

Minutes of the Joint Village/Town Board Meeting and Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert M. Blais, Mayor
(Mayor Blais left at 6:40 p.m. and returned at 7:24 p.m.)
John Earl, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Jr., Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)
John Root, Trustee

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dennis Dickinson, Supervisor
Vinnie Crocoite, Councilperson
Dan Hurley, Councilperson
Marisa Muratori, Councilperson
Nancy Standard, Councilperson

Also Present: Darlene V. Gunther (Clerk-Treasurer), Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Superintendent Dave Harrington, Fire Chief Jason Berry, Thom Randall (Journalist), Mike Goot (Journalist), Cathy Maccagnano, Joanne Mamrosch, Greg Teresi, Matt Oswald, Don Fangboner, Q. Andrews, John Cocozza-Hill, Robert Evans, Jim Barber, Hugh Sullivan, Jeremy Crispell, Lydia Hayes, Gregory Teresi, Courtney Hall, Paul Livingston, Mac Macdonald, and other members of the Lake George Fire Department and Auxiliary.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais requested that Fire Chief Jason Berry begin his presentation in regards to the department's request to purchase a new fire truck. Chief Berry noted that he had forwarded info to each Board member, and is proposing the purchase of a new ladder truck similar to what we have now. The price that he has obtained is just below \$930,000., but he doesn't have exact financing figures yet. He asked if there were any questions.

Scott Walton spoke on behalf of the Fire Department and in favor of supporting the volunteers for the purchase of a new truck.

Councilperson Nancy Stannard asked Jason to explain why we need a ladder truck. Chief Berry commented that the height and capability for reaches and angles is important for strategy and tactics in fighting fire and fire fighters' safety.

Councilperson Hurley asked if the proposed new truck is identical to the one we have. Jason replied that it is the same style from Sutphen with new features and new technology. The old truck has about 13,000 miles, and he was considering selling it outright versus trading it in because it usually doesn't bring in enough value as a trade in. Chief Berry has some interested parties in purchasing the old truck. Mayor Blais noted that a trade-in could be added to the bid as an option. Jason commented that the ladder certification on our truck expires in January 2018. Mayor Blais noted that he plans to let the Town pursue further discussion for a decision. The Town's cost share of Fire Department services is 75%. The Village Board

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They wrote that, "E Coli results at Shepard Memorial Beach were consistently below the regulatory standard during the 2017 operating season."

- Joanne Mammosch wrote asking for clarification regarding the Village's parking ordinance. She addressed the Board and asked if they would consider limiting certain vehicles, such as RV's, fifth wheels, and trailers with boats parking in the residential area. She doesn't like them parked on the streets for any length of time or overnight. She complained that she saw one parked for three days. Mayor Blais replied that the current law prohibits them from parking for extended periods of time. He noted that he gave a copy of her request to Attorney Matt Fuller for review.

Mayor Blais introduced Devin Belonga who made a Parkour Park presentation. Devin is a sophomore student at Lake George High School. He explained that Parkour is a sport created in the 1980's and is most dominate in Europe. It's a sport of creating and attempting movement challenges with jumping, climbing and acrobatic techniques. It is gaining popularity. He proposes to build a public Parkour Park and feels it would attract locals and visitors alike. It would be the first public Parkour Park in New York State. Mayor Blais suggested that if the Board likes the idea, it could be handled in the same manner as the Skate Park. He asked Devin if the young people would take the initiative to be involved in fund raising efforts. He noted that there would be room at the REC Center for something like this.

Trustee Perry arrived at 6:30 p.m. He inquired as to what the surface under the equipment would be. Mayor Blais replied that it would be a recycled rubber product. Superintendent Harrington commented that Wood Park might be a good location as well. It might coincide well with the Skate Park and be utilized more down there. The Board agreed to move ahead with the concept, and Mayor Blais suggested to Devon that he get some quotes and find out how much space is needed and get back to the Board.

Clerk-Treasurer Gunther presented the list of unpaid Village Taxes to be relayed onto January 2018 Town & County Taxes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to relay to Warren County the list of unpaid Village taxpayers for the June 2017 Village taxes in the amount of \$68,059.07 plus interest in the amount of \$5,496.73 which includes a postage fee for each parcel, for a grand total of \$73,555.80.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Clerk-Treasurer Gunther presented the list of unpaid Town Water customers to be relayed onto January 2018 Town & County Taxes.

Trustee Earl, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution:
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RESOLUTION NO. 129, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to relay to Warren County the list of unpaid Town Water Customers in the amount of \$24,756.99 plus interest and penalties of \$4,205.32 for a total of \$28,962.31 to appear on their January 2018 Town and County tax bill as per an agreement with the Town of Lake George.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129, 2017 ADOPTED.

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The following training was considered:

- Doug Frost to attend a seminar at Adirondack Community College at no cost on October 19, 2017 from 3:30-5 p.m.
- 2018 Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference – April 18-19, 2018. Registration fee is \$62.27 per person. This is open to any Village official.
- NYRWA Lab training for Tim Shudt, Dave Harrington and Chris Buckley on November 30 in Lake Luzerne at a cost of \$100. Each.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried to approve the training.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Clerk-Treasurer Gunther announced that the Annual Financial Report is complete, and we need to put a legal notice in the paper stating that it is available for inspection. Mayor Blais reported that the Village is in excellent financial condition, and he commended Mrs. Gunther for that.

Jennifer Frame of the Special Olympics submitted an application for the Polar Plunge scheduled for Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to be held in Shepard Park. Mayor Blais commented that this has been a successful fundraiser for them.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a Special Event permit to the Lake George Beach Club for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on November 18, 2017 in Shepard Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais recommended the appointment of Carol Sullivan of Phillips Street to the Village Planning Board to fill Robert Mastrantoni's unexpired term until April 2021. Carol is a retired employee of the Village Planning Department. Walt Adams will remain the alternate.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Carol Sullivan to fill the unexpired term of Robert Mastrantoni on the Village Planning Board until April 2021.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Blais announced that the Lake George Women in Need is holding their fund raising Gala at the Marriott. They will fill the hotel with guests. To support and sponsor them, he requested permission to take an ad in their program book.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to purchase a full page ad in the program for the Lake George Region Women in Need gala to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott for a cost of \$300.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131, 2017 ADOPTED.

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The following resolutions were considered:

- The fireworks bid/contract with Santore Fireworks expires at the end of this year. There is an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms. Santore quoted the same prices that we've paid for the past 3 years. Mayor Blais suggested that the Village extend the contract for an additional two years.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 132, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to extend the fireworks contract with Santore Fireworks for two additional one year terms at the same cost as the current contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 132, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Bid Opening Place: Village Hall, 26 Old Post Rd

Bid Opened By: Debra J. McKinney, CPPB Purchasing Agent

VENDOR NAME & ADDRESS	BID AMOUNT TOTAL LUMP SUM	NC
William Pidgeon, Jr, 95 Hollow Road, Hadley, NY 12835 518-696-2190	\$58,664.50	no
The A. Johnson Co, LLC Mark McLellan, 995 South 116 Road, Bristol, VT 05443	\$55,001.00	X
Prentiss & Carlisle Mgt. Co, Damon Hartman, 191 Glenwood Drive, Saranac Lake, NY 12983 518-669-4524	\$56,114.00	X
W. Mann/Allard Lumber, 354 Old Ferry Rd, Brattleboro, VT 05301 802-384-0036	\$51,500.00	X
05301 802-384-0036		
Present at Opening:		
Debra McKinney		
David Harrington		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby awards the Timber Sale bid to William Pidgeon of Hadley, New York at a price of \$58,664.50, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if for someone reason Mr. Pidgeon does not fulfill his obligations that it be awarded to the seconded highest bidder which was Prentiss & Carlisle Management of Saranac Lake, NY at a price of \$56,114.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais left the meeting. Deputy Mayor John Earl took over.

Deputy Mayor Earl noted that the Lake George Chamber sent notification that their management of the Information Center at the Visitor Center netted them a deficit of \$4,118.94. The Board agree that a meeting should be set up with the Chamber to discuss this.

Chamber employee, Cathy Maccagnano who works at the Visitor Center Info Booth wanted to report some of the problems that she is having down there. She noted that there is a problem with pigeons roosting in the area near the restrooms. They make a big mess that she tries to clean up. The second problem she has is lack of Village staff for the restrooms at this time of year. It is still busy down there, and visitors are coming to tell her, that there are no supplies; she is having to take care of that. She also commented that the floor in the building is beginning to wear, and it's hard to keep clean. And in the back of the building there is an area where AC filters out and there is a big rusted area there. Superintendent Harrington noted that we 10-16-17 Joint w/Town & Regular

have limited restroom staff this time of year. He also noted that there are devices to keep the pigeons away, but the birds will land in any little space they can find. Deputy Mayor Earl agreed that we could try to address some of these issues. Counsel to the Village Attorney Fuller advised about the splitting of the Clerk-Treasurer title and duties. It will be necessary to file a duty statement with NYS Civil Service for both positions requesting exemption. In the meantime both positions can be filled on a provisional basis pending the designation from civil service. Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried to approve the filing.

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

Deputy Mayor Earl introduced two proposed local laws. One amending Chapter 137, Littering: Garbage and Refuse. The amendment states that, "It shall be unlawful to any person to place any container holding any refuse, waste or garage on the public right of way beyond the curblin of any street within the limits of the Village of Lake George except as specified in 137-8. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried to approve setting a public hearing for November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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

The second one was for an amendment to Chapter 186, Streets and Sidewalks in regards to outside display of merchandise. The Board of Trustees wishes to permit the display of merchandise under a permanent roof or alcove of an adjoining store. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried to approve setting a public hearing for November 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Blais suggested that Stephanie Fregoe attend the Annual Community Support Group Summit on behalf of the Student Connection Committee. The conference is being held for three days in Wisconsin. The estimated cost is about \$1,000. with funds to come from the Student Connection appropriation. Trustee Perry recommended approving a Village representative to attend the conference.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Stephanie Fregoe to attend the Annual Community Support Group Summit conference in 10-16-17 Joint w/Town & Regular

Wisconsin for three days at an estimated cost of \$1,000. on behalf of the Student Connection Committee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mrs. Gunther requested that Citizen of the Year nominations be forwarded to her attention.

Deputy Mayor Earl introduced Greg Teresi who came to make a Bicycle Tour business presentation. Mr. Teresi currently owns and operates the Tiki Tour boats on the Lake. He explained that he has met with Mayor Blais and with Sheriff York. The Company currently offers the tours in Troy, Schenectady and Hudson successfully. They would like to offer a two-hour tour with three stops around Lake George. He commented that it's all about the experience. The vehicle has all standard safety features. The biggest concern he has for operating in Lake George is the traffic on Route 9. They would like to stay off from Canada Street and travel mostly on the back street. He reported that the average demographic is females aged in the late 20's. They plan to charge \$25-\$35 per seat. As far as DMV goes, there are no prohibitions to this vehicle rolling down the street. It's a unique way to get around. There would be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the bicycle. The bicycle only goes 5 to 15 mph. and requires at least six passengers to go with a maximum of 16 passengers and a driver. Mayor Blais returned to the meeting at 7:24 p.m. There was further discussion about his plans. Mr. Teresi noted that he will sell tickets online and at their Tiki Bar booth located in the lower level of the Beach Club on Lower Montcalm. Mayor Blais commented that he would like more specific details about the plan, including the route and days and times of operation before making a decision. He was concerned about using and crossing on Canada Street, and also about the location for the loading and unloading of passengers. He noted that this proposal will probably need to be put out to bid. Trustee Root made comments reflecting that he has concerns regarding the Brewcycle. Mr. Teresi agreed to fine tune the details and come back to the Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143, 2017

OCTOBER PENALTIES	\$ 702.30
NOV, DEC, JAN PENALTIES	\$ 1,113.54
TOWN RELEVY FEES	\$ 1,400.00
TOWN UNPAID WATER RENT RELEVY	\$28,962.31
FINAL READS:	
M Onofrietto #1163	\$ 47.30
M Corkland #3227	\$ 64.75
C Gearwar # 543, 544	\$ 113.52

The above resulted in the following Journal Entries:

DR	F0440 DUE FROM OTHER GOV'T	\$28,962.31
	CR F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$26,448.77
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 2,513.54
DR	F0350 WATER RECEIVABLES	\$ 927.87
	CR F2140 WATER METERED	\$ 225.57
	CR F2148 WATER PENALTIES	\$ 702.30

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143, 2017 ADOPTED. October 16, 2017

Trustee Earl, seconded by Trustee Root, offered the following resolution for Transfers, Audits, and Electronic Fund Transfers for firehouse interest and WWTP BAN:

RESOLUTION NO. 144, 2017

TRANSFERS:

From:		To:		Amount:
A1990.4	Contingency	A9010.8	NYS Retirement	\$10,000.00
A7110.22	Parks Inventory	A7110.21	Parks Fixed Assets	\$50,000.00
A8130.1	Sewer Treat. Pers. Serv.	A8110.1	Sanitation Adm.	\$500.00
F1990.4	Contingency	F9010.8	NYS Retirement	\$1,000.00

INTERNAL:

A5110.4	Streets Contractual	A5110.41	Streets Paving	\$160.00
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AUDITS:

			Voucher #	Check #
9/28/2017	General	\$98,724.15		
	Water	\$23,877.21	180733-180763	30537-30546
		<u>\$122,601.36</u>		
10/12/2017	General (A)	\$45,452.40	180775-180784	
	Water (F)	\$11,974.57	180808-180809	30547-30551
		<u>\$57,426.97</u>		
10/16/2017	General	\$156,467.26		
	Water	\$82,487.68	180764-180774	30552-30648
	Gaslight Village (HG)	\$22,060.71	180785-180807	
	Sewer Plant Improv (HK)	\$28,638.72	180810-180912	
	Water Improv (HO)	\$4,514.06		
	Blueway Trail (HU)	<u>\$2.43</u>		

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Nays: 1 Perry
MOTION PASSED.

Trustee Root asked about why the Adirondac is tied up to a Village dock. Superintendent Harrington confirmed that it because the area will be dredged tomorrow.

Trustee Mastrodomenico commented that he was approached in regards to the procedure for writing up the grant for the North end improvement project. Mayor Blais replied that the grant application has been submitted, and usually the awards come out in November or December.

Trustee Mastrodomenico inquired as to the possibility of laying snow down for Winter Carnival to hold their outhouse races if the weather does not cooperate. And he asked if it could be held on Canada Street. Superintendent Harrington explained that it is not an easy thing to do especially on Canada Street. State DOT would probably not issue a permit for this use in the winter. He went on to say moving snow for this event is just not very feasible. Trustee Mastrodomenico noted that he would like to support the Carnival in any way that we can.

Trustee Perry noted that the Clean Up Week seems to be going well.

Mayor Blais announced that Lite Up the Village is scheduled for November 25th. He invited the Board members to attend and commented that the firetruck decorative lighting competition went well, and there will be more trucks involved this year. He will need some judges for it.

Mayor Blais reported that the County declared eight events as “major events” in regards to Occupancy Tax funding, but the Winter Carnival was not one of them. He suggested that a resolution be added to encourage the County to add the Winter Carnival to their list. He plans to ask the Town to do the same. He feels the Winter Carnival deserves the support.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2017

WHEREAS, Special Events in Warren County have proven to draw thousands to the area each year, and

WHEREAS, they contribute greatly to extending our season and the 365 initiative, and

WHEREAS, Warren County has chosen to identify eight events as “major”, and allocated funding to them from occupancy tax, and

WHEREAS, we, the Village of Lake George, believe this list should include the Lake George Winter Carnival that stands alone as a major winter event, and

WHEREAS, this event takes place over four (4) weekends, fills all available lodging on some and is recognizable across the northeast,

We, the Village Board of Trustees do hereby request the Winter Carnival be added to the Warren County funding list and receive an appropriation equal to their value.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146, 2017 ADOPTED.

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The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting to award the Shepard Park Improvements bid on Monday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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