

Minutes of the Special Meeting/ Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake George High School Auditorium located at 381 Canada Street, Lake George, NY.

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

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney and Julie Allen.
Laberge Consultants: Ben Syden and Kathleen Rooney

Some others were noted in attendance as follows: Jim Barber, Charles DeVries, Jeff Blau, John Fox, Sharyn Brandt Ruzza, Kieran Murray, Mary DeWaard, Jim DeWaard, James Stellaro, Jim Barber, Tony Hall, Scott Newell, Kim Newell, Ron Mogren, Heather Courtney, Rita Fasulo, Doni Smith, Karen Fidd, Fran Cocozza, Chris Mondella, and others.

Mayor Blais called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced the Laberge group consultants Ben Syden and Kathleen Rooney, who prepared the study. Mr. Syden began an abbreviated review of the Interim Study outline listed below. A Petition for Dissolution was submitted, which sets off a referendum. The referendum is set for September 13, 2022, from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mr. Syden noted that the study is available on the website: www.labergegroup.com/lakegeorge

- How Did We Get Here?
- The Interim Dissolution Study Process
- What is an Interim Dissolution Report?
- Does it make “sense” or “cents”?
- How will Village Governance change?
- Will my services change?
- Citizen Empowerment Tax Credit
- Potential Post Dissolution Fiscal Impacts
- Board of Trustees Alternative to Dissolution
- Next Steps

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Blais asked anyone that would like to speak to step forward to the microphone in the front and identify themselves. Several attendees came forward and asked questions and made comments.

One citizen asked the board to state what their vote would be and why? Each member stated that they were opposed to the dissolution and elaborated as to why.

Mayor Blais announced that there is a resolution on the agenda that needs to be considered tonight directly after the dissolution discussion. He thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Laberge Group for the great job they did especially with the short amount of time they were given. He thanked the citizens again for coming and urged them to vote in the Special Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, from noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Clerk McKinney explained the need to transfer funds for the WWTP Capital Project payment to Blue Heron. Being that this is the first draw on the \$4.7M NYS EFC grant, the funds reimbursement was delayed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY authorizes the transfer of \$579,323.10 from the General Fund A.0000.0391 "Due From Other Funds" to Capital Money Market Account HK.0000.0630 to "Due to Other Funds". This transfer is to cover the Blue Heron invoice #35 as part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Upon receiving EFC reimbursement, the approved transferred funds for \$579,323.10 will be returned to the General Account.

		Debit	Credit
FROM:	A.0000.200 Cash		\$579,323.10
	A.0000.0391 Due From Other Funds	\$579,323.10	
TO:	HK.0000.0200 Cash	\$579,323.10	
	HK.0000.0630 Due TO Other Funds		\$579,323.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes a special audit be done as soon as possible to process the payment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 127, 2022 ADOPTED. September 12, 2022

Trustee Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney
Village Clerk