

WHEREAS, the title of Village Clerk and Treasurer are Unclassified under Warren County Civil Service Rules, and the separate titles of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer must be classified outside of the Competitive class (Unclassified or Exempt), and an amendment to the State Civil Service Commission is necessary for each individual title,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby conditionally approves the appointment of Debra J. McKinney as Village Clerk contingent upon approval from the New York State Civil Service Commission at a salary of \$61,000. beginning January 30, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199, 2018 ADOPTED.

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Also, these appointments to complete the term were announced:

Deputy Clerk	Dannae Bock
Deputy Treasurer	Debra McKinney
Greater Glens Falls Transit Advisory Committee	Mayor Blais
Grievance Sexual Harassment Officer	Julie Malan
Records Management Officer	Debra McKinney
Investment Control Officer	Dannae Bock

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried by a majority to approve the appointments.

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

Mayor Blais reported that neither Ernie LaVine nor Jason Diamond will be coming back to Supervise the Peace Officer program this summer. He recommended hiring Gerald Casertino part time at \$22. per hour to fill the position. He has worked for the Village for three years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 200, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves hiring Gerald Casertino as the new supervisor for the Peace Officers at \$22.00 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 200, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

The following resolutions were considered:

- Approve new bank signatories effective January 30, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 201, 2018

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village Treasurer Danae Bock and Deputy-Treasurer Debra J. McKinney are authorized, on behalf of the Village of Lake George, and in its name, to sign checks, receipts, wire transfers for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited in said accounts or deposited to the credit of the Municipality and the Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any said checks, receipts, wire transfers or orders for the payment or withdrawal of funds deposited to the credit of the Municipality when so signed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 201, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 202, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Lake George shall purchase a Commercial Crime Insurance Policy for the position of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer in the amount of \$90,000. and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George shall purchase additional insurance for all other Village employees in the amount of \$20,000. each person.

This insurance shall be renewed with the other Village insurance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 202, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

- Snowmobile amendment for month of February, during Winter Carnival to allow snow mobiles on some of our Village streets.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 203, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, due to the large influx of snowmobiles during the month of February, and to assist our open businesses into taking advantage of their presence, we hereby amend Article XXIII Snowmobiles of Chapter 200 Vehicle and Traffic of the Village Code to permit snowmobiles and ATVs on the following streets from February 1 to February 28, 2018.

- 1) Dieskau Street and Ottawa Street from the intersection of Amherst Street north to a point 300 feet north of the intersection of Mohican Street.
- 2) Crossing Canada Street.
- 3) Lower Amherst Street from the shoreline to Canada Street

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

RESOLUTION NO. 203, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

- Need to approve contract with RSP Associates LLP for Shepard Park Restroom renovations. Superintendent Harrington explained that this architectural work was originally included in Saratoga Associates' agreement, but has been removed. The Village will work directly with RSP Associates on this.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 204, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a contract with RSP Associates LLP in the amount of \$5,500. to assist Saratoga Associates in the plans for Shepard Park restrooms.

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga Associates contract will be reduced by this amount.

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

RESOLUTION NO.204, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

- Need to consider a change order for Chazen's engineering services for WWTP. Superintendent Harrington pointed out that the original survey work was done by AES, but it is not matching up with the current plans, so it needs to be revised by Chazen at a cost of \$20,000. A change order needs to be on record for EFC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 205, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves Change Order No. 1 from Chazen Companies for additional engineering work on the new Waste Water Treatment Plant plans in the amount of \$20,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 205, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 210, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

The following applications for use of Charles R. Wood Park were considered:

- Americade set up on May 29 – June 4; event June 5 – June 9, 2018
- Improv Records Inc. for ADK Country Day on September 22 or September 23, 2018

Mayor Blais commented that this would be their third year having this event. Trustee Earl noted that something has to be done about the noise level for the event, as it was very loud. Also about the extensive graffiti damage that was done last year. Mayor Blais replied that they provided their own security, but there will have to be a discussion about these problems.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 211, 2018

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applications hereafter referenced indicate the sale of beer on the premises during the event is hereby approved contingent upon proof of licensing from the New York State Liquor Authority, and

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.

1. Americade set up on May 29 – June 4; event June 5 – June 9, 2018
2. Improv Records Inc. for ADK Country Day on September 22 or September 23, 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 211, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Mayor Blais noted that the Board previously approved the Wood Park Stage award; he has met with Bob LaDue in regards to the possible management of the stage rentals and engagements for the Village. Mr. LaDue has two of these stages that are booked for next season. He would be interested in renting our stage as well. He would like to put in a proposal, probably on a per event basis, to be the head technician for the stage that the Village is purchasing. He would be in charge of set up and take down of the stage. Mayor Blais commented that the Village will probably

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be able to rent the stage at \$1,500/day.

Superintendent Harrington and Trustee Root met in regards to the Shepard Park restroom improvements and to evaluate what will be necessary. He reported that by January 25th, Saratoga Associates will have 50% of the plan complete. They will come and help chose the options on colors, styles, tile, doors, heating, etc. Dave commented that we should be ready to go out to bid in February with an award in March. In the future, the restrooms could be open in the winter. He's got a rough estimate of \$125,000. for the work, but will have a better idea once plans are reviewed.

Mayor Blais asked for any comments on the two local laws. There were no further comments and at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Blais closed the Public Hearings for Proposed Local Law No. 1, 2018 amending Chapter 195, "TAXATION" and for Proposed Local Law No. 2, 2018 amending Chapter 91, "DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM".

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried, to make a Negative Declaration on SEQR, stating that there was no significant adverse impact on the Village of Lake George in adoption of Proposed Local Law No. 1, 2018 amending Chapter 195, "TAXATION" of the Code of the Village of Lake George.

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

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl, to adopt proposed Local Law No 1, 2018.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2018
AMENDING CHAPTER 195
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
(TAXATION)**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George that the following Local Law shall be adopted.

**CHAPTER 195
TAXATION**

ARTICLE I
Utility Tax

§ 195-1. Imposition of tax.

ARTICLE V
EXEMPTION TO COLD WAR VETERANS

§ 195-24. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this law is to provide for the maximum exemption allowable pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

§ 195-25. Exemption.

Pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions 2(a) and 2(b) of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the maximum exemption allowable from real property taxes for Cold War veterans is established as follows:

- (a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall exceed twelve thousand dollars or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit.
- (b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent (50%) of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed forty thousand dollars, or the product of forty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.

§ 195-27. Miscellaneous.

With regard to the exemptions set forth herein, the provisions of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law relating to definitions, limitations, time frames and applications existing as of the effective date of this local law shall apply.

§ 195-28. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

Explanation: New material is underlined. Deleted material is in [brackets].

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried, to make a Negative Declaration on SEQR, stating that there was no significant adverse impact on the Village of Lake George in adoption of Proposed Local Law No. 2, 2018 amending Chapter 91, "DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM" of the Code of the Village of Lake George.

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

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, to adopt proposed Local Law No 2, 2018.

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2018
AMENDING CHAPTER 91
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM**

§91-1. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose and intent of this article is to adopt a moratorium on certain sanitary sewer connections in the Village of Lake George. The Village of Lake George is currently evaluating improvements to its wastewater treatment facilities, and the Board of Trustees finds it is in the best interest of the Village of Lake George to suspend new sanitary sewer connections to the Village's sanitary sewer system for a period of two years [~~one year~~] except as provided for herein.

§91-2. Moratorium.

From the effective date here, and for a period of two [~~one~~] calendar years, there shall be no new connections to the Village of Lake George sanitary sewer system, including but not limited to the Village's sanitary sewer collection system, except as follows:

- A. Replacement of existing sewer connection laterals shall be permitted upon approval by the Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Lake George in accordance with Chapter 166 of the Code of the Village of Lake George;
- B. New sanitary sewer connections for individual single-family residential homes upon approval by the Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Lake George in accordance with Chapter 166 of the Code of the Village of Lake George;
- C. New sanitary sewer connections as part of any project approved prior to the effective date of this article. For purposes of this article, "approved" shall mean any project for which a building permit has been issued prior to the effective date of this article, or any project which has received site plan approval by the Village of Lake George Planning Board prior to the effective date of this article; and
- D. New sanitary sewer connections that may be approved by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation from the Superintendent of Public Works of the Village of Lake George in accordance with Chapter 166 of the Code of the Village of Lake George.

§91-3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this article or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order of judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this article, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

§91-4. When effective.

This article shall take effect upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State of New York State.

Explanation: New Material is underlined. Deleted Material is in [brackets.]

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Mayor Blais reported that he is meeting with Lake George Chamber staff tomorrow. He intends to discuss possible sponsorship of the Village's fireworks shows. He is looking to save some funds out of the Village's occupancy tax funds. He noted that in many communities the Chamber covers the cost of fireworks through their members' fees. Mayor Blais commented that he would like to get the business people to step up and help pay. He would like to cut the fireworks budget somewhat this year. He will report back.

Mayor Blais remarked that he spoke with Attorney Matt Fuller in regards to the possible copyright of the canoe sculpture. Mr. Fuller recommended another attorney who sent in a proposal for the work. The estimated cost for the copyright would be \$3,000 to \$4,000. Mayor Blais noted that he is not interested in getting into the business of selling likenesses of the canoe. He checked with the Cornelius' as well as the artist and neither of them are interested in pursuing a copyright. Trustee Root commented that he is not happy with the location of the sculpture or with the fact that it is covered up or with the building that has been placed over it. He feels it is a distraction and blocking the lake view. Mayor Blais pointed out that the Board still needs to make a decision about signing the agreement to accept the gift.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 212, 2018

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GIFT OF WOOD CARVED HISTORIC CANOE REPLICA
FROM LAKE GEORGE HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Lake George Historical Arts Council, Inc. has commissioned an artist to carve a wood replica canoe showcasing historic native American presence in the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, the Lake George Historical Arts Council, Inc. has also commissioned the construction of a structure to house said canoe artwork which has been located along Beach Road in the Village and Town of Lake George; and

WHEREAS, the Lake George Historical Arts Council, Inc. has proposed to give said canoe artwork and housing to the Village of Lake George (the "Village"), and the Board of Trustees of the Village does wish to accept said dedication as provided for in this resolution and the Dedication Agreement attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the canoe artwork showcases the Native American roots in the Adirondack region and offers an impressive and valuable addition to the Village of Lake George; and

JANUARY 2018 WATER CHANGES

JANUARY PENALTIES

\$1,071.33

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLE	\$1,071.33
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$1,071.33

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

RESOLUTION NO. 213, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Root offered the following resolution for transfers and audits:

RESOLUTION NO. 214, 2018

AUDITS:			Voucher #	Check #
12/21/2017	General	\$67,365.24		
	Water	<u>\$22,948.65</u>	181318- 181344	30897- 30902
		\$90,313.89		
1/4/2018	General	\$43,991.50	181350- 181358	
	Water	<u>\$13,164.23</u>	181364	30903- 30910
		\$57,155.73	181381- 181383	
1/8/2018	General	\$97,934.49		
	Water	\$21,608.44	181345- 181349	
	Sewer Plant Improv(HK)	\$1,596.00	181359- 181363	30911- 30960
	Lower Amherst (HN)	\$5,696.07	181365- 181380	
	Water Improv (HO)	<u>\$823.00</u>	181384- 181421	
		\$127,658.00		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 214, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Mayor Blais pointed out that last month when the Board approved the hiring of Dan

Barusch as the Director of Planning and Zoning, we neglected to state what Doug Frost's salary would be. He noted that since Doug's duties have been decreased, it was discussed to reduce Doug's salary by the amount that will be paid to Dan. The change in duties took effect on January 1, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 215, 2018

WHEREAS, the Village Board has agreed to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lake George to provide a Director for Village Planning and Zoning, and the workload for the Village's Code Enforcement Officer will be reduced,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for our Code Enforcement Officer Doug Frost will be reduced by \$10,000. per year effective immediately resulting in an annual salary of \$11,225. Additional annual fees in the amount of \$1,815. to cover the cost of retirement and social security for Director Dan Barusch will also be transmitted to the Town in July, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 215, 2018 ADOPTED.

January 8, 2018

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

Trustee Perry reported that he has been working with Mobility, which works solely with Sprint, in regards to placing a pole to boost cell service. They have been discussing locating the pole behind the Visitor Center; the pole needs a line of site to the Holiday Inn. He remarked that generally the average market value for these is \$300 to \$500 per month, and with our seasonal community, it may be on the lower side. Mayor Blais pointed out that it may be possible to get easements from the two business owners adjacent to the Visitor Center for access to the alleyway. Trustee Perry also commented that the vendor originally proposed a franchise, but he would recommend a stand-alone agreement instead. The Board agreed to pursue this further. Trustee Perry will report back.

Trustee Root commented that he would like to have the Village's restrooms listed on a cell phone app so that visitors can find them easier. It was noted that signage will also be important.

Mayor Blais informed the Board that he has received several responses in opposition to the purchase of a new firetruck. He has listened to the arguments against purchasing a new truck and is considering having a public information session after the bid opening, which is scheduled for next week.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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