

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Hall on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond Perry, Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Deputy Mayor
Jose Filomeno, Trustee
Alyson Miller, Trustee
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Danae Bock, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, and others via Zoom.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Perry opened the Regular Meeting and asked Trustee Mastrodomenico to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Perry presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on August 21, 2023. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Monthly reports were presented by the

Superintendent of Public Works
Sanitation Department & CSD
Planning & Zoning Admin & Code Enforcement
REC Center
Fire, Dept.
Director of Events

The following resolutions were presented by Mayor Perry:

Mayor Perry presented the request from the Lake George Fire Department to approve the change orders for the new Rosenbauer Aerial Fire Truck. Mayor Perry reviewed change orders as follows: 1. Body changes, 2. Chassis changes 3. Aerial changes in the amount of \$32,985.00. He then asked for a decision.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes change orders 1-3 for the Rosenbauer Aerial Fire Truck.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2023 ADOPTED. **September 18, 2023**

- WWTP Capital Payment

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2023

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. Gordan, 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: 5** **Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root**
 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2023 ADOPTED. September 18, 2023

- IMA with the town for DRI

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2023

Resolution by the Village Board of the Village of Lake George

To Partner with the Town of Lake George and enter into an ‘Intermunicipal Agreement’ with the Town as part of the Joint Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant Package Submission

WHEREAS the Village of Lake George and the Town of Lake George are working together to apply for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward (NYF) funding, and have formed a committee to help with the effort who have been hard at work developing an application package since summer 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George, through existing partnership with the Town, have retained EDR (formerly Elan Planning and Design) to assist with the DRI/NYF application development and submission for a cost of \$20,000, which application will be submitted to the state with the lead agency being the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village will coordinate directly with the Town of Lake George for this project, and agrees to provide matching / in-kind funds on behalf of the Village if the joint application is awarded to Lake George, the final amount of match to be identified based on the funding award amount, but in no event will exceed \$1.5M per municipality if the \$10M DRI award is granted; and

WHEREAS, the Village will also sign into an Intermunicipal Agreement, with the Town, regarding the participation and local match share and other project program and

administration particulars in regard to the DRI application and projects identified within;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George strongly supports the joint application to the DRI/NYF funding sources, supports the Village of Lake George as the lead agency, and authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign an 'Intermunicipal Agreement' with the Town of Lake George to formalize a partnership with the Town as part of the DRI/NYF application.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2023 ADOPTED. **September 18, 2023**

- Holland Company Annual Sales Contract

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

RESOLUTION NO 138, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes an agreement for the purchase of EPIC WW58 Polyaluminum Chloride at a cost of \$3.56 per gallon for 2,000 gallon bulk delivery and EPIC WW70 Polyaluminum Chloride at a cost of \$4.42 per gallon for 2,000 gallon bulk delivery from Holland Company with the price to remain the same for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO 138. 2023 ADOPTED. **September 18, 2023**

- Willjam Productions – Fridays at the Lake

After clarification/discussion on contract cost for Willjam Productions.

Trustee Miller moved, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO 139, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves Mayor Perry to sign the contract with Jim Anderson of Willjam to handle booking the bands for 2024 Fridays at the Lake in Shepard Park; at a cost of \$40,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO 139, 2023 ADOPTED. **September 18, 2023**

- Chickens in the Village by Jackie and Scott Wright and Jeff and Dana Varmette

Mayor Perry presented the Special Event/Facility Use applications. Jackie Wright and Jeff Varmette both spoke and asked the Village Board to consider passing a law to allow chickens to be raised in the Village. After further discussion about how many chickens should be allowed, the chicken coop size, the chicken type and understanding the hardship of today's time and the importance of homesteading the following resolution was made to table this item.

Trustee Root moved, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico offered the following resolution to table this item:

NO, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby tabled this item to allow additional time to check and gather information from neighboring municipalities and to also consultate with the Village attorney regarding the proper/legal verbiage for the Local Law which will be the formal process for both the residents and the Village code enforcement to follow.

NO, 2023 -- TABLED.

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VOTING

Ayes: 5

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

Nays: 0

- Special Event Workshop – Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM

Mayor Perry stated that he would like to set a Special Events Workshop for September 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM in the Village office.

Trustee Miller asked if the public could attend. Mayor Perry stated that at this point this would be a Village Board committee workshop, and at a future date this will be on the agenda for public comment.

Trustee Root moved, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico offered the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO 140, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby will hold a Board Committee workshop for the discussion of future Special Events in the Village.

VOTING

Ayes: 5

Perry, Filomeno, Mastrodomenico, Miller, Root

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO 140, 2023, ADOPTED

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- Special Event – Farmers Market Guidelines

Mayor Perry stated that he would like to set Farmers Market Guidelines and discuss this at the Committee workshop on September 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM in the Village office.

Trustee Miller stated that she would like to see it be a true farmers market. Mayor Perry stated
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that all of that can be discussed in the workshop.

Trustee Root moved, seconded by Trustee Filomeno who offered the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO 141, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby will hold a Board committee workshop for the discussion of future Special Events in the Village.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2023, ADOPTED

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Special Event/Facility Use applications:

RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2023

Shepard Park:

- Country Living Festival, Vincent Cianciolo, June 10 & 11, 2023, 11:00am – 9:00pm (waived fees due to moving location)

This item was moved from Wood Park to Shepard Park due to overbooking the Wood Park area on that same weekend. Trustee Root stated that he looked back in the minutes and when originally approved there was no mention of fee waivers. Trustee Root stated that the festival coordinate Vincent Cianciolo knew he would still have to pay the \$250.00) use of Shepard Park and does not agree to waive any fees. Trustee Root then stated that Mr. Cianciolo has received \$9,000.00 in Occupancy Tax. This item will be tabled and followed up on to see if Mr. Cianciolo owes the Shepard Park fee for \$250.00. - **Tabled**

- Flying with Kelly's Angels, Mark Mulholland, July 18 – 20, 2024, 10:00am – 9:30pm
- **Tabled**

Rec Center Softball Fields:

- Dirty Diamonds at the Lake, Jessyca Darrah, October 27 – 29, 2023, 8:00am – 7:00pm
- **Approved.**

Charles R Wood Park:

- Americade 2024, Kim Sabo, May 29 – June 1, 2024, 9:00am – 7:00pm - **Approved**
- Lake George Arts & Craft Festival, Tim Ciancola, August 2 – 4, 2024, 10:00am – 5:00pm
- **Approved**

Beach Road Parking Lot:

- Americade 2024, Kim Sabo, May 27, 2024, 12:00am - June 2, 2024, 5:00pm - **Tabled**

Sewell Street Closure:

- Adirondack Brewery Brewfest, October 14, 2023, 11:00am – 6:00pm - **Approved**

Motion by Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Filomeno who offered the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby tabled the Shepard Park items, approved Rec Center Softball Fields, approved all the Charles R. Wood Park Requests, tabled Beach Road Parking Lot, approved Sewell Street Closure.

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

RESOLUTION NO 142, 2023 TABLED/ADOPTED**September 18, 2023****RESOLUTION NO 143, 2023**

The Board agreed to set the Village Clean-Up Days dates as suggested by Superintendent Lanfear.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Filomeno, to set Fall Clean Up Days for October 27, 2023 - November 15, 2023. Legal ads to be published on October 26, 2023, and November 2, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO 143, 2023**September 18, 2023****RESOLUTION NO 144, 2023**

The Board agreed to allow the following training for employees in various departments.

Employee Training Request:

Training:

- NYSLRS – Kelli Singleton, 1 Niskayuna Circle, Niskayuna, September 29, 2023 (no charge)
- NYSDEC 4 Hour Erosion & Sediment Control Training – Brian Hopkins, Tim Shudt Jr., Chris Buckley, Jeff Shattuck, Lake George Fire House, September 19, 2023 12pm – 4pm (no charge)
- NY Rural Water Assoc., Sustainable Management of Rural and Small System Workshop, Mayor Perry, Julie Allen, Lori Bott, Keith Lanfear, Chris Andrews, Chris Buckley, Tim Shudt, Tim Shudt Jr., Lake George Fire House, November 2, 8:00am – 3:30pm (\$20 per person)
- NYCOM Public Works, October 15-18, 2023 – Keith Lanfear, DPW Superintendent and John Helms, DPW Forman –This will be a day course only with a not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Filomeno offered the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves all costs associated with the training listed above as well as the approved 2023 NYS milage if the employee is using their own vehicle.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 144, 2023 ADOPTED**September 18, 2023****RESOLUTION NO 145, 2023**

Mayor Perry requested authorization to put out to bid the following contracts:

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F-350 with enclosed Utility Box
Flowers and Trees 2024

Motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico; seconded by Trustee Root, to approve the bids to be released.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following to go out to bid for an F-350 with enclosed Utility Box and Flowers and Trees for the 2024 seasons.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 145, 2023 ADOPTED

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RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2023

Mayor Perry submitted two new employee's applications for approval.

Motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico seconded by Trustee Miller offered the following resolution:

Employees:

- Ashley Clark, move to Full-Time, DPW laborer, \$20/hour (effective 9/6/23)
- David Thomas, Full-Time, DPW laborer, \$20/hour (effective 8/10/23)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the hiring of Ashley Clark and David Thomas as a DPW Full time employees at a rate of \$ 20.00 per hour. Ashley Clark still needs to supply the Village payroll information.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2023 ADOPTED

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Carriage Rides – exchange of Building for money owed.

Mayor Perry stated that there is a shelter building owned by Caldwell Carriage Company and is located in the Beach Road parking lot which is owned by Warren County. Unfortunately, the weather was not very cooperative for the summer of 2023. Therefore, the company did not make a profit large enough to pay the remaining lease balance of \$5,100.00 per the lease agreement of \$10,000.00. Mayor Perry is asking the Board if they would like to own the building in exchange for the 2nd installment for the 2023 season.

Motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico seconded by Trustee Miller offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO 147, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED The Board agreed to make the exchange with the building be added to the Village insurance and get something in writing from Warren County because it's on their property and for Mayor Perry to get a bill of sale from the Caldwell Carriage Company.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147, 2023 ADOPTED September 18, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 148, 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023 WATER CHANGES

SEPTEMBER PENALTIES \$ 1,022.83

FINAL READS

R. Cacossa, Acct 491	\$ 28.67
S. Hawley, Acct 3903	\$ 47.65
JC Montana, Acct 571	\$ 29.70
JC Montana, Acct 572	\$ 29.70
R. Mound, Acct 3557	\$ 44.45
37 Greenfield, Acct 4455	\$ 48.49

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

	DR	CR
F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$1,251.49	
F2140 WATER METERED		\$ 228.66
F2148 WATER PENALTIES		\$1,022.83

Trustee Mastrodomenico, moved and seconded by Trustee Root seconded the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the following water report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148, 2023 ADOPTED September 18, 2023

Trustee Root moved, seconded by Trustee Miller, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO.149, 2023

TRANSFERS AND AUDITS

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TRANSFER

From:	To:	Amount:
	Voucher Numbers	Checks
9/7/2023 General	\$67,725.23	240500-240509
Water	\$12,749.32	38217-38222
	<hr/> \$80,474.55	

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9/19/2023	General	\$140,972.27	240510-240613
	Water	\$45,172.40	
	Sewer Improv (HK)		
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		\$186,144.67	

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149, 2023 ADOPTED September 18, 2023

Mayor Perry asked the department heads if they had any comments or concerns, they would like to address.

Superintendent Lanfear - stated that he is looking into LED crosswalk signal signs. The traffic has picked up and the pedestrians need to be safe. Glens Falls Transportation has stated that there will soon be a grant fund available for items such as this. Superintendent Lanfear is also obtaining information for a non-CDL garbage truck (8-yard capacity) purchase or lease. He will report back to the Board with information as he gets it.

Chief WWTP Operator Shudt – He was happy to see so many volunteers for the LGA lake cleanup day.

Trustee Filomeno – Stated that there was a great participation turnout for the cleaning of the lake this year. The event was organized by the LGA and it is always scheduled for the week after Car Show week. Brandon Combs stated that the rescue drivers want to be involved next year.

Trustee Filomeno stated that summer 2023 is winding down in the Village and he would like to send out a general progress report to all commercial business in the Village. He feels that the Village could learn a lot from the reports. Mayor Perry agreed and stated that Trustee Miller had sent a survey to 80 residents. Which will also give residential input for the Village Board review. Trustee Miller stated that even though she sent a survey to 80 residents, she did not mean to offend anyone. She was looking for data and feedback to see how things might be able to function easier in the Village.

Trustee Miller – Inquired about progress with the updated Comprehensive plan. She then stated that she is interested in being part of the Comprehensive Plan committee. Mayor Perry stated that the first step is to seek grant funding to pay for the cost of the creation of the revised plan. Trustee Miller then asked if it was possible to start some brainstorming sessions just to get it moving along while the village waits for funding opportunities. Mayor Perry stated that it will benefit the Village to start the process in January or early 2024.

Trustee Miller then stated that she attended a town meeting and felt that the presentations throughout their meeting were very informative, and it would be nice to have further explanation of agenda items when presented during the meeting. Mayor Perry stated that he is all for further explanations from everyone involved.

Trustee Miller then asked if the Board could respond to an individual that keeps inquiring about the consolidation study. Trustee Root stated that he feels the 30% reduction in taxes really might have misconstrued the voting numbers during the dissolution vote. Mayor Perry stated that at this point the Village has several projects that are being worked on and the consolidation study will be an upcoming project for the Village/Town

Trustee Root- He thanked Chief WWTP Operator, Tim Shudt for the tour of the WWTP plant. He stated he was very impressed with the facility.

Trustee Mastrodomenico – Nothing to report.

At 6:13 pm Mayor Perry asked if there was any additional information to be brought before the Board. There were no comments.

There was a motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico and seconded by Trustee Miller to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dannae Bock
Village Treasurer/Deputy Clerk