000.00
A1640.44	Central Garage Vehicles	A1640.4	Central Garage	\$3,000.00
A8140.4	Storm Drains	A5110.4	Streets	\$2,000.00
4-18-22 regular verbatim				

3/24/2022	General	\$118,652.67		
	Water	\$23,868.60	221512-221531	36221- 36224
		\$142,521.27		
4/7/2022	General	\$53,015.86	221532-221546	36247- 36256
	Water	\$10,593.24		
		\$63,609.10		
4/18/2022	General	\$120,202.37	221547-221652	
	Water	\$50,474.80		
	Sewer Plant Improv(HK)	\$2,782.50		
		\$173,459.67		

VOTING **Mayor Blais: Aye** **Trustee Earl: Aye**
Trustee Mastrodomenico: Aye **Trustee Perry: Absent**
Trustee Root: Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 37, 2022 ADOPTED. **April 18, 2022**

Tim Shudt

The treatment plan is operating well. Just within the last week or so, we started to meet our effluent numbers from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The wells have not seen that result yet. We don't anticipate.... It's unknown how long it will take for the wells to be able to recover from the 90 plus years of nutrient violations. We are dealing with an issue where the sludge in the SBRs are not settling as expected. It settles well in the lab, but does not settle in the tanks. So, it's really... Nobody understands that phenomenon. Usually that never occurs, so we're still working through that. But overall, the plant is operating as intended.

Trustee Earl

100% on a new plant? We're working on?

Tim Shudt

Yeah. We have to send out lab results tomorrow that will confirm our process control testing. But our process control testing shows that we are definitely meeting the effluent limits of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once it leaves the wastewater treatment plant, it's out of my hands. Once it goes into the ground and goes to the wells, I have no control over that. So hopefully the wells will come along. DEC has granted us some leeway for violations until the end of May for the treatment plant.

Trustee Earl

You haven't tasted it?

Trustee Root

So you're saying there's residuals in the wells that may appear in testing?

Tim Shudt

Yeah, probably in sand. I mean, over time, the sand has absorbed so much of the nutrients, but they might come around sooner than later. But like I said, once it goes into the well, into the sand, I've got no control over what happens to it or what influences there are to it.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Tim still on track with the demolition, and I know the demolition of the old plant has begun. And are they still on track to have substantial completion by August?

Tim Shudt

Yes, that's what we're headed for. The only thing that might go beyond that is the booster pump station. We just got an update. It's a pretty long lead time, so it might go past the substantial completion date for the pump station. That's kind of out of our hands.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

For the Village Board's information. I have sent two invitations to the Governor to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony sometime in the month of August. I haven't heard back at all from her office. And if we don't hear, my plan would be to go ahead at the July meeting and announce with the Village Board approval for ribbon cutting, followed by an open house for all Village taxpayers and people in the region to take a tour through the new plant for a period of perhaps one day. So hopefully we'll hear something soon. And if we don't, then we'll just go ahead, plan a ribbon cutting with all our local officials and people that have contributed to the new plant opening. The other thing, Tim, I wanted to ask about, I noticed that Essex County Wastewater Treatment Plant has received a state award from the New York State Water Association that I know you're a member of. I'd like to find out what the process is so that we can put an application perhaps and maybe get some consideration for next year.

Tim Shudt

That was the New York Rural Water Association?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yeah, that's the Essex County Wastewater Treatment Plant has been designated an award winner "inaudible".

Tim Shudt

There's really not an application, per se. Usually the New York Rural Water Association circuit rider would come to our treatment plant and work with me on a problem, kind of contradicts the whole award for a wastewater treatment plant award if you're constantly having problems where somebody has to come and help you. So I don't see circuit riders from New York Rural Water very often, if that's who you're saying, that is.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yeah. Supervisor up there, members of the Village Board know who he is, Kenny Hughes. I'm sure Trustee Root knows Kenny from the days at Fun World. And Kenny is Supervisor of Essex County. I talked to him today.

Trustee Root

He was just in the paper recently. I read an article.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Root, do you have anything for the board?

Trustee Root

A couple of things. I'll try to be brief. First, I've said this before, and I'll say it again, Debbie does an excellent job on these minutes. And with this new verbatim system, it's really to me as wonky as I am, it's fascinating to read it in verbatim. And also, I think it was very fortunate that we got the powers to be corrected that drainage system at Howard Johnsons because we've had some very heavy rains after that. It's passed the test. It would have been a disaster. It washed out

what used to be the Tahoe, their driveway. So thank God that was done and everything went well with that because that would have been a real disaster. That's it for me.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Amen. I thought about that, the heavy rains came. Trustee Earl?

Trustee Earl

I hope it's fixed and paved over the whole.... I've been asked when the meter enforcement is going to start.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Well, we've had a problem hiring people. The three that we mentioned tonight actually evolved and interviewed after I left, by Keith. We didn't really have anyone. We had two come back for years, and neither one of them can return this year. Probably we will start one individual days and one nights about two weeks before Memorial Day. If we can get them trained, ordinarily we would start the day before Memorial Day. It may not be the meters are enforced, as you all know, prior to that, but I think the earliest we'd be able to get anybody out in the street will be the middle of May. And as I've done in the past all in the town will get a spring newsletter, and then that date will be on there so they'll know exactly when to let their customers and everybody know that there's somebody out there enforcing the meters.

Trustee Earl

So my answer would just be the middle of May sometime?

Mayor Blais via Zoom

We're hoping for it If we can get people trained. Yes, I would say the middle of May.

Trustee Earl

Yeah, just to have an answer.

Trustee Root

Till then, it's voluntary.

Trustee Earl

That's all I have.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Trustee Joe?

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I know right along with that stormwater cleanup coverage and all that, Howard Johnson's finally repaved their parking lot and raised the driveway after the sidewalk level. So I'm glad to see that. Actually, it looks pretty decent right now. The trip hazard is gone in front of that store. So it's the restaurant, the hotel.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Well, we have gotten a quote on erecting a white fence to block off that property. I didn't bring it up this evening because I heard about a week ago that he was going to try to clean up that property and park cars there this summer. We obviously haven't seen any application, but he was going to try to recover, obviously, some of the money that cost him to do the repair work. But at the May meeting, we may have a proposal. He has given us, he gave us permission to erect a white fence which would be about eight foot tall, which would block off the visibility of that parking lot. And if the board decides they want to do it or we can do it, we have three or four

artists that are willing to present a mural to the Village Board to put a mural on the fence and instead of having people look at that piece of property as they come down the Hill but again, I understand he's going to make an attempt to use it as a parking lot which means he's going to have to clean it up considerably himself. So that happens to be the status of that.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

He's got golf carts now parked there.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Yeah, it's just an eyesore. We've had a lot of complaints from people. Last year Kathy Muncil wrote a couple of letters that she had some complaints from guests at her motel, but it just doesn't look well coming into the Village. I would like to give Trustee Joe a little plug that I want the board to know that I purchased an Applewood Boarshead ham for Easter, and I noticed that Trustee Joe was on Facebook promoting those at Beans Country Store and I purchased mine at the fresh market here in Pawley's Island. So I want to tell the board that I was very pleased with the quality.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I'll see about Canadian bacon for your birthday.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

Is there anything else that anyone has to bring to the attention of the Board? I'll take a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Root

So moved.

Trustee Mastrodomenico

I'll second it.

Mayor Blais via Zoom

So ordered. Thank you very much and hope you all had a great Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney
Village Clerk