

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.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: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Ray Perry, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

MEMERS ABSENT: Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee

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

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and reported that we have a water break on Beach Road, and asked Superintendent Lanfear to give the details. Superintendent Lanfear explained that a water main leak has been located on Beach Road near the intersection of West Brook Road. The leak was reported by a passerby. The water was tested and found to be chlorinated, so he had New York Rural Water come to help find the location of the leak. This will be a difficult repair, and he recommended that an outside contractor be hired as soon as possible to make the repair with our staff assisting. We solicited for labor and equipment quotes for emergency and other necessary Village work, and received two proposals. One from Ellsworth and Son, and one from Tom Kubricky Company; both are competent, reliable vendors. The Board can opt to accept both so that whichever vendor is available when work is needed can be used. Ellsworth and Son is available on Wednesday to do the work, TKC is not available. Mr. Lanfear noted that the general scope of work would be to excavate the water main and make the repair before damage is done, and then restoration of the street according to the original design. He doesn't know how long it has been leaking, but wants to make the repair as soon as possible and before traffic increases in that area. The County Superintendent has been notified of the issue. He estimated the cost to be \$25,000. to \$30,000. Funds from other water accounts can be transferred into the transmission and distribution account. Mayor Blais suggested a not to exceed limit be approved by the Board. Superintendent Lanfear noted that Village staff will maintain traffic and detours, also the Village will purchase the materials. He commented that there are valves in that location, so there will be no interruption of water service to any customers. It was noted that the original work was done on Beach Road with the pervious pavement about ten years ago by Casale Industries. Keith noted that we would not chose to hire them for these repairs as several repairs have been made to that general area over the years. Keith will take care of the construction observation for this job.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40, 2021

WHEREAS, we requested and received proposals for labor and equipment from vendors to be called for emergency and other necessary Village work;

WHEREAS proposals were received from two competent vendors – Ellsworth & Son Excavating and Tom Kubricky Company, Inc for Village work;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the hiring of either of these vendors when contacted to complete necessary Village work.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40, 2021 ADOPTED **May 10, 2021**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41, 2021

WHEREAS, a water main leak has been detected down on Beach Road near the intersection of West Brook Road and needs to be repaired as soon as possible;

WHEREAS, Ellsworth & Son Excavating is one of the vendors that submitted labor and equipment quotes and is approved to do Village work, and is available on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to do the job;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves the necessary actions to get the leak repaired including but not limited to the hiring of Ellsworth & Son Excavating for this job;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board approves the work for this repair at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. which also includes materials to be purchased by the Village;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the following transfers are approved:

\$10,000. **From F1990.4 Contingency to F8340.4**
\$10,000. **From F8310.1 Personal Services to F8340.4**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41, 2021 ADOPTED **May 10, 2021**

Operator Shudt explained that there is Change Order No. 4 from Integrated Controls for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Capital Project. It relates to a compatibility issue with the SCADA at the Shepard Park and Sewell Street pump stations and the new plant controls.

Based on Operator Shudt's recommendation Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 42, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves Change Order No. 4 for Integrated Control Systems dated November 9, 2020 which includes the following as per the proposal:

- **Proposed PLC connection from new Plant Controls and SCADA to Sewell Street and Shepard Park Pump Stations at an additional cost of \$26,780.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42, 2021 ADOPTED **May 10, 2021**

Mayor Blais asked Clerk McKinney to explain about the water relevy being withdrawn from County as listed on the agenda. She noted that on April 19, 2021, the Board approved sending the water relevy for Village customers to the County to be put on the Village taxes of June 1. In the meantime, we have been notified by Warren County that there is a proposed extension of the moratorium regarding liens placed on real property tax bills, which effects the unpaid water bills. Warren County Real Property is anticipating that the Village will be able to relevy the unpaid bills in November for the January 2022 Town and County tax bills. Ms. McKinney reported that a draft notification letter has been prepared so that the customers are aware that the payments can now be paid directly to the Village. Treasurer Bock has revised the tax warrant with the relays being removed.

Mayor Blais reported that there are several requests for Shepard Park and other facilities use on the May 17th agenda and several that have already been approved for 2021 activities. He noted that he has been letting organizers know that in many cases they probably will not be able to comply with state regulations. Fireworks shows are also questionable. He commented that he doesn't know how it would be possible for the Village to regulate entrance into Shepard Park so that we can follow the guidelines. Wood Park may be different as the number of spectators entering can be controlled.

Mayor Blais noted that he has spoken with Mrs. Venum in regards to the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony status. He doesn't see a problem with holding a small ceremony, but it's up to the Legion to adhere to the guidelines. Trustee Perry was in favor of allowing them to have the parade and thinks it is time to move towards normalcy. Mayor Blais commented that they would have to provide a Safety Plan to the County for approval in order to proceed. They agreed that speakers should be discouraged and keep the ceremony to a short duration.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43, 2021

WHEREAS on April 19, 2021 the Village Board approved the Lake George American Legion Post 374 to hold their annual Memorial Day parade and/or ceremony on Saturday, May 29, 2021. It was reiterated they would be allowed to do so as long as the COVID safety guidelines at the time are adhered to.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43, 2021 ADOPTED. **May 10, 2021**

The Board agreed to set the Special End of Year Meeting for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Blais noted that he has been reading about the recent legalization of cannabis with municipalities needing to decide whether they will opt in or out by December 31, 2021. The state has guidelines and information available, and we will seek advisement from Attorney Fuller. A discussion ensued as to the ramifications of the different options. Mayor Blais commented that we will further discuss at the June meeting.

He pointed out that if you opt out, you can change your mind at a later date, but if you don't opt out, you are in forever, and also, any decision is subject to permissive referendum.

As a result of an email received by Trustee Earl, Mayor Blais brought up the issue of vulgar words written out, not just implied, on t shirts being displayed in full view in the Village. He agreed to again follow up with our Village attorney.

Trustee Perry reported that he has received some complaints about usage of the baseball fields and concession stand at the REC Center, and he has had some interaction with Jesse Hayes up there. He showed some photos of new signs that were installed with the Village signs being taken down, and also noted that organization logos have been added to the dug outs. Mayor Blais commented that the signs were supposed to be approved by the Board previous to installation. The Board discussed the payment that was expected from Adirondack Magic, as well as the tournaments being scheduled, and use of the concession stand, too. It was the general consensus that it may be better to ask Mr. Hayes to not use the fields until the Youth Commission is done sometime the third week in June. It was noted that some of the fields are named in honor of the Rotary and Walter Marinelli, so the names should not be changed. Mayor Blais agreed to follow up with Mr. Hayes on this.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney
Village Clerk