

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Hall on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Zoom teleconferencing was also available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee  
Ray Perry, Trustee (arrived at 4:34 p.m.)  
John Root, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, WWTP Operator Tim Shudt, John Herzog, Doni Smith, Bob Leombruno, and others via Zoom.

At 4:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on August 16 and a Special Emergency Meeting held on August 18, 2021. Trustee Root asked that in the August 16 minutes that his vote for the Revival Glidden Tour be revised to an approval. It was noted that those events were taken as a whole, but he wished to vote "Yes" on that event. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority to approve the revised minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 16, 2021.

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

Because there was not full attendance at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, those minutes would not have a quorum to vote, so they were tabled for now.

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department and Caldwell Sewer District, Superintendent of Public Works, Planning & Zoning Office, Fire Department, Parking Meters Collections, Meter Enforcement, Teen Center, and REC Center were presented and made available to the public.

Mayor Blais commented that there are Fire Department action items in regards to the LOSAP benefits. He explained that during COVID, meetings, drills, and training were prohibited so the opportunity to accumulate activity points was reduced. To compensate for the reduction in activity points during that time, we were advised that a resolution could be passed so that from March 17, 2020 through March 28, 2021 during the pandemic emergency order five points per person per month could be added to the service credit.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 134, 2021**

**In the matter of amending the Point System for the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program for periods when Special Response Rules were in effect during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020.**

**WHEREAS, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees established a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Fire Department; and,**

**WHEREAS, active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Fire Department**  
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earn Service Award Program service credit under the Point Systems adopted by the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY and issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 202 OF 2020. In response to the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY New York State fire districts, towns, villages, cities and/or their volunteer fire department/company officials adopted Special Response Rules restricting volunteer firefighter responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned during the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Special Response Rules has affected the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn points in service award programs; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the negative effect these Special Response Rules has on the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn service credit during 2020 and 2021 under service award program point systems, New York State legislators and Governor Andrew Cuomo enacted legislation intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program service credit during 2020 and/or 2021 from failing to earn a year of service award program service credit during 2020 and/or 2021 due to the adoption of Special Response Rules; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation, Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2020 of the State of New York, authorizes the Village Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution to amend the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program point system by adding a new category to such point system under which up to five (5) points per month (prorated for periods of less than one month) may be awarded to active volunteer firefighters during the period when the Special Response Rules are in place; and,

WHEREAS, should the Village Board of Trustees elect to adopt such a resolution, Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2020 of the State of New York, provide that the adoption of such resolution does not require approval of Village of Lake George residents at a Village election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adopting this resolution, the Village of Lake George Board of Trustees adds the following new category to the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program Point System:

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020**

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020, the governing board of the Lake George Fire Department adopted Special Response Rules under which the point system activities for which active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Fire Department earned Service Award Program points were reduced effective as of March 17, 2020. Such reduction in activities continued until the effective date the Special Response Rules were rescinded and all volunteer firefighter activities restored and/or restrictions in volunteer firefighter activities removed by the governing board. From the effective date of the adoption of the Special Response Rules to the effective date that such Rules are rescinded, all active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Fire Department shall be awarded five points per month with such number of points prorated for periods of less than a complete month. In no event shall points be awarded to active volunteer firefighters in accordance with Chapter 113, after March 28, 2021,

unless NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo once again extends Executive Order 202 of 2020.

As soon as administratively feasible after the adoption of this resolution by the Village Board, active volunteer firefighter members of the Lake George Fire Department shall be given a written Notice of Amendment announcing the adoption of and including an explanation of this additional category to the point system. As soon as administratively feasible, after the governing board of the Fire Department rescinds the Special Response Rules, a second Notice of Amendment shall be given to active volunteer firefighters stating the effective date that the Special Response Rules are rescinded and indicating the number of points to be awarded to each active volunteer firefighter during the period when the Special Response Rules were in effect.

Since this amendment to the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program point systems is intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would otherwise have earned service award program credit under the point system during 2020 and/or 2021 from failing to earn credit during 2020 and/or 2021, the adoption of this resolution is expected to have little if any effect on the annual cost of the Village of Lake George sponsored Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program.

All other provisions of the Village of Lake George Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program shall not change as a result of the adoption of this resolution and the program shall continue to be administered by the Village of Lake George and the Lake George Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 134, 2021 ADOPTED**

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Trustee Perry arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Mayor Blais reported that Bob Leombruno and Doni Smith of the Fire Department have requested another increase in the LOSAP benefit. The amended law allowed for an increase to a maximum of \$1,200. The Village Board opted for an increase to \$1,000. and in March of 2021, the voters passed a referendum to increase the benefit from \$700. to \$1,000. per active member per year. The increase would apply to activity points accumulated in 2022 and paid out in 2023. The Fire Department is now requesting that the benefit be increased to \$1,200. per person and would like to request that a Special Election be held as soon as possible so that it can be put to the voters. Mayor Blais pointed out that the Fireman have already sought Town Board approval, and they passed a resolution on September 13, 2021, to approve the additional benefit cost. Mayor Blais asked the Board for their opinion on this request. Mayor Blais noted that there are no funds in the budget for a 2022 election, but the Fire Company notified him that they would be willing to split the cost of a Special Election. Mayor Blais feels that if the Board chooses to have a Special Election, the Village should cover the cost. At Trustee's Earl's inquiry, Clerk McKinney detailed the cost, the work and scheduling that goes in to holding an election. There is a calendar of deadlines that include publications, several Board resolutions, physical posting of notices, hiring of inspectors, voters list updates from the County, registration book updates, mailing of absentee ballots to the permanently disabled among other things. Trustee Earl noted that the next Regular Village Election is scheduled for March of 2023. He commented that it would greatly simplify matters if the referendum was put to a vote at the next Regular Election. Mayor Blais asked for any other Board input and asked for a motion on this.

It was suggested that maybe the increase could either take effect for activity points in June of the election year, or even maybe be retroactive to January prior to the election. Mayor Blais agreed that we could research the actual effective date.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2021**

**WHEREAS, Fire Department representatives are requesting an increase in the LOSAP benefit from the \$1,000. per member that was approved by the Village voters on March 16, 2021 to the \$1,200. maximum as allowed by law;**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board is in agreement and has passed a resolution to approve the additional funding;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby agrees to put the requested LOSAP benefit increase up to \$1,200. per member to the voters for approval at the Village's next regularly scheduled election in March of 2023.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board is agreeable to include in the referendum that the points will become effective June 1, 2023 and will thereafter coincide with the Village fiscal years.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 135, 2021 ADOPTED.      September 20, 2021**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- David Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities sent a thank you for an award given on behalf of the Rockin with Ronald fundraiser.

Mayor Blais noted that a copy of the draft amendment on the proposed amusements law was forwarded to each Board member for their review. The Amusement Committee has been working on this, and it has been reviewed and revised by Village Attorney Matt Fuller, as well. Mayor Blais expressed his gratitude for the work of the Committee, and the Board agreed to set a Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law No. 8, 2021, amending Chapter 220, ZONING Chapter 37 Recreational Facilities and Amusements of the Code of the Village of Lake George be set for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 136, 2021 ADOPTED.      September 20, 2021**

Director of Planning and Zoning Dan Barusch inquired as to whether the Village Board would  
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like him to include the Village in a solicitation request to receive Home Ownership Development Program Grant Funds. The Town of Lake George is looking into the possibility of applying for Affordable Housing Ownership Development Program funds in the improvement category which would allow low-income resident to apply to make improvements/repairs to their homes. He received an email inquiry about it from a Village resident. The Board was in agreement

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes Dan Barusch to pursue the possibility of applying for Affordable Housing Ownership Development Program funds for Village residents.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137, 2021 ADOPTED. September 20, 2021

Mayor Blais updated the Board and noted that the grants for the previously proposed Dissolution Study have not opened up yet. There are three firms interested in working on this. He pointed out that during the initial Board discussions, the Board was in favor of doing the study and that depending on the results possibly putting it out to the Village voters. The Board discussed the different options. Mayor Blais pointed out that our revenues are way up this year, and he is thinking no resident is going to want to give those up. Even if the State gives an incentive of \$400,000., that would not replace the revenues. He went on to say most Villages that consider dissolution are not in the financial shape that we are in. Trustee Earl expressed concern about Village residents losing the services they have become accustomed to. Trustee Root commented that the priority incentive is to put it to bed, and a new study with these numbers will show that the Village is strong, standing on its own. The Board was in agreement that they would like to continue to look at the options though.

Mayor Blais was very appreciative that Dolores Marinelli gifted the Village Hall with a beautiful watercolor of the canoe sculpture.

Mayor Blais reported that he recently attended a tribute to Louis Tessier with a street being named after him. He commented that Lou and his family attended the ceremony, and the tribute is very well deserved.

Mayor Blais brought up the topic of options for the waste basket upgrades. In order to replace all of them, it would be a considerable amount of money. He suggested putting the liners back in all of them as they were intended to be used. Superintendent Lanfear commented that they actually are trying that, but we don't have enough liners for all of the cans. He participated in a garbage run recently. He commented that the removal of the liners full of trash was more tedious, and when they are full, they are heavy and difficult to pull out of the barrel. He noted that if they work as a team, it could be done. Trustee Perry suggested looking for heavier bags. Trustee Root inquired about purchasing some of the recycle can sets. Mayor Blais suggested we find and purchase more of the liners in the future.

The following Special Event/Facility Use applications were considered:

## REC Center

- Baseball Fields, Matt O'Connor Titans Fast Pitch, three fields, four days a week for eight weeks. Mayor Blais noted that this group is working out well; he suggested charging them a fee of \$2,000.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 138, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Facility Use Applications for use of the REC Center fields contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents as well as compliance with NYS and Warren County COVID regulations and protocol at the time of the events:**

- Baseball Fields, Matt O'Connor Titans Fast Pitch, three fields, four days a week for eight weeks at a fee of \$2,000.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 138, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Shepard Park

- LG Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, Chris Hughes, to be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Shepard Park Beach.
- Holiday Festival of Lights, Letizia Mastrantoni, Events to a T, Dec 5, 11, 18, 2021 Mayor Blais pointed out that two years ago Letizia held the event down in Wood Park, but is moving it to Shepard Park. She is encouraging the businesses to decorate as well.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 139, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Facility Uses contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents as well as compliance with NYS and Warren County COVID regulations and protocol at the time of the events:**

- Chris Hughes for the Special Olympics Lake George Polar Plunge to be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Shepard Park Beach
- Holiday Festival of Lights, Letizia Mastrantoni, Events to a T for December 5, December 11, and December 18, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 139, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Wood Park

- Modern Muscle Car Invasion, Jamie Longmuir, May 21, 2022 Mayor Blais reported that he got a good reference from Albany Rods & Kustoms about this event.
- Adk Jeep Invasion, Jamie Longmuir, June 18, 2022

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

## **RESOLUTION NO. 140, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves the use of the Charles R. Wood Park Festival space for the following events contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

## Wood Park

- **Modern Muscle Car Invasion, Jamie Longmuir, May 21, 2022**
- **Adk Jeep Invasion, Jamie Longmuir, June 18, 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board agrees to a daily rate as set by the County;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all other aspects of these events are contingent upon approval by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park, as well as compliance with NYS and Warren County COVID regulations and protocol at the time of the event.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 140, 2021 ADOPTED. September 20, 2021**

Mayor Blais reported that according to the organizers Car Show attendance was down, and they attribute it to COVID. He commented that he received some general complaints and complaints from the bars up on the hill in regards to change in the cruise route. Car show organizers and the Sheriff's Department were in agreement that the control in the Village was much better this year, and in general it was a successful event.

Mayor Blais noted that last time he spoke with Sean Doty from Chazen, he confirmed that we should still be within our budget for the new WWTP.

The following resolutions were considered:

- WWTP – R.F. Gordon Change Orders:  
No. 2 dated August 31, 2021 – Relocation of fire suppression system riser assembly and eyewash system due to unforeseen field conditions associated with space constraints in the Blower Room – for an increase of \$17,459.  
  
No. 3 dated September 17, 2021 – Addition of seal water for Jet Motive and WAS pumps in Blower Room – for an increase of \$34,300.  
  
No. 4 dated September 17, 2021 – Installation of additional components into the non-potable water system. This includes the installation of a bladder tank (tank furnished under field allowance) as well as furnish and install of other components valves, strainer, etc. – for an increase of \$24,457.

Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2021

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves Change Order No. 2, 3, & 4 for R.F. Mechanical Inc which includes the following as per the proposals:

**No. 2 dated August 31, 2021– Relocation of fire suppression system riser assembly and eyewash system due to unforeseen field conditions associated with space constraints in the Blower Room – for an increase of \$17,459.**

**No. 3 dated September 17, 2021 – Addition of seal water for Jet Motive and WAS pumps in Blower Room – for an increase of \$34,300.**

**No. 4 dated September 17, 2021 – Installation of additional components into the non-potable water system. This includes the installation of a bladder tank (tank furnished under field allowance) as well as furnish and install of other components (valves, strainer, etc. – for an increase of \$24,457.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Blais is authorized to sign these for further processing.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2021 ADOPTED**      **September 20, 2021**

- WWTP Capital Payment to Contractors

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC Payment Requests, which currently includes: Blue Heron, Chazen Companies and W.W. Grainger among other vendors, 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**      **Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root**  
**Nays: 0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2021 ADOPTED**      **September 20, 2021**

- Mountain Medical Services Contract for the purposes of random CDL and non CDL employees' drug testing

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 143, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves and authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a contract with Mountain Medical/Standard Medical Services to handle the random drug testing of Village employees for the period January 1-December 31, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 143, 2021 ADOPTED.**

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- Declare Surplus  
Superintendent Lanfear and Operator Shudt prepared a list of items that they would like the Board to declare surplus, so that they can be put up for sale on the auction site.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 144, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby designates the following list of items as “surplus” and wishes to auction them to the highest bidder.

DESCRIPTION
2000 John Deere Gator 4X2 ID#W004X2X048597
1500 gallon poly processing SAFE tank
Lincoln 20 HP 3-phase motor
2002 F250 flat bed truck
Husqvarna zero turn mower
Spreader seed broadcaster
Tow behind clipping sweeper
84" Kioti finish deck

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 144, 2021 ADOPTED.**

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Superintendent Lanfear requested that October 29<sup>th</sup> though November 15<sup>th</sup> be set for Fall Clean Up Days.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 145, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board sets Fall Clean Up Days for October 29th through November 15th, 2021 and authorizes advertising as such.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 145, 2021 ADOPTED.**

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Mayor Blais announced that we have still been working on preparing the sewer bills for the outside users. He confirmed that he has alerted the users that the bills will be forth coming. The billing formula includes a base fee, debt cost, an operations and maintenance portion based on usage, and a 25% outside user fee. The penalty would be assessed at 1.5% after 30 days. The bills would be sent quarterly on a different cycle than the water bills

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2021**

**WHEREAS** the Village Board hereby determined that there are residences located outside the jurisdictional limits of the Village of Lake George that are serviced by the Village Sewer System and Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, these residents are not located in a Town Sewer District; and

**WHEREAS**, these residents have requested sewer services from the Village.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that they shall be billed for such services in the following manner:

- **Quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 for the three months preceding based on water usage;**
- **Such bills will be determined by a base fee, debt cost, operation and maintenance by actual water use and a 25% outside user surcharge. Penalties shall be assessed at 1½ percent after 30 days;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Board reserves the right to discontinue service at anytime for non-payment in excess of one year, by discontinuing water services to the premises.

Such resolution to take effect immediately and with a September 15, 2021 billing.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Mayor Blais received a proposal from Jeff Smith of Municipal Solutions, Inc. to develop a sewer rate structure for Village users. The fee for this contract is estimated to be \$12,000. plus reimbursables and for completion over a six-month period. Since this consultant worked with us on the outside users sewer rate, they have the experience and knowledge of our systems.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 147, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Robert M. Blais to sign an agreement with Municipal Solutions for assistance in determining a sewer rate for Village users for an estimated fee of \$12,000. over a six-month period with any necessary additional services to be billed at an hourly rate of \$142. plus reimbursable expenses.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 147, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Mayor Blais presented the current Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lake George for 9-20-21 regular

the TLG Caldwell Sewer District. This contract was good for two years and expires at the end of the year. Operator Shudt noted that the agreement should be revised to reflect the Town's wishes that up to 20% of the lines get cleaned.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 148, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a renewal agreement with the Town of Lake George for maintenance, supervision and overseeing of the Town of Lake George Caldwell Sewer District. The term of the contract will be two years expiring December 31, 2023.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 148, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Mayor Blais noted that two more seasonal employees are needed.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 149, 2021**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves hiring of the following seasonal employees: Ornit Reindorp as Park Attendant at a rate of \$15.00 per hour  
Nancy Earl as Americade seller at \$14.00 per hour.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 149, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Mayor Blais asked that the Board submit their ballots for Citizen of the Year to Deb McKinney.

Mayor Blais announced that the Special Village Board Meeting for the Public Information Session about Cannabis Regulation has been set and advertised for Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. The plan is to socially distance, provide hand sanitizer at the door and require attendees to wear masks. He noted that previously he was going to plan on two meetings, but decided one should be sufficient.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Superintendent Lanfear noted that he is ready to install the bronze plaque on Mr. Herzog's house. Mr. Herzog confirmed that the house painting is complete. Mayor Blais asked to be notified of the installation date because the media is interested in a photo op.

Trustee Earl, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the Water Changes:

**RESOLUTION NO. 150, 2021**

## SEPTEMBER 2021 WATER CHANGES

### FINAL READS

LG Forum	\$ 25.11
Laphatt Holdings LLC	\$ 25.11
D Jones	\$ 64.67
P Gallagher	\$ 36.10
D Spitzer	\$ 39.24

### ADJUSTMENTS

Frost Plate	\$10.00
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The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$200.23
CR	F2140 WATER METERED	\$190.23
CR	F2655 SALE OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 10.00

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 150, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

Trustee Earl, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for the Transfers and Audits:

### RESOLUTION NO. 151, 2021

#### TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:
A5110.1	Street Pers	A6410.1 Occupy Tx Pers 20,000.00
A5650.4	Off Street Parking	A5650.44 Quirk's Lot 3,000.00
A3320.4	On Street Parking	A5650.44 Quirk's Lot 3,000.00
8/26/2021	General	\$107,839.28
	Water	\$23,898.62
		<u>\$131,737.90</u>
9/9/2021	General	\$55,865.43
	Water	\$14,308.03
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	<u>\$173,130.11</u>
		\$243,303.57
9/20/2021	General	\$179,759.19
	Water	\$68,911.90
	Sewer Plnt Improv (HK)	<u>\$29,408.95</u>
		\$278,080.04

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 151, 2021 ADOPTED.**      **September 20, 2021**

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Mayor Blais commented that on Friday a ceremony was held at the REC Center in memory of Neil McPhillips. A blue spruce tree was planted in his honor; his family was very appreciative.

Mayor Blais reported that he received an email from Kathy Muncil of the Fort William Henry with a request to remove the tall trees along the Lake Front Walkway and on Beach Road as they are starting to block the view. It was noted that some of those trees are not on Village property. The Board discussed removal of some trees, which would change the look of the grouping of the trees. It was also mentioned that we are striving to become a "Tree City USA", removal of trees seems to be contradictory. Also, if they complied with this request, how many more would want trees cut down in front of their property? The Board was not in favor of cutting down the trees. Mayor Blais suggested that he could forward her email to the County, since much of the property that has the trees on it is theirs.

Operator Tim Shudt gave an update on the WWTP and noted that they are moving along. He reported they are anticipating a startup date at sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas with final restoration to take place in the spring. Quite a bit of the work in the Administration building has had to be redone.

Trustee Root reported that he has seen quite a few people struggling to use the old parking meters along Ottawa Street. He inquired as to what the options are for updating these. Superintendent Lanfear responded that with the lack of sidewalks along there, it wouldn't be feasible to put pay and display machines, but he pointed out that IPS makes a different type of meter head, kind of a retro fit head, that might be worth looking in to. Mayor Blais noted that with the additional unanticipated revenue he may like to consider purchasing some new pay and displays out of this year's budget.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Mayor Blais, unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Special Emergency Meeting held on August 18, 2021.

<b>VOTING</b>	<b>Ayes: 3</b>	<b>Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Perry, Root</b>
	<b>Nays: 0</b>	
	<b>Abstentions: 2</b>	<b>Mastrodomenico, Root</b>
		<b>MOTION PASSED.</b>

Trustees Mastrodomenico and Perry commended the Village staff for events clean up.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk