

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Zoom teleconferencing was available.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Perry, Mayor
Joe Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor
Jose Filomeno, Trustee
Alyson Miller, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Julie Allen, Superintendent Lanfear, and Operator Tim Shudt, and others by zoom.

Mayor Perry opened the special meeting at 9:00 a.m. The Fire Company's President Doni Smith sent the list of newly elected Fire Department Officers for the Village Board's approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby appoints the following list of newly elected firematic officers for the 2023-2024 year;

Chief – Brandon Combs
1st Assistant Chief – Jim Barber
2nd Assistant Chief – John Cocozza-Hill

In addition, these department officers were acknowledged to their respective positions:
Captain – Tom Williams

1st Lieutenant – Craig Underwood
2nd Lieutenant – Jeremy Crispell

Scuba Captain – Jeremy Crispell
Scuba Lieutenant – Grant Gentner

In addition, the following list of Fire Company Administrative officers elected to their respective positions were accepted for informational purposes only:

President – Doni Smith
Vice President – Hugh Sullivan
Secretary – Jessica Benjamin
Treasurer – Nicholas Benjamin
Board of Directors – Paul Livingston, Frank Nestro, and Richard White

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2023 ADOPTED **April 6, 2023**

Mayor Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, to appoint Robert Blais to the Director of Special Events position. Mayor Perry asked the Trustees if anyone would like to comment or had questions.

Trustee Root said he does not like that there is not better oversight for the position, that the person hired would only answer to the Mayor. Mayor Perry said the Board can amend the job description to include an oversight committee consisting of two Trustees if that is what the Board wishes.

Trustee Filomeno said he had thought about the appointment, and said it was not an easy decision to decide his vote. He agrees there should be a caveat for oversight. Trustee Filomeno said he liked that the position was only for a one-year term. He felt that Robert Blais had a great deal of knowledge and would like to see him training a successor. Trustee Filomeno said that he also felt that the Event Planner duties should not be part of the Mayor's responsibilities, that the Mayor should Govern.

Trustee Miller agrees with Trustee Filomeno, but the discussion of pay should be addressed. Trustee Miller explained that Robert Blais as Mayor was making \$40K/year for a full-time position that included the event planner duties. She said that now he is asking for \$35K to do a part time job as Director of Special Events. Trustee Miller suggested the salary be split between Robert Blais and the person he trains. Trustee Miller said she also would like to see the person in the position providing a report for each event that would show if the event was profitable. Trustee Miller said that she did not want to have us absorbing and labor costs associated with the events. Trustee Mastrodomenico explained that those costs are covered by the fees the Village charges to the Vendor. Mayor Perry also explained that we also charge fees for the space rental. Mayor Perry said that each event is already tracked for profitability. Trustee Miller would still like to see the person hired providing a summary report. Mayor Perry said he felt that is a valid request.

Trustee Root said that he would like to see the events not being propped up by Occ Tax funding. Mayor Perry said there used to be a three-year limit for new events but that had been eliminated because there was more Occ Tax funding available. Trustee Root said he would like to see the Occ Tax used on other things like infrastructure.

Mayor Perry rescinded his original motion. He said he would make a motion to include an assistant.

Trustee Root said he felt that the money the County offered of \$15k plus the \$5k the Town offered could go to pay the Director of Special Events, and the other \$15K the Village offered could pay for the assistant.

Trustee Filomeno disagreed, stating that he felt the Village would not get a quality employee to fill this position for a lower pay rate. Trustee Filomeno said you pay for talent. Mayor Perry agreed that reducing the pay rate for the position was not a good idea, because a lower pay rate was not keeping with current times. Mayor Perry explained that the Village Board on a couple of occasions suggested that the previous Mayor get paid more, but the Mayor at the time refused. Mayor Perry backed his position by providing the example of Up Yonda Farm. He explained that the County pays \$60K for a seasonal position.

Mayor Perry said that the assistant position could be funded by Occ Tax. Trustee Mastrodomenico suggested the Village Board could also consider raising event fees to pay for the assistant.

Mayor Perry, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, made the motion to approve appointing Robert Blais to the position of Director of Special Events for the Village of Lake George. The Position of Assistant to the Director of Special Events, the pay rate for the assistant, and the Oversight Committee to be worked out at the next Village Board meeting.

VOTING **Ayes: 4**
 Nays: 1

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller
Root

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Perry explained that there is a resolution correcting two resolutions from the Annual Organizational Meeting where Adirondack Trust Co. Inc. was accidentally left out of the list of banks the Village of Lake George uses.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2023

WHEREAS, Resolution #4 of 2023, failed to include Adirondack Trust Company, this resolution replaces it;

BE IT RESOLVED, that TD Bank is and has been designated as a bank of deposit for the Village of Lake George, NY, and use of Loomis, the armored car service may continue if needed, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Adirondack Trust Company located on Canada Street in the Village of Lake George will also be designated as a bank of deposit for the Village of Lake George, NY, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Clerk Julie Allen and Treasurer Danna Bock are authorized, on behalf of the Village of Lake George, and in its name, to sign checks, receipts, wire transfers for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited in said accounts or deposited to the credit of the Municipality and the Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any said checks, receipts, wire transfers or orders for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited to the credit of the Municipality when so signed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George authorizes Mayor Perry to sign necessary documents.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 13, 2023 ADOPTED **April 6, 2023**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2023

WHEREAS, Resolution # 9 of 2023, failed to include Adirondack Trust Company, this resolution replaces it;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, New York hereby agrees to adopt a written investment policy as follows:

The Chief Fiscal Officer (Treasurer, Danna Bock) will be designated by the Village Board to be the person to make investment transactions with all Village funds.

Types of investments will be in the form of Certificates of Deposits and Time Deposit Accounts (Money Market Accounts).

Certificates of Deposit may be purchased from the TD Bank, N.A., Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company, or Adirondack Trust Company.

Time Deposit Accounts (Money Market Accounts) may be purchased from TD Bank, Glens Falls National Bank, or Adirondack Trust Company.

The Treasurer will establish and maintain a system of controls including a record of descriptions and amounts of investment transaction dates, interest rates, maturities, etc.

The record of investments will identify the fund, date of disposition, and interest amount realized.

Competitive quotes from the authorized banks will be sought for each investment.

Sufficient pledged securities (Over \$100,000.) or an irrevocable eligible “Letter of Credit” may be used for collateralization, will be kept on file, and reviewed semi-annually.

Primary consideration will be given to ensure that investments will mature when cash is required to finance operations.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2022 ADOPTED April 6, 2023

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

RESOLUTION NO.15, 2023

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

- **Marcus Poleto, DPW Laborer, \$20/Hour, Full Time**

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 15, 2023 ADOPTED **April 6, 2023**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2023

WHEREAS, Adopted Local Law No. 3, 2023, Chapter 195 Article VI, Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for persons with disabilities and limited incomes needs to be renumbered to file with E Code;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3, 2023, Chapter 195 Article VI, Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for persons with disabilities and limited incomes, now becomes Local Law No. 1, 2023, Chapter 195 Article VI, Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for persons with disabilities and limited incomes for filing purposes.

VOTING **Ayes: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2023 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Perry said he had a meeting directly after the Board Meeting with Sheriff LaFarr and invited all Trustees to attend. Mayor Perry said it was regarding a sheriff substation at the Village Hall.

There was a motion by Mayor Perry to adjourn at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K Allen
Purchasing Agent
Village Clerk