

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Earl, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee  
Ray Perry, Trustee  
John Root, Trustee

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, and via Zoom was WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Thom Randall (Journalist) and others.

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

Deputy Mayor Earl presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2022 and a special Meeting/Info Session on the Dissolution held on June 27, 2022. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2022 and the Special Meeting held on June 27, 2022.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**MOTION PASSED.**

Deputy Mayor Earl noted that the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3, 2022 Chapter 220 Section 9 Fees for performance bonds and security will continue and remain open until the next regular board meeting on August 15, 2022.

At 4:32 p.m. Deputy Mayor Earl opened a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 for Chapter 220-54-67 Amendments, Chapter 220-101 Definitions, & Chapter 220-43 New – Stormwater Management & Stream Regulation. This law has been in the works over the past few months. This will further be discussed at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as well.

Deputy Mayor Earl reviewed Proposed Local Law No. 5, Chapter 213 Water for the water fees, which will be increasing by 3% and for the fees for equipment such as taps and meters. The water rates have not been increased since 2018, and the equipment charges have not be revised since 2005. The cost of operations over the past couple of years have increased substantially. The Board agreed to set a public hearing.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 92, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 5, amending Chapter 213, Water of the code of the Village of Lake George be set for Monday, August 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Absent: 1

Blais

**RESOLUTION NO. 92, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Superintendent of Public Works, Planning & Zoning Office, Fire Department, Parking Meters Collections and Enforcement, and REC Center were presented and made available to the public. Deputy Mayor Earl noted that the Fire Department call sheets were submitted. The issue of false alarms and possible code violations was briefly discussed, and the intention is for further follow up.

Deputy Mayor Earl noted that the NYS Division of Budget sent notification that the Village is eligible for \$44,820.37 in additional American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the Summer of 2022. Trustee Perry commented that the road down in Shepard Park could use some repairs. Superintendent Lanfear added that only some of the automatic sprinklers in the Park are working, so manual watering is necessary. Those would be good to get repaired, too.

The following resolutions were considered:

- Contractual Payments for WWTP Capital Project Payment Request

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 93, 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: Stilsing Electric, R. F. Gordian, Blue Heron, Family Danz, W.W. Grainger, and La Bella Associates, 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**      **Ayes: 4**      **Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**  
                  **Nays: 0**  
                  **Absent: 1**      **Blais**

**RESOLUTION NO. 93, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**July 18, 2022**

- Health Insurance Renewal with Humana for Retirees  
Clerk McKinney reported that this is similar coverage as the retirees currently have, with a 3% increase effective January 1, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 94, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Robert Blais to sign a one year contract with Humana for Group Medicare health insurance called “Passive LPPO 079 059 Medical with Standard Rx66” beginning January 1, 2023 at a cost of \$190.59 per person per month.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 94, 2022 ADOPTED.**

**July 18, 2022**

- Transfer Reserve Account Funds from TD Bank to Adirondack Trust of Lake George Clerk McKinney reported that the Board approved Adirondack Trust as a depository at their Annual Meeting in April. These are the first account funds to be transferred and set up in the new bank.

Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95, 2022**

**WHEREAS Adirondack Trust Company was designated a bank of deposit for the Village of Lake George on April 4, 2022;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Clerk Debra McKinney and Treasurer Danna Bock are authorized, on behalf of the Village of Lake George, and in its name, to open a new account at Adirondack Trust Company, Lake George with some of the reserve account funds in the amount of \$934,264.35 to be transferred from a TD Bank account.**

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 95, 2022 ADOPTED**

**July 18, 2022**

- National Grid Rebate Application for Lighting Upgrades Superintendent Lanfear reported that he is working with National Grid to apply for rebate funds for the purchase of LED bulbs for the straight antique streetlights. He noted that we will be eligible for about \$30. back on each of the 70 bulbs. The intent is to work in the early mornings to change out a few of the bulbs at a time until they are all done. National Grid will provide an estimate of the cost savings to us. Phase 2 of this project is to switch out the bulbs/fixtures in the candy cane antique lamps, too. Superintendent Lanfear is working on a getting a quote for those, too.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 96, 2022**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously approved the purchase of bulbs to convert the Village's straight antique streetlights to LED;**

**WHEREAS, National Grid has an application process and offers a rebate for this retrofit;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board authorizes the signing and submittal of the application to get the refund.**

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 96, 2022 ADOPTED.**

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- Water Request from Mustafa Moiz & Hakim Uddeen for 513 Canada Street Superintendent Lanfear explained that last winter the owners shut off the heat to the

building, causing the pipes to freeze and break, and there was a high usage water bill. The owners requested a discount, but Superintendent Lanfear stated that the high usage was no fault of the Village. He suggested a payment plan similar to others that have requested relief.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 97, 2022**

**WHEREAS, the water usage and rent invoice for service from 2/1/22 to 4/30/22 for Mustafa Moiz and Hakim Uddeen, service address of 513 Canada Street was higher than normal, and they have requested relief;**

**WHEREAS, the high usage was no fault of the Village;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to put Account #4125 on a payment plan and allow 24 months without interest or penalties so long as they keep future quarterly billings current.**

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 97, 2022 ADOPTED. July 18, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Earl inquired as to the status of the WWTP Improvement Project maximum cost increase. Clerk McKinney commented that Mayor Blais is suggesting that the revised maximum be set at \$24,600,000., but we are waiting for Attorney Fuller to draft the paperwork on this. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried by a majority to table this.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**MOTION PASSED.**

Special Events/Facilities Use Applications

Shepard Park

- Aaron Coulson, Gospel Lighthouse Church Community Concert, September 10 and September 23, 2022

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2022**

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

- Aaron Coulson, Gospel Lighthouse Church Community Concert, September 10 and September 23, 2022

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2022 ADOPTED.****July 18, 2022**

The American Legion Post #374 has submitted an Occupancy Tax request in the amount of \$2,000. to help with their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration scheduled for October 1, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 99, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby authorizes an occupancy tax award for the following: American Legion Post #374, Randy Powell for the Lake George 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 1, 2022 in the amount of \$2,000.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 99, 2022 ADOPTED.****July 18, 2022**

The following permanent full-time employees were considered:

- Jim Schoonover, REC Center from seasonal to full time
- Vincent Kloss, WWTP full time
- Kevin Mulcahy, WWTP full time

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 100, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves change in status/hiring of the following full-time permanent employees:

**REC Center – James Schoonover from seasonal to full time at \$18.00 per hour**

**WWTP – Vincent Kloss at \$22.00 per hour**

**WWTP – Kevin Mulcahy at \$22.00 per hour**

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 4</b>	<b>Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Blais</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 100, 2022 ADOPTED.****July 18, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Earl requested approval for interested staff to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School at the Saratoga Hilton on September 12-16, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 101, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves Village staff to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School, at the Saratoga Hilton, September 12-16, 2022

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 101 2022 ADOPTED.**      **July 18, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Earl asked for nominations for Beautification and Business of the Year Awards. The Board discussed different possibilities. Clerk McKinney asked them to send her their nominations by next Monday, July 25, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 102, 2022**

**JULY 2022 WATER CHANGES**

**FINAL READS:**

**E Garotalo**      **\$ 42.06**

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

**The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:**

**DR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE**      **\$42.06**  
**CR F2140 WATER METERED**      **\$42.06**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 102, 2022 ADOPTED.**      **July 18, 2022**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 103, 2022**

**TRANSFERS:**

<b>From:</b>		<b>To:</b>		<b>Amount:</b>
A8020.1	Planning Pers. Svce	A8010.4	Zoning Contr.	\$500.00
6/30/2022	General Water	\$101,274.99 \$24,034.49	230105- 230134	36558-36568
	Sewer Plant (HK)	\$259,450.26 \$384,759.74		
7/14/2022	General Water	\$72,872.49 \$11,609.82	230135- 230143	36576-36582
	Sewer Plant Improv(HK)	\$303,271.80 \$387,754.11	230204- 230206	

7/18/2022	General	\$223,691.33	
	Water	\$11,987.09	230144-
			230203
	Sewer Plant (HK)	\$1,240.00	230207-
			230254
		\$236,918.42	

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 103, 2022 ADOPTED.      July 18, 2022**

Deputy Mayor Earl asked for Department Head Comments. Superintendent Lanfear reported that he is working on the paving bid, and has had contractors coming to look at the job.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Tim Shudt gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. He noted that they are working through a few issues with the SBRs. He, also, reported that they are working shorthanded, and with the approvals tonight, it should help.

Deputy Mayor Earl asked for comments from the Trustees.

Trustee Mastrodomenico commended the staff on a nice job on the streets.

Trustee Perry reported that there is a bad section of pavement on the Mohican Street hill. Superintendent Lanfear agreed to follow up, and said maybe it could be added when the paving contractor comes.

Trustee Root reported that the laundromat is beat up; some of the machines are not working; there are broken floorboards. He commented that it's a bad look for the Village. It was noted that we are not sure what the Village can do, but this information could be passed on to Dan Barusch.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk