

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 8:30 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: Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Danna Bock (Treasurer), Superintendent David Harrington, Michael Goot (Post Star), Thom Randall (Journalist), Christian Dutcher and Nora Twyman from Americade.

At 8:30 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and reported that he has met with Americade staff in regards to this year's event. The organizers has some new ideas that they would like to discuss. He introduced Christian Dutcher from Americade.

Mr. Dutcher remarked that they have spent countless hours trying to come up with new ideas to excite the attendees. They would like to propose closing Canada Street and having a block party similar to the Oktoberfest that has been held other years. They would like to use the Village's portable stage, along with the Shepard Park stage and have multiple types of entertainment including music, a beer garden, and motorcycle related shows and demonstrations. They are hoping to attract more fans, more riders, and possibly a younger demographic. Mr. Dutcher remarked that they are considering a world record holder trials rider and also some wheelies and stoppees performers. They have met with NYS DOT about the road closure; and they seem to be in agreement. Permits will have to be filed. A block party such as this could be of significant economic impact, and they are hoping for support of the Village Board. Mayor Blais noted that the road closure could possibly start on Friday morning through Sunday night with fees involved. Trustee Root made note that he is not a big fan of closing Canada Street and wondered if the plan would work on any of the side streets instead. Mr. Dutcher commented that he doesn't think it would work elsewhere. Mayor Blais remarked that the ideal place to shut down Canada would be in front of Shepard Park from Amherst to Montcalm. Trustee Earl noted that access for emergency services will have to remain open, and with not having food vendors, the restaurant owners will be happy. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the tentative plan for shut down Canada Street from Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 10th.

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

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018 and a Special Meeting held on January 18, 2018. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes.

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

Mayor Blais presented a list of occupancy tax awards approved by the Joint committee. The Board reviewed them.

<b>Applications for 2018 Award, Joint Occ Tax</b>				
<b>Event</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Date(s) of event</b>	<b>Requested 2018</b>	<b>Awarded 2018</b>
1st Annual Lake George Balloon-a-Palooza	Rainers Gourmet, Inc	7/21-7/22/18	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
2018 Golden Goal Tournament Series	Golden Goal Sports Park	3/10/2018	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00
27th Annual Million Dollar Beach Volleyball Tournament	Prospect Center	8/4-8/5/18	\$7,500.00	\$3,500.00
2nd Annual Lake George Law Enforcement Officers Weekend	Law Enforcement Officers Weekend	6/15-6/17/18	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
45th Annual Lake George Rendezvous	Antique & Classic Boat Society - Adirondack Chapter	8/24-8/25/18	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
4th Annual King George Fishing Derby	King George Fishing Derby, LLC	9/14-9/16/18	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
62nd Annual New England Meet	Adirondack AIS Model a Club	2018	\$4,620.00	\$2,000.00
Adirondack Beverage Trail Initiative	Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB	2018	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Adirondack Wine & Food Festival	Adirondack Festivals, LLC	6/23-6/24/18	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00
ADK 5K at Adirondack Pub & Brewery	Tiburon Endurance Sports, Inc	9/15/2018	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
ADK Country Day	Improv Records, Inc	9/22 or 9/23/18	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
ADK Independence Music Festival	Improv Records, Inc	9/1-9/2/18	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Aim for Summer Bash	Improv Records, Inc	5/18-5/19/18	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
ATTA ELEVATE 2019 Conference	Lake George Regional CVB/ Adventure Travel Trade Assoc.	6/9-6/13/19	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
Barrel Fest, Oktoberfest, Pumpkin Chunkin, Funky Ice Fest	Adirondack Pub & Brewery, Inc.	various	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
British Music Invasion	Hudson River Music Hall Productions, Inc	7/7-7/8/18	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Contest & Convention Barbershop Harmony Society	North Eastern District Barbershop Harmony Society	05/04-05/05/18	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
ESTRA Tow Show	Empire State Towing & Recovery Assoc.	6/1-6/3/18	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Hemmings Motor News 12th Annual Concours d'Elegance	Hemmings Motor News	9/14-9/16/18	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00
Lake George Christkindmarkt 2018	Lake George Regional CVB/Adirondack Folk School	12/7-12/9/18	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00

Lake George Community Band Festival	Lake George Community Band, Inc	7/20-7/21/18	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Lake George Film Festival	Lake George Film Festival	08/04-08/05/18	\$21,128.00	\$4,000.00
Lake George Jazz Weekend	Lake George Arts Project	9/15-9/16/18	\$15,500.00	\$15,000.00
Lake George Music Festival 2018	Lake George Music Festival, Inc	8/12-8/24/18	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Lake George Triathlon Festival	Adirondack Race Management	9/1-9/2/18	\$21,000.00	\$10,000.00
Lake George Winter Carnival	Lake George Winter Carnival Inc	2/3-2/25/18	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Lung Cancer Research Foundation's Lake George Free to Breathe 5k Run/Walk	Lung Cancer Research Foundation	10/13/2018	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Save the lake festival	The Fund for Lake George SAVE Committee	8/3-8/5/18	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00
The 2018 American Music Festival for the Lake	The 398 Group - Festival Management Services	6/30-7/1/18	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
The Americade Concert Series	The 398 Group - Festival Management Services	6/8-6/9/18	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
The Lake George Bluegrass Festival	The 398 Group - Festival Management Services	7/14/2018	\$8,500.00	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$404,848.00</b>	<b>\$183,300.00</b>

The following requests for Village of Lake George occupancy tax were considered. Each application was discussed and reviewed to see what other funds had been awarded to them.

- Antique & Classic Boat Society – 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake George Rendezvous. August 24 & 25, 2018 Requested: \$1,000. Awarded: \$0
- Rainers Gourmet Inc - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake George Balloon–A-Palooza, July 21 & 22, 2018 Requested: \$2,000. Awarded: \$0
- Center for Disability Services (Prospect Center) – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 4 on 4 Million Dollar Beach Volleyball Tournament, August 5 & 6, 2018 Requested: \$2,500. Awarded: \$1,000.
- Improv Records AIM For Summer Bash, May 18 & 19, 2018 Requested: \$5,000. Awarded: \$5,000.
- Improv Records Adirondack Country Day, September 22 or September 23, 2018 Requested: \$15,000. Awarded: \$10,000.
- Improv Records Adirondack Independence Music Festival September 1 & 2, 2018 Requested: \$15,000. Awarded: \$0
- Adirondack Race Management Lake George Triathlon Festival September 1 & 2, 2018 Requested: \$4,000. Awarded: \$2,000.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 220, 2018**

**WHEREAS the Village Board hereby authorizes the following occupancy tax awards:**

- **Center for Disability Services (Prospect Center) – in the amount of \$1,000. for their Volleyball Tournament scheduled on August 5 & 6, 2018**
- **Improv Records – in the amount of \$5,000. for AIM For Summer Bash**





**Nays: 0**  
**Absent: 1    Mastrodomenico**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 223, 2018 ADOPTED.**

**January 30, 2018**

- Use of Fund Balance funds for Shepard Park Restroom Improvements

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2018**

**WHEREAS, the cost of the Shepard Park Improvement Project is estimated to cost \$150,000. and this project was not budgeted, but the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George would like this work to be completed by the end of May, 2018, and**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board has voted to use \$56,000. from the Buildings Reserve and \$14,000. from the Parks & REC Reserves for a total of \$70,000. which leaves a balance needed of \$80,000.,**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the financing plan to pay for the balance of the Shepard Park Improvements by using \$80,000. 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**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2018 ADOPTED**

**January 30, 2018**

• Use of Highway Reserve funds to purchase a new sweeper  
Superintendent Harrington noted that they are looking to replace the 14 year old Pelican sweeper that we have. We keep it running, but it is always in need of repairs. He has been looking at a truck mounted sweeper; it is made with a vac excavator and can be used as a multi-use piece of equipment. He was hoping to get it replaced before the summer season, so he would like to use funding out of the Highway Reserve for the purchase. The old sweeper could then be sold, but he doesn't know the value of the old sweeper or how much we might be able to sell it for.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 225, 2018**

**WHEREAS, the Village Board created a Highway Reserve which currently has a balance of \$203,568.04,**



**WHEREAS, the Village Board previously approved the extension of the fireworks contract with Santore Fireworks for two additional one year terms at the same cost as the current contract;**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign the 2018 fireworks agreement.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 227, 2018 ADOPTED.**

**January 30, 2018**

- **Mandatory Boat Wash Station Program**  
Mayor Blais reported that there has been discussion about moving the boat wash station located at the REC Center on Transfer Road down to the new Exit 18 rest area. New York State has agreed to give them space there. He recommended continuation of support for the stations as we have in the past. The Towns of Queensbury, Lake George, Bolton, Hague and Ticonderoga also support this project.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 228, 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby agrees to continue supporting the Mandatory Boat Wash Station Program with an annual contribution of \$30,000. for the next three years.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 228, 2018 ADOPTED.**

**January 30, 2018**

- **Budget amendment for the annual order for new bricks and pavers for the Centennial Fountain area**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 229, 2018**

**WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George continues to sell Centennial Bricks and Pavers for the Shepard Park fountain area, the budget needs to be increased for the total of the latest order,**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the following changes to the General Fund Budget:**

<b>DR A7110.044 Parks – Bricks and Pavers</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	
<b>CR A2710 Gifts and Donations</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 229, 2018 ADOPTED.**

**January 30, 2018**

Mayor Blais asked Deb McKinney to explain about the Medicare Part B employee reimbursement. She pointed out that according to the Village's handbook any employee/retiree hired prior to January 20, 1988, that meet certain requirements is eligible for vested rights which include eligibility for Social Security Medicare Part B reimbursement on a quarterly basis. It was found that the deduction varies from one retiree to another, but ranges from \$127 to \$134 per month for 2018. To simplify the process, Ms. McKinney suggested making the reimbursement a flat \$125. per month effective June 1, 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2018**

**WHEREAS, the Village's handbook states that any employee/retiree hired prior to January 20, 1988, that meets certain requirements is eligible for vested rights which include eligibility for Social Security Medicare Part B reimbursement on a quarterly basis**

**AND WHEREAS, the deduction varies for each individual, in order to simplify the process**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the following changes to the handbook (New text is underlined):**

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(c)Vested rights pertaining to health and dental insurance premiums will be deemed according to the eligibility chart for the individual and his or her dependents, if claimed on employee's Federal Income Tax forms, for those hired prior to January 20, 1988. The retired employee or elected official only is eligible for Social Security Medicare Part B reimbursement on a quarterly basis at the actual monthly amount paid. Effective June 1, 2018, the reimbursement rate shall be a fixed \$125. per month per eligible employee. (1/30/18)

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 230, 2018 ADOPTED.**

**January 30, 2018**

Mayor Blais announced that a Public Info Meeting in regards to a possible fire truck purchase has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This will not be a joint meeting with Town Council but will be a meeting of the Village Board to hear public comment. He pointed out that Chief Berry is leaning towards

recommendation to purchase the demo that was proposed. The Board will need to decide whether to purchase or not, and which vehicle along with whether to trade in the old truck. There will not be a vote at this meeting.

Mayor Blais reminded the board that the next Regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Blais reported that the Fire Department will be holding their elections at their monthly meeting in March. It has come to our attention that according to the bylaws some of the candidates running for Chief positions do not meet the qualifications. The handbook specifies a certain number of years of experience as well as completion of certain training. The current Chief and 1st Assistant both meet the qualifications. At this time, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief position is not filled. Trustee Earl sought advice from NYCOM Attorney John Mancini as far as how we should handle approval or denial of any non-qualifying winning candidates for the position. Trustee Earl noted that any Chief should be trained to a higher level than a non officer fire fighter. Mayor Blais suggested that the department should be notified of the Village's plans and that they make sure and follow the bylaws. Trustee Earl agreed to do some more research for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Blais noted that it has come to his attention via a phone call complaint that the LED sign at the firehouse has been posting "politically" oriented messages. Mayor Blais notified the President that the Village owns a share of the sign, and political posts are not acceptable.

Mayor Blais reported that he is working on drafting a local law in regards to mass gatherings and protests. NYCOM is recommending that communities across New York State have a local law on the books.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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