

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, January 14, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
John Root, Trustee

Also present: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Dave Harrington, Keith Lanfeer, Thom Randall and Michael Goot (Journalists).

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 Monday, December 17, 2018. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

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

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department, REC Center, Code Enforcement, Fire Department, Caldwell Sewer District, Historian's Annual Report, and Superintendent of Public Works were presented and made available for inspection.

The Fire Department has previously approved and submitted a membership application for Brandon Allen of 78 Mohican Street. Mayor Blais and Trustee Earl interviewed the candidate and recommended acceptance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2019

WHEREAS, Brandon Allen was interviewed and recommended as a new firefighter by the Fire Department as well as by Mayor Blais and Trustee Earl;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby approves his probationary membership contingent upon a satisfactory physical and drug testing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

Trustee Earl noted that upon looking at the Sanitation Department's report, the Town's flows are double the Village's again. Superintendent Harrington confirmed that he had checked with Operator Tim Shudt and those figures are correct. It was

RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has received funds in the form of a check in the amount of \$12,046.14 from the Caldwell Presbyterian Church, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George will use these funds for Teen Center expenses which will in the future be a part of the Village budget;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY authorizes the following changes to the Budget:

Increase of Revenue and Expenditure			
CR	A2702	Teen Center	\$12,046.14
DR	A6292.1	Pers Serv	\$4,300.00
	A6292.41	Contractual	\$7,746.14
VOTING	Ayes: 4	Blais, Earl, Mastrodomenico, Root	
	Nays: 0		
	Abstention: 1	Perry	

RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

- Authorization to sign Consulting Agreement for IT Services
Trustee Root inquired as to the process used to choose a consultant. Clerk Deb McKinney replied that the new consultant was chosen and recommended from the three vendors that were considered and is \$35 an hour less than the previous one.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George uses an external IT Service Provider, and is seeking better service at a lower rate;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign an agreement with Christopher LaFountain of Full Moon Computer Consulting Services, LLC at a rate of \$75. per hour plus a flat monthly fee for work stations and server monitoring effective immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

- 2019 Standard Mileage Rate

Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 183, 2019

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to Village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official Village duties;

WHEREAS the IRS has set the Standard Mileage Rate for 2019 as .58 cents per mile for business uses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.58 per mile effective January 1, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 183, 2019 ADOPTED **January 14, 2019**

- Cummins Northeast three year service contract for WWTP generator

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to a planned maintenance agreement with Cummins for the Waste Water Treatment Plant generator for a period of three years at a cost of \$1,295.18 for each of the first two years, and \$1,329.21 for the last year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2019 ADOPTED. **January 14, 2019**

- Annual dividend check from Utica National for the Fire Department Insurance Coverage

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

RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a transfer of \$3,163.84 from the General Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2019 ADOPTED. **January 14, 2019**

- Shared Services with Town of Bolton for WWTP Operator

Mayor Blais noted that the Town of Bolton would like to extend the shared services agreement because their prospective operator did not pass the state licensing exam. We have shared the services of our WWTP Operator since June, 2018. Mayor Blais will follow up with Supervisor Conover and let him know that they will need to start advertising for an Operator as we may not be able to continue because of the increased workload of planning and constructing a new WWTP.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2018

WHEREAS, the Town of Bolton has requested temporary assistance at their Waste Water Treatment Plant and would like to continue;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has qualified staff to help them short term;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George agrees to enter into an IMA for a period of three months on a temporary basis to take effect on February 1, 2019, and which will be terminated at that period or sooner if the Town and Village agree to terminate the IMA and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake George agrees to oversee the operation at the Town of Bolton Waste Water Plan excluding the collection system. The operator from the Village of Lake George will go to the Plant three days a week for a period of two hours a day but will be available for emergencies any other times as needed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George, in return for supervising of the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be reimbursed the hourly and fringe costs of \$36.00/ hour including travel to the Waste Water Plant as well as a \$500.00 monthly administration charge for certifying the DMR's and operator report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

Trustee Perry arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Blais noted that there is not much new to report about the new WWTP financing. We are still looking for funding. Last week they had a meeting with Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec. They are supporting the Village and have sent correspondence to Governor Cuomo on our behalf. Mayor Blais has been in contact with several local supporting agencies as well as cabinet members of the Governor. He explained that with the current grant funding of about \$7M, we need at least \$6M more to make it affordable to us. If we don't get anymore, we will be nine times over the tax cap, and have a 17% Village tax increase, along with that, the Caldwell Sewer District rates will double. Mayor Blais said, "It's a huge impact." We have passed along our facts and figures and hope for funding through the SAM

program in the Governor's budget under aid to municipalities.

The following Facility Use/Special Event applications were considered:

- Americade for use of the Beach Road Parking Lot from May 31-June 12, 2019 Event dates: June 3-8, 2019. Mayor Blais clarified that this does not include the plan to use Beach Road for the stage and entertainment.
- Lake George Winter Carnival for weekends in February

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the following uses for the Beach Road Parking Lot contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- **Stacey Norton for Americade, Inc. for the Americade Expo from May 31 through June 12 which includes set up and take down time. The event runs from June 3 to 8, 2019**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board also approves the following uses for Shepard Park contingent upon receipt of all fees, insurance and other necessary documents:

- **Nancy Nichols and Lou Tokos for the Lake George Winter Carnival for weekends in February, 2019 in Shepard Park**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

The following application to use Charles R. Wood Park Festival Space was considered:

- Jim Menneto for the Hemmings 13th Annual Concours d'Elegance, September 13, 14, & 15, 2019
Mayor Blais noted that this will be the third year that they will use the Festival Space for this tremendous event.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2019

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

- **Jim Menneto for the Hemmings 13th Annual Concours d'Elegance, September 13, 14, & 15, 2019**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon approval from the Warren County Board of Supervisors or the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 188, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

The following applications for Village Occupancy Tax were considered:

- The Fund for Lake George – 4th Annual King George Fishing Derby \$5,000.
- The Dog Cabin, Lisa Giknis for Tails & Ales to be held at the Adirondack Brewery on May 18 and 19, 2019 \$3,500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby tables the Occupancy Tax applications for the Annual King George Fishing Derby and the Tales & Ales ax event until after the Village budget draft is complete.

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

MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

Mayor Blais noted that this is going to be a very tight budget. He is still working with the Lake George Chamber to get sponsors for the fireworks shows, which will not be included in the Village budget this year. So far only one sponsor, a bank in Saratoga Springs has stepped forward to sponsor the displays.

Mayor Blais presented the list of Joint Occupancy tax approved by the Committee. There were 36 applicants, one of which did not show up for the meeting, vying for a total of \$381,000. If the County funded an event, then the Joint Committee did not.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby agrees to award the following Joint Occupancy Tax Awards for 2019 as recommended by the Committee:

Event	Organization	Date(s) of event	Requested 2019	Award 2019
2019 Lake George National Inviational Tournament	<i>PrimeTime Events, PrimeTime Lacrosse</i>	07/13 - 07/14/19	\$40,000.00	\$ -
28th Annual Million Dollar Beach Volleyball Tournament	<i>Prospect Center</i>	08/03 - 08/04/19	\$7,500.00	\$3,150.00
Adirodack Beverage Trail Initiative	<i>LG Chamber & CVB</i>	not provided	\$5,000.00	\$2,250.00
Adirondack Christkindlmarkt	<i>Lake George Regional Chamber & CVB</i>	12/06 - 12/08/19	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00
Adirondack Independence Music Festival	<i>Improv Records</i>	08/31 - 09/01/19	\$20,000.00	\$18,000.00

ADK 5K	<i>Tiburon Endurance Sports</i>	9/14/2019	\$5,000.00	\$1,800.00
ADK Clam Jam	<i>Improv Records</i>	6/22/2019	\$20,000.00	\$9,000.00
ADK Wine & Food Festival	<i>Adirondack Festivals, LLC</i>	06/29 - 06/30/19	\$50,000.00	\$ -
American Rock Fest	<i>Hudson River Music Hall Prod. Inc</i>	08/24 - 08/25/19	\$5,000.00	\$2,250.00
Barbershop Contest	<i>Northeastern District Barbershop Harmony Society</i>	05/04 - 05/05/19	\$20,000.00	\$9,000.00
Barrel Fest, Oktoberfest, Funky Ice Fest, Pumpkin Chunkin	<i>Adirondack Pub & Brewery</i>	01/25 - 11/02/19	\$15,000.00	\$6,750.00
Block Party - Ronald McDonald House Benefit	<i>Americade</i>	06/07 - 06/08/19	\$10,000.00	\$4,500.00
British Music Invasion	<i>Hudson River Music Hall Prod. Inc</i>	07/13 - 07/14/19	\$5,000.00	\$2,250.00
Elvis Festival	<i>Lake George Elvis Festival, Sherry Management</i>	05/29 - 06/02/19	\$10,000.00	\$ -
ESTRA Tow Show	<i>ESTRA</i>	05/31 - 06/02/19	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.00
Floating Classroom	<i>The Lake George Association</i>	07/03 - 08/28/19	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Free To Breathe Walk	<i>Lung Cancer Research Foundation</i>	10/19/2019	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Fridays At the Lake	<i>Village of Lake George</i>	06/14 - 08/26/19	\$10,000.00	\$4,500.00
Hemmings Motor News 13th Annual Concours d'Elegance	<i>Hemmings Motor News</i>	09/13 - 09/15/19	\$20,000.00	\$9,000.00
King George Fishing Derby	<i>Fund for Lake George</i>	09/13 - 09/15/19	\$10,000.00	\$6,300.00
Lake George Community Band Festival	<i>Lake George Community Band</i>	07/19-07/20/19	\$2,650.00	\$2,300.00
Lake George Polar Plunge	<i>Special Olympics New York</i>	11/9/2019	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00
Lake George Triathlon Festival	<i>Adirondack Race Management</i>	08/31 - 09/01/19	\$22,000.00	\$9,000.00
Lake Goerge Jazz Weekend	<i>Lake George Arts</i>	09-14 - 09/15/19	\$16,450.00	\$9,000.00
Law Enforcement Officers Weekend	<i>Law Enforcement Officers Weekend</i>	06/14 - 06/16/19	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
Nordese Foreign Car Show	<i>Awesomotive, LLC</i>	TBD	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Save the Lake Fest	<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	08/02 - 08/04/19	\$8,000.00	\$4,500.00
Shrine Circus	<i>Oriental Shriners</i>	8/16/2019	\$2,000.00	\$1,350.00
T.B.D "Annual Concert"	<i>Improv Records</i>	TBD	\$20,000.00	\$18,000.00
Tails & Ales - dogs, families, beer & fun	<i>The Dog Cabin</i>	05/18 - 05/19/19	\$8,800.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL			\$381,400.00	\$157,600.00

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

MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

Mayor Blais acknowledged a request from Lori Woodell of 2 Cooper Street to make the north side upper end of Mohican Street from Cooper Street west towards the northway a "No Parking" zone. The complainant noticed that cars are parking on both sides of the street; plows and large trucks are having trouble getting through there. Mayor Blais noted that the street is pretty narrow and steep. The Board agreed to set a public hearing to consider amending the local law for Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30.

Mayor Blais reported that there has been a severe garbage issue on the property at 38 Dieskau Street. 37 bags of garbage were strewn all over their lawn. The Board reviewed some photos. Mayor Blais noted that the owner has been cited, and he believes they appeared in court this past Thursday. Mr. Barusch was going to cite the tenants as well, but the owner was not cooperative in giving them their names. Mayor Blais commented that the bags had been all picked up, but today more bags were thrown out there. He does not know the disposition, but will follow up.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2019

JANAUARY 2019 WATER CHANGES

JANUARY PENALTIES	\$1,133.41
FINAL READS	
M Bump #595	\$ 59.15

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$1,192.56
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$1,133.41
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 59.15

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2019

TRANSFERS:

From:	To:	Amount:
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A1420.4	Law Cont.	A8010.4	Zoning Contr.	\$1,000.00
F1910.4	Insurance	F1950.4	Taxes	\$200.00
F1990.4	Contingency	F9040.8	Workmen's Comp	\$1,900.00

AUDITS:			Voucher #	Check #
12/20/2018	General	\$82,760.12		
	Water	<u>\$23,591.89</u>	191261-191284	32234- 32239
		\$106,352.01		
1/3/2019	General	\$42,358.47	191285-191301	32240- 32247
	Water	<u>\$13,974.52</u>		
		\$56,332.99		
1/14/2019	General	\$183,199.44		
	Water	\$134,170.05		
	Gaslight Village (HG) Water Main Philip (HH1)	\$83,395.18	191302-191420	32248- 32341
	Sewer Plant Improv(HK)	\$2,961.50		
		<u>\$24,281.90</u>		
		\$428,008.07		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2019 ADOPTED. January 14, 2019

Mayor Blais reminded the Board that due to a holiday, the next Regular Village Board Meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

- Trustee Root wanted to confirm that the Board had received the email he sent about Park Mobile and options for metered parking. Trustee Perry reported that he met with a vendor about wifi options for the Village. He asked if the vendor could come to a Board meeting to give a presentation. Mayor Blais agreed.
- Trustee Mastrodomenico asked about the brining and how it was going. DPW Foreman Keith Lanfear gave an update. He reported that we have checked the salinization levels in the brine and found them to be higher than they are supposed to be. The higher content leads to ineffectiveness of the brine. Superintendent Harrington noted that we will be purchasing our own instrument for testing for future use, and said that there will be ongoing experimentation.
- Mayor Blais announced that Trustees Earl and Perry have both decided to seek reelection. He commented that he is more than pleased to join them.

He noted that he would like to stay and oversee the construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant, but he will be actively looking for someone to take his place, possibly before the end of another four-year term.

- Superintendent Harrington reminded the Board that they all still need to take the Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment training. He will be in touch with them to set up a date.
- Mayor Blais noted that the budget sheets are out and department heads will be contacting the Board members to set up review times. He noted that he is working on a grant from the North Country Alliance, in which the Village may be eligible for up to \$500,000. for each of two years.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Village Clerk