

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee

Also Present: Darlene Gunther (Clerk-Treasurer), Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Danna Bock (Treasurer), and Superintendent David Harrington.

At 9:00 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and began with a report about the stage finances. The Board previously approved a not to exceed cost of \$280,000. for the stage; and after evaluation of the necessary options the cost came to \$282,000. There is \$250,000. budgeted in the General Fund. Mayor Blais has spoken with the County in regards to Village ownership in full, and they are in agreement. Also he has spoken with the vendor and negotiated the price down to \$280,000, and would like to suggest transferring the needed funds of \$30,000 out of the Fund Balance. He has been in contact with a local stage man in regards to the possibility of him managing and maintaining the stage. They are working out some tentative figures on that. The man is a licenses tech and could take care of the stage and go with the stage when it is rented out. Mayor Blais noted that Attorney Fuller is working on a draft rental agreement along with an RFP for stage management service. Clerk-Treasurer Gunther remarked that she has been in contact with our insurance company about insurance, and she's not sure how that will work out. Trustee Perry remarked that he has had a couple of people say they were concerned about why the Village needs to buy a stage. He explained the situation and the possible revenues.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 216, 2018

WHEREAS, the cost of the Mobile Stage for Wood Park exceeded the amount budgeted in the A6410.21 appropriation by \$30,000., and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has decided to own the Mobile Stage without Warren County assistance,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the financing plan to pay for the Mobile Stage by using \$30,000. of the General Fund's Fund Balance (A917) towards this purchase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the necessary budget amendments to the General Fund budget as recommended by Accountant Michael McCarthy.

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

Absent: 1 Mastrodomenico

RESOLUTION NO. 216, 2018 ADOPTED

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Mayor Blais pointed out that we may need to hire Darlene Gunther to come in and do some more Clerk-Treasurer training at a later date. She currently earns \$39. per hour. Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried to approve hiring Darlene Gunther as necessary for Clerk-Treasurer training at a rate of \$40. per hour.

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

Mayor Blais noted that the Board previously approved the Economic Development Plan as proposed by the Committee. Since then, they have made minor revisions to the Plan. Dan Barusch reported to us that the school board has approved putting their land in the plan and the map has been updated to reflect that.

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Perry offered the following resolution to adopt the revised Economic Development Plan:

RESOLUTION NO. 217, 2018

WHEREAS, the Lake George Planning and Zoning Office has worked with the APA staff and a local stakeholder group on development of an Economic Development Plan, and as part of the project also held two (2) public workshops on the plan which were open to the public;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George held a public hearing on the proposed plan January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the Village Board agrees that the Lake George Economic Development Plan will provide beneficial recommendations for future development and re-development of properties in the Village and Town and strategies to help retain businesses as well as encourage new industry in Village and Town, to the benefit of the Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George adopts the proposed revised Economic Development Plan, and directs the Director of Planning and Zoning to assist with the implementation of said plan, to help spur an increase in economic development in the Village and Town of Lake George.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 217, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 18, 2018

Mayor Blais informed the Board that the Fire Department has asked what the residency requirements for Officers are. It has been reported that there may be some residents that are not local year round that may want to run. The line officers are approved by the Board, and he pointed out that it is a concern if any of the line officers are not available for extended periods of time. Mayor Blais recommended adding qualifying criteria to the handbook.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 218, 2018

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George understands the importance of fire safety, experience, and leadership in fire services, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of that leadership year-round on the fire scene, training, and drills, and

WHEREAS, all line officers are subject to approval by the Village Board we hereby direct the following be added to the Fire Company's handbook:

An individual that by any reason, other than illness or injury, that does not reside in the Town of Lake George year-round, or may be contemplating being absent from residency for any extended period of time (e.g. 3-4 weeks) shall not be eligible to run for the office of Chief, 1st or 2nd Assistant Chief,

Should such absences occur following election, such individual should expect removal from that office, by proper notice, by the Village Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 218, 2018 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais reported that funds have been coming in from businesses towards Student Connection expenses. These funds need to be transferred into the expenditure account. Mayor Blais noted that the Committee is planning some employer and student meetings in May.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 219, 2018

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has received various donations from businesses for the Student Connection expenses which were not budgeted,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY authorizes the following changes to the General Fund budget to pay for the expenditures.

Increase of Revenue and Expenditures:

1-18-18 special

DR A6292.4 Job Train & Services, Contr. Expenses \$2,250.00

CR A2705 Gifts and Donations \$2,250.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 219, 2018 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais reported that one bid for a new aerial fire truck was opened yesterday. He will be working up some tentative figures to see what kind of annual payment would be necessary to purchase a new truck. He has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Superintendent Harrington noted that he has been working to get the preliminary budgets done, and has several meetings set up with department heads and trustees. Mayor Blais would like to plan to work on the budget next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday if any Trustees would like to participate. Also, he reminded everyone that the next Regular Board Meeting is set for Monday, February 12, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Earl announced that the Fire Department is having their fund raiser at the High School on January 25th and that tickets are available. Skeeter Creek is playing and there will be food and a basket raffle.

Trustee Perry noted that he has been working with Attorney Fuller in regards to an agreement with Mobility. He asked Superintendent Harrington about an easement behind the Visitor Center for placement of the small cell. Mayor Blais replied that he can send a letter to Mr. Benham about it.

There was a motion by Trustee Root to adjourn at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer