

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee

Also Present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Dave Harrington, Village Attorney Matt Fuller, and Thom Randall (Journalist)

At 4:00 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and reported that we have three requests for softball teams to use the baseball fields at the REC Center. They have several different date requests for practice and tournaments for different teams. Mayor Blais checked fees at other local fields and then recommended a fee schedule for us based on whether the use is a weekday or weekend and how many teams would be involved. The organizers of the local teams looking for home practice fields both agreed that they would like to volunteer and do some maintenance work on the fields. Mayor Blais suggested that weekend use, like for a tournament with more than two teams be set at \$250. a day. Weekend use for two teams on one field could be \$200. a day. For regular weekday use for practices or games, he suggested \$200. per team per season. He suggested we use this on a trial basis this year and see how it goes. He suggested that during tournaments, the organizers be required to provide porta johns. He also noted that these uses will not interfere with the Youth Commission's use.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 118, 2019**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the following uses of the baseball fields at the REC Center with the noted fees:**

**Adirondack Magic** 3 teams x \$200. each for season (weekday use)  
**Jesse Hayes** August 27-29, 2019 (5pm-8pm)  
Sundays: September 1 \$250. per day (weekend use)  
September 8  
September 22  
September 29

**120 Softball** 1 team x \$200. each for season (weekday use)  
**Earl Canale** Tuesdays & Thursdays (5:30pm-8:30pm)

**Adirondack Extreme** \$250. per day, weekend use  
**Chris Scarincio** October 12 & 13, 2019 (8am-7pm)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 118, 2019 ADOPTED. August 28, 2019**

Mayor Blais noted that at the August 19, 2019 meeting John Carr's two Oktoberfest events were approved with the fees being waived. It has been requested that the fees for these be reconsidered. He recommended the following:

- John Carr Lake George Oktoberfest on Canada Street October 11-13, 2019  
Total \$600. (\$250. – waiver for sale and use of alcoholic beverages & \$350. for road closure & small stage use)
- John Carr Adirondack Oktoberfest for Charity 2019 on Sewell Street October 19, 2019 Total \$200. (Sewell Street closing and small stage use)

Trustee Perry suggested using the fee schedule that is set forth, but offer a discount. Trustee Root recommended waiving the fees for the October 19<sup>th</sup> event on Sewell Street since it is a charity event. After further discussion, they agreed to waive the Sewell Street fees and discount the Canada Street fees by 50%.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 119, 2019**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to reconsider waiving the fees for John Carr's Oktoberfest events coming up October 11-13 and October 19, 2019;**

**BE IT RESOLVED, Resolutions No. 103 and No. 104 dated August 19, 2019 are rescinded and rewritten with the fees added as follows:**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the Special Event application from John Carr of the Adirondack Pub & Brewery to have the Lake George Village Oktoberfest from October 11 through the 13, 2019 with a request for an alcohol waiver. They are also requesting the closing of Canada Street from Friday at 10:00 a.m. through Sunday at 6:00 p.m. along with use of the portable stage. The approval is contingent upon receipt of insurance and other necessary documents.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board sets the fee for this event at a discounted rate of \$750. per day times three days for a total \$2,250. This fee includes the waiver for sale and use of alcoholic beverages, road closure & small stage use.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approval for the Canada Street event is contingent upon approval from the New York Street Department of Transportation for the closure of Canada Street.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the Special Event application from John Carr of the Adirondack Pub & Brewery to hold the Adirondack Oktoberfest Charity event on October 19, 2019 with a request for an alcohol waiver. They are requesting the closing of Sewell Street on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. along with use of the portable stage. The approval is contingent upon receipt of insurance and other necessary documents.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village waives the fees for John Carr - Adirondack Oktoberfest for Charity 2019 on Sewell Street October 19, 2019.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village's code will be waived for all applications previously referenced and indicate the sale of beer and wine on the**

premises during the event is hereby approved contingent upon proof of licensing from the New York State Liquor Authority.

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 3**      **Blais, Earl, Perry**  
                 **Nays: 1**      **Root**  
                 **Absent: 1**      **Mastrodomenico**

**RESOLUTION NO. 119, 2019 ADOPTED.                      August 28, 2019**

Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Tim Shudt is requesting permission to send Timothy Shudt Jr. to the Basic Operations for Wastewater Treatment Plants Class beginning on September 10 through November 14 at Adirondack Community College at a cost of \$935. Trustee Earl remarked that he is not in favor of this. Trustee Perry asked if there was a policy as far as how long an employee has to be here before training is allowed. Superintendent Harrington commented that he believes he was hired in February. This is just the beginning of the Operator licensing process. Superintendent Harrington commented that he is favor of allowing employees to take training. Mayor Blais remarked that this is always a risk in hiring family members, but he has been a good employee.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 120, 2019**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes Timothy Shudt, Jr. to attend the Basic Operations for Wastewater Treatment Plants Class beginning on September 10 through November 14 at Adirondack Community College at a cost of \$935.**

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 3**      **Blais, Perry, Root**  
                 **Nays: 1**      **Earl**  
                 **Absent: 1**      **Mastrodomenico**

**RESOLUTION NO. 120, 2019 ADOPTED.                      August 28, 2019**

Superintendent Harrington reported that the 2005 Sterling Vac Con truck broke down during a water break on Sewell Street on August 15. It was towed to Quaker Truck for repair; they are estimating about \$10,000 to repair it. Because they can't start the truck until they get some of the parts, it is just an estimate, and it all depends on what needs to be done. It was necessary to have a Vac truck on the scene during the break, so the City of Glens Falls, Town of Bolton and Town of Ticonderoga shared the use of their trucks until we could set up an account, rent a truck and pick it up from Super Products in New Jersey on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Their fee is \$3,500. per week for the rental until our Vac truck is repaired. The Board questioned the necessity of having a Vac truck in the Village. Superintendent Harrington explained the importance of having a Vac truck onsite in case of an emergency; we cannot wait to get a truck here if we have a break; we need it here immediately. He went on to say, to purchase one of these trucks new would cost over \$400,000., and we really will need to think about funding for this in the future. Superintendent Harrington suggested that since all three departments use it, the funds could be split equally.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 121, 2019**

**WHEREAS, the 2005 Sterling Vac Con truck broke down and needs to be repaired, and during that time a rental truck is necessary,**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes \$12,000. maximum funds to Quaker Truck for repairs to the Vac truck and four weeks of rental fees to Super Products quoted at \$3,500 per week for the rented Vac truck until our truck is fixed, and we have it back. The funds will be split equally between the Streets Department, the Sanitation Department, and the Water Department.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 121, 2019 ADOPTED.                   August 28, 2019**

Trustee Earl reminded the Board about using our Vac truck to help New York State when they were having problems. Mayor Blais noted that we billed them, but never received any payment. He agreed to follow up and see if we can get some reimbursement from the State. It was noted that when we use our Vac truck for other municipalities, there is a contract and a fee schedule that we go by.

Mayor Blais reported that he has received a request from Living Resources, which is a not for profit organization assisting people with disabilities, and its main branch is in Albany. One of the things they do to help is provide transportation to and from training and work for them. They have vans that they use for that. They have some local clients, and they are looking for a place to park the vans, and a place for the drivers to do their paperwork. Specifically they have two vans that would be parked from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Mayor Blais suggested the Village Hall parking lot, and has spoken with Supervisor Dickinson who is in agreement with that. The Town may be able to allow access and a table for the drivers, as well.

Motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried, to enter into an Executive Session at 4:33 p.m. to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried, to exit Executive Session at 5:12 p.m.

There was no action taken.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry, to adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney  
Village Clerk