

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 virus outbreak and public attendance was prohibited. The public was allowed access via teleconferencing which was publicized on the Village's web site and Facebook page.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee (arrived at 4:55 p.m.)
John Root, Trustee

MEMERS ABSENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor

Also present were: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear and others via Zoom.

At 4:30 p.m. Deputy Mayor Earl opened the Regular Meeting, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Earl presented several sets of minutes for consideration; some could not be approved with a quorum and were tabled until the next meeting. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the Annual Meeting minutes and the Special Meeting minutes of April 5, 2021.

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

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department, REC Center, Fire Department, Caldwell Sewer District, Director of Planning & Zoning, and Superintendent of Public Works were presented and made available for inspection.

Deputy Mayor Earl asked the Board to consider the following training for the Fire Department: NYS Firefighter-1 Course at the Chestertown Fire Station, Tyler Hubbard April 14, 2021; and County Marine Rescue Team SONAR training seminar, at the Bolton Fire Station Saturday May 15 & 16, 2021 Brandon Combs, Dennis Mitchell, John Kearney, Richard White, and J. Liguori. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority to approve the training.

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

Deputy Mayor Earl reported that at a previous meeting Jim Barber was presented and recommended as the elected candidate for the 2nd Assistant Chief. Although Mr. Barber does not currently meet all of the qualifications as set forth in the bylaws, he will be able to qualify as a Class A interior firefighter in the near future. And, also, he has been an active firefighter for many years and also served as Fire Chief.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby appoints the following newly elected firematic officer for the 2021-2022 year: 2nd Assistant Chief – Jim Barber

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29, 2021 ADOPTED **April 19, 2021**

The following training session was considered: Tug Hill Commission Webinar entitled Open Government Issues in Planning and Zoning Decisions on April 29, 2021 at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves Board members and staff to attend: Tug Hill Commission Webinar entitled Open Government Issues in Planning and Zoning Decisions on April 29, 2021 at no cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 19, 2021**

The following resolutions were considered:

- Water reley
Deputy Mayor Earl presented the list of unpaid water rents for Village of Lake George customers to be relayed on to their June 2021 Village tax bills.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes Treasurer Danna Bock to relay the unpaid water rents of Village customers onto the June 2021 tax roll in the amount of \$33,655.11 plus penalties of \$4,136.75, which includes a \$25.00 relay charge per parcel, for a total of \$37,791.86.

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

- Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Application

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32, 2021

VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE
NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION STATE ECONOMIC &
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Congress established the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) in 2008, NBRC is a partnership between the federal government and the States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont;

WHEREAS, NBRC is accepting grant applications up to \$1,000,000 through its State Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program for infrastructure projects categorized as transportation, public, telecommunications, renewal and alternative energy;

WHEREAS, NBRC is required to annually assess the level of economic and demographic distress in its service area to designate eligible counties and determine the percent match that is required for NBRC funded projects, Warren County is identified as “Distressed”; therefore, eligible for 80% funding requiring a 20% match;

WHEREAS, NBRC partnership is aided by recognized Local Development Districts (LDD) known in New York as the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board in which the Village is required to engage the LDD to administer the investment at no more than 5% for the first \$100,000 and 1% for funds in excess of \$100,000 of the total amount of the NBRC award;

WHEREAS, each State scores the applications received within their state independently and final decisions about awards are approved jointly between the Federal Co-Chair and the Governor’s Alternates (the members that make up the board of the Northern Border Regional Commission);

WHEREAS, New York Department of State has broadly defined program priorities measuring regional significance, project need, project impact, implementation capacity and commitment, budget and work plan and timeline;

WHEREAS, the Village desires to install a solar facility at its new wastewater treatment facility to reduce the carbon footprint of the new plant operations, utilize renewable energy for some of the plant operations, mobilize regional renewable energy investment, and induce job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Village submitted a Letter of Notification to NBRC March 2021 expressing interest in the program, identifying the Town of Lake George as potential co-Applicant and assurance in providing local match resources to construct a solar facility at the wastewater treatment facility property; and

WHEREAS, the grant application process requires that the applicant's legal authority to authorize submission of the application and related actions; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and directs the Director of Planning and Zoning and the Deputy Mayor to submit application to the NBRC and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

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

- **Tax Warrant**
As a result of Board approval of the 2021-2022 budget, Treasurer Danna Bock requested review and approval of the Tax Warrant for the June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022 Village taxes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2021

TAX WARRANT RESOLUTION

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, 2021 to May 31, 2022 with a tax rate of \$5.643 per thousand of assessed valuation:

For General Fund	\$1,497,408.00
For Delinquent Water Rents	33,655.11
For Delinquent Water Penalties & Other Charges	4,136.75
For six Special Assessment District Properties	<u>29,832.00</u>
Total Real Property Taxes & Other Charges	\$1,565,031.86

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RESOLUTION NO. 33, 2021 ADOPTED. April 19, 2021

- Relevy 75 McGillis Avenue Property Maintenance Costs
Superintendent Lanfear reported that as directed by Mayor Blais, this property again had to be cleaned up by Village staff.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2021

WHEREAS, Dan Barusch, Director of Planning and Zoning has sent several notices in regards to lack of maintenance on the 75 McGillis Avenue property, tax map #251.18-4-27 with no response; and

WHEREAS further notification has taken place in regards to the Village staff completing the necessary maintenance at the owner's expense;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves completion of the work and pursuant to Section 158-10 having the expense be charged as a lien upon the premises to be included in the next annual Village tax bill.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 19, 2021**

The following Special Event/ Facility Use applications were considered:

- Angela Vernum, Lake George American Legion Post 374 - Memorial Day Parade May 29, 2021 and support
Deputy Mayor Earl noted that with the current COVID restrictions, the parade probably will not be held. He commented that they may be able to hold their small memorial ceremonies at the locations that they usually do. He suggested that the annual support still be given to them as they will be placing flags and wreaths.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35, 2021

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 29, 2021 as long and only if they can comply with the NYS and Warren County COVID regulations and protocol at that time;

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 19, 2021**

More Special Event/ Facility Use applications were considered:

Shepard Park

- Elvis Tribute by Price/Reddy Entertainment June 5, 2021
- Lake George Arts Project:
 - Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays
 - Shakespeare Approves on August 9, 2021
 - Jazz Fest on September 17, 18 & 19, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36, 2021

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

Shepard Park

- Elvis Tribute by Price/Reddy Entertainment June 5, 2021
- Lake George Arts Project:
 - Summer Concert Series on Wednesdays
 - Shakespeare Approves on August 9, 2021
 - Jazz Fest on September 17, 18 & 19, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36, 2021 ADOPTED. April 19, 2021

The following returning and new employees were considered:

RETURNING EMPLOYEES 2021	Dept.	Previous Pay	2021 Pay
Restroom Cleaners	6410.1		
Steve Restpro		\$12.00	\$14.00
Dayana Suarez		\$12.00	\$14.00
METER ENFORCEMENT	3320.1		
Brian Murphy		\$14.00	\$14.25
Anthony Costanza		\$14.00	\$14.25
DPW/PARKS			
Goodsell, David	7110.11	\$14.00	\$14.25
Gunther, Robert	3320.1	\$14.50	\$14.75
BEAUTIFICATION	8510.1		
Gearwar, Judy (monthly)		\$2,708.33	\$2,750.00
Manion, Emily		\$13.25	\$13.50

NEW EMPLOYEES 2021	Dept.	Previous Pay	2021 Pay
Code Enforcement	3620		
James Anagnos			\$18.00
Beautification	8510		
Mary Scinto			\$14.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 37, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of the above listed returning and new employees effective immediately at the rates listed.

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

Trustee Root asked about the status of the Second Chance Employees. Superintendent Lanfear confirmed that we are waiting to see how the summer will be as far as the COVID environment. Second Chance is aware that we want them to work this year, and they are willing to be on hold to see what our needs will be.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38, 2021

APRIL 2021 WATER CHANGES

APRIL PENALTIES	\$ 692.04
MAY & JUNE PENALTIES	\$ 966.64
RELEVY FEES	\$ 1,050.00

VILLAGE UNPAID WATER RENT RELEVY **\$37,791.86**

FINAL READS:

WAGE READING

C Merrill	\$ 32.46
J Cocca	\$ 51.01
D Spitzer	\$ 75.78
D Parker	\$ 33.32

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$2,901.25
CR	F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 192.57
CR	F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$2,708.68

DR F0380 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE \$37,791.86

CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE \$37,791.86

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 19, 2021**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2021

TRANSFERS:

From:		To:		Amount:
A5142.4	Snow Removal contr	A1640.44	Central Garage Contr	\$2,000.00
A5142.4	Snow Removal contr	A7020.4	Rec Center	\$1,000.00
A5650.4	Off Street Parking	A3320.4	On Street Parking	\$1,600.00
A5142.4	Snow Removal contr	A3320.4	On Street Parking	\$2,900.00
3/25/2021	General Water	\$90,526.17 \$18,961.26	211503-211538	34997-35008
		<hr/> \$109,487.43		
3/24/2021	General Hartford Steam Boiler	\$105.00 <hr/> \$105.00	210486	34996
4/8/2021	General Water	\$63,300.33 \$14,634.39	211539-211543	35009-35012
		<hr/> \$77,934.72		
4/19/2021	General Water Sewer Plnt Improv (HK) EPG (HT)	\$72,507.66 \$247,035.05 \$1,051,583.74 <hr/> \$5,976.00	211544-211657	
		<hr/> \$1,377,102.45		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 19, 2021**

It was noted that Board members have been receiving comments and questions about the new Shepard Park Beach Fence. It was determined that the Post Star had published erroneous information about the fence citing that it would be a chain link fence, which is not true. Mayor Blais has agreed to follow up and get a correction

made. Discussion ensued about different options with the new fencing.

Trustee Perry arrived at 4:55 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Earl presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 15, 2021. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried by a majority vote to approve the minutes.

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

Deputy Mayor Earl asked for any other business.

Superintendent Lanfear reported that they have been working down at the playground at Wood Park for the past few days. Village staff along with County staff have been getting the playground cleaned up and put down new wood chips. He also noted that new hand sanitizing stations have been installed.

Trustee Root inquired as to whether any other Board members have noticed increased use of cannabis throughout the Village. They discussed it briefly.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney
Village Clerk