

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ray Perry, Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Dave Harrington, Joanne Mamrosch, Ken Gethard, Michael Goot (Post Star), and Thom Randall (Journalist).

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and asked Trustee Mastrodomenico, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on May 21, and Special Meetings held on May 30 and June 6, 2018. Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority, to approve the May 21, 2018 and May 30, 2018 Meeting minutes.

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

Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, carried by a majority, to approve the June 6, 2018 Meeting minutes.

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 3**      **Blais, Earl, Root**  
                  **Nays: 0**  
                  **Abstention: 1 Mastrodomenico**  
                  **Absent: 1**      **Perry**  
                                  **MOTION PASSED.**

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department, Caldwell Sewer District, REC Center, Code Enforcement, Meter Revenues, Meter Enforcement, Americade, Fire Department, and Superintendent of Public Works were presented and made available for inspection.

Fire Department Action items:

- Applications for new membership approved by the Fire Company on June 5, 2018 for: Jason Liguori, Eric Meixner, Nicholas Benjamin, & Richard White. Jason Liguori lives out of town, but is a member of the Millerton Fire Company and is covered by their insurance to respond to our calls when he is visiting.

Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried, to approve the new members.

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

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Lake George Park Commission sent a thank you for the Village's annual contribution of \$30,000. towards the funding of the Boat Inspection Program.
- Haley Pognowski, who is the paid Director of the Teen Center, sent a note of thanks saying that they raised over \$1,000. in the sales of bottled water during Americade

Mayor Blais reported that the LEO weekend was a great success. He noted that he has opened up each Friday at the Lake event to nonprofits for fund raising.

Mayor Blais recommended the appointment of Randy Powell as Planning Board alternate in place of Walt Adams who recently became a full-time member taking Chuck Luke's place. Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried, to approve the appointment.

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

Mayor Blais distributed copies of the Village's Special Events/Facilities use application and asked that the Board review the fees listed specifically for the closing of Canada Street. He commented that the labor and materials costs to shut down the street may be more than what we are charging. He would like to discuss it further at the next meeting.

The following Special Events/Use of Facilities applications were considered:

- Jon Bessette with the Lake George Association      Music Against Mussels on Saturday, July 14, 2018

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 75, 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following Special Events/Use of Village Facilities for use of Shepard Park contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:**

- Jon Bessette with the Lake George Association for Music Against Mussels on Saturday, July 14, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 75, 2018 ADOPTED.                      June 18, 2018**

- Steve Swanson, Amvets Finance Officer submitted a request for the American Legion to hold a coin drop on July 4, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to be held on Beach Road at the crosswalk.

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



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

The following resolutions were considered:

- **Adirondack Action Pledge to Reduce Road Salt**

Mayor Blais noted that the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages is asking for support in the reduction in the use of road salt, and agreeing to this MOU will pledge the Village's effort to reduce the use of salt. There are several agencies working in cooperation on this.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 78, 2018**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE  
ADIRONDACKS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF ROAD SALT  
FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE AND DE-ICING**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to describe an agreement among the municipal governments in the Adirondack Park regarding a program to address the levels of chlorides in Adirondack ground and surface waters by reducing the application of road salt for winter road maintenance and de-icing practices. This MOU is not a binding commitment, but is rather a pledge of intent of the municipalities signing this document to work in good faith to create an effective program to reduce the levels of road salt application in recognition of the following:

**WHEREAS, there has been a measureable increase in the use of road salts in the Adirondacks to assist in winter road maintenance and de-icing; and,**

**WHEREAS, within the Adirondacks there are a total of approximately 10,555 lane miles of local, county, state and federal roads and an estimated 192,700 metric tons of salt is used per year; and,**

**WHEREAS, there are numerous studies documenting the significant increases in road salt in Adirondack surface waters resulting from road runoff; and,**

**WHEREAS, median lake chloride concentrations in watersheds without paved roads were nearly identical to background (natural, untouched) concentrations and lakes in watershed with paved roads show chloride concentrations that are, on average, 14 times higher than watersheds without paved roads; and,**

**WHEREAS, recent concentrations of chlorides in many Adirondack lakes are at thresholds that can alter the composition of the phytoplankton, periphyton and macroinvertebrate communities altering the food web and hence potentially changing the biological productivity; and,**

**WHEREAS, continued increases in salt loading in the watershed may also affect the physical circulation of the lake by increasing vertical density gradients that are more difficult to mix; and,**

**WHEREAS, elevated salt concentrations in potable water is a health concern to individuals who drink water from private wells in some parts of the Adirondacks because increased sodium consumption is linked to high blood pressure and if salt levels are allowed to continue rising at the current rate, within the next one to two decades, the lake's water will become a health hazard; and,**

**WHEREAS, road salt application is linked to leaching of calcium and magnesium from soil, which makes Adirondack lakes more hospitable for aquatic invasive species colonization; and,**

**WHEREAS, some of the most obvious toxic effects of road salt are observed in roadside vegetation where high concentrations of salt accumulates and persists and damage is observed with the browning of foliage, premature defoliation, suppression of flowers and die back of terminal roots and the erosion problems that occur when vegetation is affected; and,**

**WHEREAS, road salt is responsible for the increased corrosion of road infrastructure and vehicles.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties recognize the significant adverse impacts of excessive application of road salt for winter maintenance and de-icing; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties intend to reduce the salt loading into Adirondack Lakes through the reduced application of road salt; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will curtail the increase of road salt through proven methods of road salt application (as demonstrated in New Hampshire and Vermont) and through utilizing Best Management Practices); and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will, subject to research supporting their use, consider alternative de-icing materials that minimize the application of road salt; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties help to document the effectiveness of alternative road salt materials and/or substitutes; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will investigate and consider equipment to better manage and monitor the application of road salt; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will have highway department superintendents, collect data using consistent methods on the quantities and application rates of road salts within their jurisdictions, as well as truck loading and route distribution information in using this data for improved application methods and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will have highway department supervisors assess and tailor road salt application rates based on level of surface, road grades and proximity to water bodies and runoff systems; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will establish an education and training program for all highway department employees on the impacts of road salt in the Adirondacks and proven methods to reduce road salt application; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties intend to designate sections of public roads as “Priority Abatement Areas” where roads are located along or in close proximity to Adirondack Lakes and/or tributaries that are determined to be critical runoff areas impacting water quality; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will participate in an annual “Road Salt Summit” to discuss new technologies, application methods, best management practices and research aimed at minimizing the usage of road salt for winter maintenance and de-icing; and it is further**

**AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will together achieve road salt reductions that through ongoing scientific monitoring; and it is further**

**AGREED that this Memorandum of Understanding may be signed in counterparts.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 78, 2018 ADOPTED.                      June 18, 2018**

- Elan Planning Proposal to prepare Consolidated Funding application for improvements to the dog park

Mayor Blais reported that the REC Center dog park, built by our staff, has been very successful, but there are some improvements that the users are asking for. According to Elan Planning there may be some grant funding available through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Elan has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$4,800. to assist the Village in the preparation of a 2018 Consolidated Funding Application. Trustee Root asked whether this would be something that Dan Barusch could work on as part of his shared services. The Board agreed to table their decision on this, and follow up with Mr. Barusch.

- Transfer funds from Parks Reserve account to A7110.21 for park improvements These funds were put into the Parks Reserve at the end of the fiscal year. The funds are intended for the stone work improvement in Shepard Park and need to be moved back into the General Fund. This requires a permission referendum, and an ad will be published in the paper.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 79, 2018**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board has a reserve account A.0000.0835 specifically for the purpose of Parks & REC, in which \$39,000. was transferred into on May 30, 2018, which currently has a balance of \$40,252.83**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes a transfer from the Parks & REC Reserve in the amount of \$39,000.00 to spend on planned improvements in Shepard Park to the General Fund account A7110.21 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall not take effect until 30 days after adoption or until approved by vote of the electors of the Village of Lake George, if within 30 days after its adoption there is filed a petition requiring a permissive referendum pursuant to law.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 79, 2018 ADOPTED.                      June 18, 2018**

- Change Order for MCJ for the water feature at Wood Park  
Superintendent Harrington reported that it came to his attention that no RPZ backflow preventor was included in the water feature piping at Wood Park. Because the system is hooked to a potable water source, this is necessary. The funds for this additional cost are available in the capital project. Superintendent Harrington also made note that if the fountain is not working on any given day, it's probably because it doesn't flow if there are more than 15 m.p.h. winds.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 80, 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby approves Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,564.73 making the new contract total \$222,116.64 with MCJ Construction, Inc. to add the installation of a RPZ Backflow Preventor between the water source connection and the fountain works to their contract for the Water feature at the Charles R. Wood Park.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 80, 2018 ADOPTED.                      June 18, 2018**

Mayor Blais asked the Board to consider adding regulations for residential public parking to our local law. There have been questions and comments in regards to this over the past year, but nothing has been added to the law. He suggested that he could ask Mr. Barusch to draft an amendment to the law for the Board's review. He recommended only allowing the parking on three events: 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Car Show, and Americade. The Board discussed different options for what would be allowed, and agreed to consider an amendment.

Mayor Blais reported that the Clerk has received four recent FOIL requests. The documentation for these requests is quite large. The first response was 316 pages long. He wanted to let the Board know that it has been necessary to hire Darlene Gunther to come in and work on getting the documents together.

Mayor Blais noted that he recently attended a meeting with Trustee Perry, the Sheriff's Office and School Administrators in regards to hiring a School Resource Officer for each school. In

light of recent events, many local schools are also considering this. Sheriff York believes that there may be some shared services funding available for this project, and upon agreement by the interested parties would like to submit an application. The estimated cost for each officer is \$30,000. per year. Trustee Perry and Mayor Blais proposed sharing the cost as follows: School to pay 50%, Warren County to pay 25%, and Town and Village each to pay a 12.5% share. Trustee Earl voiced his disagreement stating that he doesn't feel that the Village should pay a share as the school district includes other municipalities. Trustee Root questioned whether they would be gun carrying personnel, in which Mayor Blais replied that they would be. Trustee Root noted that this may not be our decision to make; it may be a School Board decision. Mayor Blais remarked that he doesn't agree, and feels it should be the Village's responsibility to share in this. He just wanted to report to the Board about the meeting for now.

Mayor Blais announced that he met with Scott Sopczyk of the Greater Glens Falls Transit. The GGFT is proposing an improvement and relocation of the Beach Road Passenger Plaza. They would like to enlarge the western stop closest to Blais Park and put up a new structure. They would also like to relocate and expand the eastern stop near the Steamboat Company. They are applying for a \$210,000. grant and would intend to take care of all of the work themselves. There was some discussion about the traffic flow, but the Board agreed that the GGFT could pursue the funding. Superintendent Harrington requested that he see the final plan.

Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution for water changes:

**RESOLUTION NO. 81, 2018**

**JUNE 2018 WATER CHANGES**

**JUNE PENALTIES** **\$290.93**

**FINAL READS:**

T Burke	\$ 27.03
M Gonley	\$ 56.76
M McCarthy	\$439.45
Yellow Jacket No Holdings Co	\$130.12

**SALE OF EQUIPMENT**

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

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$954.29
	CR F2655 SALE OF EQUIPMENT	\$ 10.00
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$653.36
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$290.93

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 81, 2018 ADOPTED.**                      **June 18, 2018**

Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution for transfers, audits and electronic payment:

**RESOLUTION NO. 82, 2018**

**6/18/2018**

**TRANSFERS:**

**From: To: Amount:**

**AUDITS:**

			<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Check #</b>
5/24/2018	General	\$65,474.17	182131-182157	31386-31390
	Water	\$18,864.89		
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		\$84,339.06		
6/7/2018	General	\$61,546.41		
	Water	\$13,263.57	190002-190009	31441-31445
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		\$74,809.98		
6/18/2018	General	\$342,846.92		
	Water	\$26,923.42	190010-190108	
	Gaslight Village (HG)	\$72,368.67		
	Shepard Prk Rstrms (HJ)	\$7,512.38		
	Sewer Plant Improv(HK)	\$1,575.00		
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		\$451,226.39		

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 82, 2018 ADOPTED.                      June 18, 2018**

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Joanne Mamrosch addressed the Board in regards to extending the “No Parking” zone on the east side of Cooper Street to include the east side of Cooper Street Extension, which is a dead-end street. She presented a petition with six names on it. She cited the width of the road with parking on both sides which does not allow for vehicles to turn around easily. She remarked that parking on one side, especially for big events would be better.

Ken Gethard of 167 Cooper Street Extension spoke in opposition to this proposal. He noted that he has lived there for 11 years, and has not seen a problem. Basically the parking on both sides of the street happens for 70 hours a year, during large Village events. Changing this to “No Parking” will make it so that his visitors have no place to park.

Mayor Blais pointed out that changes in No Parking zones has to be amended through a local law, which requires a draft of the law, and a public hearing in which the people that live there could all speak and voice their opinions, then the Board would vote whether to enact or not. Mayor Blais asked Superintendent Harrington if he could go up and take some measurements so that the street can be evaluated. Mayor Blais could draft the changes to the law and notify

the people that live there of a possible public hearing at next month's meeting. Ms. Mamorosch also complained about people parking large trailers on the streets and leaving them there for several days. Mayor Blais said he could look at putting something in about that as well.

Superintendent Harrington announced that the new and improved restrooms at Shepard Park opened on Friday. There are only a few minor things that need to be done to make them complete. He is working on getting a sign made and installed for the restrooms. Also the Beach is open now.

Trustee Root noted that Canada Street where the stunt show for Americade was held has unsightly black rubber marks all over it. He asked if it could possibly be cleaned or pressure washed to help get rid of them. Superintendent Harrington replied that they have run the sweeper over it several times, and they have lightened up. He's not sure if it's possible to pressure wash it or not.

Trustee Root inquired as to why the hot dog cart wasn't down further in the Park like it was before. Mayor Blais is aware, and she will move back down.

Mayor Blais noted that he has a post Americade meeting with their organizers on Thursday. The closing of Canada Street will be evaluated as well as the 10-day shutdown of Beach Road and the fees charged.

Trustee Root continued and noted that the Polish Ice business is out on the street selling their product, but way down on the corner. It was agreed that they could sell on the street right in front of their store. He also remarked that he noticed that they are putting their garbage into the Village cans.

Trustee Earl said that he noticed that Backyard BBQ is putting out cones and blocking off the meters. Superintendent Harrington noted that several cones have been picked up by DPW.

Mayor Blais asked the Board to submit nominations for Beautification Awards for 2018.

There was a motion by Trustee Earl, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk