

Minutes of the Special Meeting and Budget Hearings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4:49 p.m. This meeting began immediately following the completion of the Annual Organizational Meeting. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 virus outbreak and public attendance was prohibited. The public was allowed access via Zoom teleconferencing which was publicized on the Village's web site.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee
John Root, Trustee
MEMBERS VIA ZOOM: Ray Perry, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, Operator Tim Shudt, Tony Hall – Lake George Mirror, and others via Zoom.

At 4:49 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the following Public Hearings for the proposed Village budgets to run concurrently:

- General Fund budget for June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022
- Water Fund budget for June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022
- Special Assessment District budget for June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 - Lakefront Walk Way district in which the individuals who own property in that particular area are under contract to pay for this portion of the walkway that was built several years ago.

Mayor Blais began by reviewing the General Fund budget, and noted that the General Fund budget is \$5,657,292. with \$3,659,884. coming from revenues and \$500,000. from the fund balance, leaving \$1,497,408. to be raised by taxes. Working on the budget this year with the COVID factored in, with the construction of the new WWTP, and with the re-evaluation made this one of the most difficult budgets, we have ever worked on. It is complicated, but the rate is actually going down to \$5.643 per \$1,000. of assessed valuation due to the re-evaluation.

Mayor Blais noted that last year's tax rate was \$6.43. Eight years ago the tax rate was \$6.04 so a .39 increase over eight years is remarkable. Mayor Blais went on to give some estimates of what different categories of tax payers would see in their tax bills. After looking at the preliminary budget figures and we found that were going to be about \$450,000. short in our budget, the Village Board decided that the best solution would be to increase parking meter revenues, which is one of the largest sources of revenue. After some research of other similar resorts, they decided to raise the parking meter fees from \$1. to \$2 an hour. They felt that increasing the meter rates was justified and compared to other municipalities our budget is much larger due to the influx of tourists. So they agreed that the guests that come to the Village will help to pay for the new WWTP which is necessary because of the influx of tourists. If we were a community of the same size year round, we wouldn't have the additional expenses associated with tourism. He also noted that paying for the meters is more user friendly now that we utilize the Park Mobile ap. Mayor Blais noted that last year due to COVID, the Village lost about \$320,000. in revenues. He opened the floor to public comment, and kept the public hearings open, and moved on with the rest of the agenda.

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Office of the NYS Comptroller – Fiscal & Environmental Stress Rating
Annually the Comptroller's office inspects fiscal stability, and the Village received "No Designation" on both Fiscal Stress and Environmental Stress, which means that the Village is in excellent shape.

- NYS DEC Partnership for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program
The Office of the Commissioner wrote in regards to two requests. The first being the extension of the boat inspection program earlier in the spring and later in the fall. The second request was in regards to permanent gating of certain DEC boat launches after daily hours of operation. They commended the agencies for their partnership to address threats to the health of the lake.

Mayor Blais reported that two bids for the purchase and installation of a fence around Shepard Park Beach were received and opened. Last year a temporary fence was put up around Shepard Park Beach so that the number of beachgoers could be limited due to regulations set because of COVID. Having the area fenced off worked well to keep people off the beach during closed hours which is required by the New York State Department of Health, and it worked to limit the number of users and keep in compliance with the COVID requirements. Mayor Blais commented that the fence with a gate will allow us to be safe and comply with NYS DOH. Superintendent Lanfear announced that two bids were received one from Yaboo Fence Company in the amount of \$39,642. and the lowest bidder is Siena Fence Company at a cost of \$25,320. Both proposals includes material and labor to install the fence complete. Mayor Blais asked the Board for any comment. It was confirmed that the proposed fencing is commercial grade and similar in looks to another one locally on Route 9N. Trustee Perry commented that likes the Beach with no fencing and wondered if we have to fence the beach in? Mayor Blais responded that it is not a requirement, but Jim Martino, who supervised the guards last year approved of the fencing. The Health Department commended us for the fencing as well. Mayor Blais, also noted that a fence may again be required this year for COVID compliance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village solicited for bids to install a 5' high aluminum fence complete around Shepard Park Beach;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Board awards the bid to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder – Siena Fence Company, Inc. Po Box 4893, Clifton Park, NY 12065 at a cost of \$25,320. which includes labor and material to install the fencing complete.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2021 ADOPTED. April 5, 2021

- Budget Amendment Insurance Claim

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has received an insurance recovery check from Casella Waste Management in the amount of \$5,337.09 for damage done to the flag pole and the bollard on Lower Montcalm,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY authorizes the following changes to the General Fund budget to pay for the expenditures.

Increase of Revenues and Expenditures:

DR A7110.4 Parks Contractual	\$5,337.09
CR A2680 Insurance Recoveries	\$5,337.09

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

- Lake George Park Commission Lake-Wide Septic Inspection Program

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George recognizes that Lake George is the economic engine for our region and that visitors are attracted by the lake's crystal clear waters; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors to our area rely on Lake George for their drinking water; and

WHEREAS, failing and poorly maintained septic systems around lake George impact the lake's water quality, thereby threatening not only people's health but also the region's economic viability; and

WHEREAS, the need for a lake-wide septic inspection program has been identified by multiple task forces, watershed coalitions, surveys and initiatives since the 1980's;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby requests the Lake George Park Commission – as the entity empowered by the state to adopt rules and regulations for the collection, treatment and discharge of wastewater within the Lake George Park – to take the necessary steps to develop the framework for a lake-wide septic inspection program.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2021 ADOPTED **April 5, 2021**

- 2021 MS4 Annual Report

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the 2021 MS4 Annual Report as a requirement under New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) General Permit for MS4 Stormwater Discharge #GP-0-15-003 has been prepared;

WHEREAS, the MS4 Annual Report details progress made on the Village's SWMP Plan, which was created to address stormwater education, outreach and implementation of standards and goals to control stormwater discharges throughout the Village and to use best management practices (BMPs) to reach these goals;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George had placed on their website on April 9, 2021 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 were received;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George will notify the New York DEC to record the Village's approval of the 2021 MS4 Annual Report, and will submit the Annual Report to DEC upon execution of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George approves the 2021 Village of Lake George Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report and authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the report and the Superintendent to notify the DEC of the approval and submit a copy of the report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2021 ADOPTED **April 5, 2021**

- MOU among municipal governments bordering Lake George for protection against Harmful Algae Blooms

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2021

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS BORDERING LAKE GEORGE
SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE COMMITMENT
TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS (HABs)**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to describe an agreement among the municipal governments bordering Lake George to proactively support and advance comprehensive measures to reduce the risk of Harmful Algae Blooms ("HABs") in Lake George. This concerted commitment recognizes the need for a multi-faceted approach that employs latest scientific research to understand the causes of HABs to guide effective actions that reduce the potential for further HAB occurrences. This MOU is not a binding commitment, but a statement of the intent by the municipalities signing this document to work in good faith to prevent the occurrence of HABs at Lake George in recognition of the following:

WHEREAS, protecting water quality is essential to healthy, vibrant communities, drinking water and for numerous recreational uses that benefit the local and regional economies that surround Lake George; and

WHEREAS, Harmful Algae Blooms (“HABs”) pose a serious and growing threat to our drinking water, human health, environment, and tourism and recreation-based economy; and,

WHEREAS, New York State is at the epicenter of the national HABs crisis, with the number of water bodies in NY experiencing blooms increasing by over 10X (to nearly 500) in the last decade, costing the state an estimated \$6B in mitigation and lost value to our economy; and,

WHEREAS, Lake George experienced its first confirmed HABs in October and November 2020 in the southern basin of the lake; and,

WHEREAS, the causes of HABs can vary from lake to lake, it is understood that nutrient pollution, especially phosphorus, is a major contributor; and,

WHEREAS, the level of water quality has declined throughout the lake as documented in the 37-year, lake-wide data collection by Darrin Fresh Water Institute (Hintz et.al, 2019) and detailed in the 30-year study published in 2014 (Boylen et. al. 2014), with the southern portions of the lake transitioning from oligotrophic (exceptionally clear water quality) to mesotrophic (reduced levels of water quality and clarity); and,

WHEREAS, this decline in water quality is demonstrated by a steady increase in the levels of chlorophyll-a since 1980, that is associated with increased algae growth in the lake, as supported by scientific data and water quality monitoring of the lake (Hintz, et.al. 2018; Boylen et.al. 2014)); and,

WHEREAS, excessive algae growth has been observed throughout the lake over the past decade as documented by The FUND for Lake George and increased algae growth is connected with an increase in nutrients, primarily phosphorus in freshwater ecosystems; and,

WHEREAS, the long-term increase of chlorophyll-a concentrations since 1980 and recent observations of excessive algae growth are connected with increased phosphorus loading; and,

WHEREAS, although there has been little change in total phosphorus concentrations since 1980, there has been a 70% increase in concentrations of orthophosphorus or soluble reactive phosphorus (Hintz et.al. 2019), the form that is biologically available for uptake by algae and other plants; and,

WHEREAS, Lake George has a relatively small watershed and the natural release of phosphorus from weathering of phosphorus containing minerals is limited; and,

WHEREAS, Lake George is designated as one of twelve lakes in the New York State Harmful Algal Bloom Initiative that included a Four Point Initiative featuring the development and implementation of a Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan for each of the twelve lakes; and,

WHEREAS, the said Action Plan would identify a suite of priority actions to address water quality concerns in Lake George and New York State would provide grant funding to implement these priority actions; and,

WHEREAS, The Jefferson Project at Lake George, the collaboration of IBM, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and The FUND for Lake George, has been collecting data and modeling Lake George since its inception in 2013 and collected vital data during and after the November 2020 HAB events in Lake George that will inform the causes and conditions contributing to the event and that can inform future lake management policy decisions and actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the Village of Lake George, Town of Lake George, Town of Bolton, Town of Queensbury, and Town of Hague are committed to proactively

addressing the factors contributing to the potential for more HABs on Lake George; and it is further

AGREED that the Towns and Village will uphold and work jointly to advance implementation of the priority actions in the New York HABS Initiative Action Plan for Lake George; and it is further

AGREED that the Towns and Village will continue to support scientific monitoring of conditions in Lake George and work with the researchers, scientists and others who recognize the urgency of actions to protect water quality; and it is further

AGREED that the Towns and Village recognize the need to reduce nutrient pollution to Lake George through science-guided programs, policies, and actions, doing everything practicable to reduce the risk of future Harmful Algal Bloom occurrences in Lake George; and it is further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake George Village Board authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2021 ADOPTED **April 5, 2021**

- Natural Gas Contract

Clerk Deb McKinney reported that John Hamor of Capital District Energy Partners has been watching gas prices so that the Village could secure good pricing with a vendor when the current contract expires on May 31, 2021. She recommended a 24-month agreement with Plymouth Rock

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2021

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George is interested in getting the best available pricing for natural gas and saving taxpayer dollars, and;

WHEREAS, the Village currently has a contract with Direct Energy which expires on May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Hamor of Capital Energy Partners has gotten three proposals and the best pricing is third party supplier ENGIE Plymouth Rock at \$2.95/dth on a 24 month agreement for the Village beginning on June 1, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Board authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the necessary documents with John Hamor of Capital Energy Partners and Plymouth Rock for natural gas procurement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

- Occupancy Tax Request –Empire State Towing & Recovery ESTRA Tow Truck Show

Mayor Blais reported that this organization has been having their event successfully in the Village for probably ten years. He recommended awarding them \$3,000. In occupancy tax funds to assist with their event.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes a Village Occupancy Tax Award in the amount of \$3,000. to Melissa Perlow of Empire State Towing & Recovery Association for the ESTRA Tow Truck show scheduled for June 4-6, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes encumbering the payment for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year to be paid out upon receipt of proof of payment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

- Clean Energy Community Grant by NYSERDA
Dan Barusch and the Go Green Committee have been working to get grant funding so that an energy audit could be completed on the Water Treatment Plant and the DPW Central Garage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2021

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning office and DPW have been working together to analyze energy use and efficiency in the municipal buildings and identify ways to increase efficiency and utilize clean energy where possible, and as part of that effort have been able to obtain 'Clean Energy Community' designation for the Village of Lake George;

WHEREAS, due to high energy use and the potential to improve upon that, the Director of Planning and Zoning is proposing that energy audits be completed on two Village buildings, the Water Treatment Plant and the DPW Central Garage;

WHEREAS, the quote from Rise Engineering for the energy audits on the two buildings came to a total of \$4,625 and a second quote is not required due to this being an acquisition of professional services, which is exempt from local bidding requirements,

WHEREAS, NYSERDA has recently announced to certified Clean Energy Communities that they were awarded retroactively \$5,000 "designation grants", to be used for "clean energy projects" for which these energy audits are eligible,

WHEREAS, the Village Board agrees that this cost is a worthy expenditure of the grant funds and is an appropriate use for such funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake George Village Board agrees to authorize a contract signature with Rise Engineering for the building energy audits, and requests the Director of Planning and Zoning to submit for the Clean Energy Community designation grant through NYSERDA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expense of said energy audits can and will be covered with the Clean Energy Community (CEC) designation grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 20, 2021 ADOPTED

April 5, 2021

Mayor Blais reported that the Water Department's hydrant flushing schedule has been posted and advertised as follows: The Village of Lake George Water Department will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 AM and 3PM, Monday, April 5th through Friday, April 16th. Some discoloration and sedimentation may result but will be temporary in nature. Consumers should check the water condition and call the Water Department to determine areas scheduled for flushing before doing laundry. Individual water heaters should be flushed after your area is completed.

Mayor Blais noted that he considered asking the board to make it mandatory that all Village employees get COVID vaccinations, but he sent a notice encouraging the vaccinations and has learned that most employees either have had their shots or are scheduled to get them. He commented that if we were to have an outbreak amongst our small staff, it could be catastrophic in the operation of our essential departments.

The following Special Events/ Facility Use Applications were considered:

Wood Park

- Oriental Shriner Circus, Barry Trasacco July 11, 2021
- Americade, Christian Dutcher September 19-27, 2021
- Hard Park'N Car Show, Gregory Alfredo, October 1 & 2, 2021

Beach Road Parking Lot

- Hard Park'N Car Show, Gregory Alfredo, October 1 & 2, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2021

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

- Oriental Shriner Circus, Barry Trasacco July 11, 2021
- Hard Park'N Car Show, Gregory Alfredo, October 1 & 2, 2021

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 the Capital District Control Group.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2021 ADOPTED.

April 5, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2021

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 September 19-27, 2021

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. 22, 2021 ADOPTED.

April 5, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Use of Beach Road Parking Lot contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- Hard Park'N Car Show, Gregory Alfredo, October 1 & 2, 2021

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2021 ADOPTED.

April 5, 2021

Mayor Blais presented two applications for use of the REC Center fields: Robert Dean – Glens Falls Titans for practices seven Sundays and Jesse Hayes, Adirondack Magic Inc for practices and tournaments May through October. He suggested charging \$25. per day for individual practices on a limited basis, \$300. to hold a tournament and a set fee of \$500. for the season for Adirondack Magic to hold several practices each week. He noted that he did some price comparison for facilities in neighboring communities and that seems fair.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Facility Use Applications for use of the REC Center baseball fields contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- Robert Dean, Glens Falls Titan – seven practice dates at \$25. each \$175.
- Jesse Hayes on behalf of Adirondack Magic to hold practices several days a week from May through October, 2021 at \$500. seasonal fee for the practices and \$300. for each tournament held.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

Mayor Blais reminded the Board that there is a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the newly elected Fire Officers.

Mayor Blais asked the Board to look at the drafts of the three local laws: Solar Law, Tree Care Ordinance, and for a new No Parking Zone on Helen Street.

Mayor Blais returned to the Public Hearing and there were no other comments. At 5:29 p.m. Mayor Blais closed the Public Hearings on the budgets.

Trustee Root moved to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented and seconded by Trustee Earl.

RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2021

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, 2021 through May 31, 2022 as follows:

General Fund Appropriations	\$5,657,292.
Less General Fund Revenues	\$3,659,884.
Less Unexpended Balance	\$ 500,000.
Amount to be raised by Taxes	\$1,497,408.

TAX RATE \$5.643 PER THOUSAND.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

Trustee Root moved to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 Water Fund Budget as presented and seconded by Trustee Earl.

RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the Water Fund budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 as follows:

Water Fund Appropriations	\$1,026.889.
Less Water Fund Revenues	\$1,029,000.
Less Unexpended Balance	\$ (2,111.)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

Motion by Trustee Root seconded by Trustee Earl to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 Special Assessment District Fund budget:

RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2021

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, 2021 to May 31, 2022 as follows:

Special Assessment District Fund Appropriations	\$33,160.
Less Special Assessment District Fund Revenues	<u>\$ 3,328.</u>
Amount to be raised by taxes	<u>\$29,832.</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 27, 2021 ADOPTED. **April 5, 2021**

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Superintendent Lanfear showed a photo of a tree on the corner of Amherst and Helen Streets where a new sidewalk is intended. According to a recent survey the tree is on Village property. In order for the sidewalk to fit there, the tree will have to come down. He got a quote of \$900. to have it removed. After further discussion, it was decided that National Grid would be consulted to see if it would be possible to relocate the pole, and what the cost would be.

Mayor Blais thanked his family members and others for their Zoom attendance. Mayor Blais acknowledged that he had recently received a ceremonial "key" to the Ronald McDonald retreat house that will be opening soon.

Mayor Blais asked the Board to be thinking and considering what they would like to do about the recent legislation to legalize marijuana and cannabis lounges.

Mayor Blais reported that he has been in touch with the consultant that is working on the sewer rate, and plans to schedule a meeting in the near future to discuss the proposed rate.

There was a motion by Trustee Earl to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Village Clerk
Purchasing Agent