

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Superintendent Dave Harrington, Fire Chief Jason Berry, Matthew Oswald, Thom Randall (Journalist), and Michael Goot (Post Star).

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Blais opened two Public Hearings to run concurrently.

- Proposed Local Law No.15 amending Chapter 208 "VEHICLE & TRAFFIC". This amends the parking regulations near the Lake George High School auditorium from the corner of Ottawa Street along Mountain Drive.
- The Lake George Economic Development Plan which was prepared by a joint committee, and it sets forth development objectives in various sections of the Village and Town. Some of the objectives addressed in the Plan are: facilitating development along the Town's new gateway corridor, establishment of benchmarks for creating jobs, and discusses some vacant areas as well.

Mayor Blais opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on Monday, November 20, 2017. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Monthly reports from the Sanitation Department, Fire Department, Caldwell Sewer District, and Superintendent of Public Works were presented and made available for inspection.

The Fire Department had the following action Items:

- Stationkeeper funds for year round work
Chief Berry requested funds be transferred so that the Stationkeeper can work a few hours a month, year round. He noted that they base his schedule on the chiefs' work schedules so that they can make sure the firehouse is covered during the day. The Stationkeeper performs other duties at the firehouse as well. Trustee Earl requested that the call report reflect when the Stationkeeper drives the truck. Chief Berry agreed to make sure the reports

Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 177, 2017 ADOPTED.

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- Annual Service Agreement for fire apparatus
Chief Berry submitted quotes for the annual services on the fire trucks. He recommended the vendor with the lowest overall costs, Vander Molen to do the work.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 178, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves an annual service agreement for the Fire Department apparatus with Vander Molen for the period January 1 – December 31, 2018 as per their contract

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

RESOLUTION NO. 178, 2017 ADOPTED.

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- Vickers Consulting for Grant Application
Chief Berry would like permission to complete a contract with Vickers so that they can prepare and resubmit two new grant applications – one for a new vehicle and one for new hydraulic tools.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves hiring Vickers Consulting to write two grant applications for the Fire Department at a cost of \$800.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179, 2017 ADOPTED.

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The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Warren County Department of Social Services in regards to participation in the Work Experience Program.
- Todd Earl commending the Village for considering the cost sharing for a new ladder truck. Mayor Blais reported that Mr. Geraghty has agreed to discuss the idea at their next Commissioners meeting.
- Clerk-Treasurer Darlene Gunther's official notification to retire effective January 30, 2018. Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, carried by a majority to accept the resignation with regret and thank her for her years of service.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 181, 2018

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Mayor Blais noted that Deb McKinney will not have time to serve on the Go Green Committee and recommended that Stephanie Fregoe be appointed to the Go Green Committee. The Board agreed.

Four bids for the Beach Road ticket booth for the 2018 season were opened on December 15, 2017. Mayor Blais recommended awarding to the high bidder, James D. Quirk in the amount of \$12,769.

Village of Lake George Bid Opening		
Bid Item: 2018 Beach Road Ticket Booth Lease		
Bid Opening Date & Time: 11:00 PM, Friday, December 15, 2017		
Bid Opening Place: Lake George Village Hall, 26 Old Post Road		
By: Debra J. McKinney, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer		
VENDOR NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE	Dollar Amount	Monthly payment
Tiki Tours 3300 State Route 9L, Lake George NY 12845 800-691-0770 Greg Teresi	\$1,000.00	
National Water Sports, Chic's Marina, 4782 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing, NY 12814 Joseph A. DePace 70 Cooper St, Lake George 727-804-5988	\$5,500.00	
Lake George Boat Rentals Sean Quirk PO Box 191, Lake George NY 518-260-0066	\$7,850.00	6X \$1,308.34
James D. Quirk, Jr, 82 Cortland St, Lake George 518-668-3297 W; 518-796-1544	\$12,769.00	6X \$2,128.16
Witness name and signature		
Debra McKinney		
David Harrington		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the high bid of \$12,769. from James D. Quirk for the 2018 Beach Road Ticket Booth lease for the period of May 1-October 26, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Quirk will have the right of renewal for two additional one-year terms with an escalation of 5% each year above the succeeding year.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 182, 2018

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Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Tim Shudt requested Board consideration to rehire Travis Earl, who worked for the Village for a few years, but left a few months ago. The Village paid for his training to become a 2a Operator; and the Plant needs a second operator. Superintendent Harrington recommended hiring him at \$18.00/hour with an effective start date of February 5. He would not keep his time from before and his benefits would start back as a new employee. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried by a majority to hire Travis Earl at \$18.00/hour starting on February 5 with health insurance to be offered on March 1.

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

The following Special Event permit applications were considered with the fees to be adjusted according to their uses:

- Rock the Dock, July 13, 2018 tabled from last meeting
Mayor Blais has spoken with Luke Dow in regards to the complaints about the noise from last year's event. They have agreed to block off the end of the pier to help control the noise, and Mayor Blais will work with Luke the day of the event to check and adjust noise levels.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 183, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a Special Event permit to Luke Dow for his "Rock the Dock" event to be held on July 13, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO.183, 2017 ADOPTED.

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- New Year's Day Polar Plunge, January 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. from Linda Duffy for Duffy's Tavern with a \$50.00 fee for use of Shepard Park

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a Special Event permit to Linda Duffy for the "New Year's Day Polar Plunge" to be held on January 1, 2018 contingent upon receipt of the necessary insurance coverage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 184, 2017 ADOPTED. **December 18, 2017**

- Sham Rock the Block from Duffy's Tavern for March 18, 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a Special Event permit to Linda Duffy for the "Sham Rock the Block" event to be held on March 18, 2018 contingent upon receipt of the necessary insurance coverage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 185, 2017 ADOPTED. **December 18, 2017**

- Lake George Winter Carnival application submitted by Nancy Nichols and Lou Tokos for weekends in February

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a Special Event permit to the Lake George Winter Carnival for each weekend in February contingent upon receipt of the necessary insurance coverage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 186, 2017 ADOPTED. **December 18, 2017**

The following applications for use of the Festival Space were considered:

- ESTRA Towing & Recovery Association for June 1-3, 2018.
Superintendent Harrington commented that this group was great and took good care of the Festival Space.
- Lake George Film Festival, August 4-5, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 187, 2017

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a contract with Standard Medical Services / Mountain Medical to handle the drug testing of Village employees subject to random drug testing that are CDL drivers for the period January 1-December 31, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189, 2017 ADOPTED. **December 18, 2017**

- Budget Amendment for insurance recovery for Shepard Park damages

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2017

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George has received a check from NYMIR for the deductible for the Cook's Septic accident in Shepard Park,

THEREFORE 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 help pay for the damages.

Increase of Revenue and Expenditures:

DR A8120.4 Sanitary Sewer Contractual	\$402.67	
CR A2680 Insurance Recoveries		\$402.67

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

RESOLUTION NO. 190, 2017 ADOPTED. **December 18, 2017**

- 2018 Standard Mileage rate changes to 54.5 cents per mile driven for business.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2017

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.545 cents per mile.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective on January 1, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 191, 2017 ADOPTED.

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- Consider support of TOBACCO21
Mayor Blais explained that Warren County is again considering changing the legal age for purchase of tobacco products to 21 years of age. Trustee Root questioned the right to serve in the military versus the right to smoke. After some discussion the Board agreed that it wouldn't affect many of the Village merchants and enforcement would be an issue. They decided to let it go as is for now.
- To accept canoe gift and authorize Mayor Blais to sign agreement
Attorney Fuller drew up the contract; the Village will be responsible for maintaining and covering the sculpture during the winter months, and to pay premiums to insure the artwork. Trustee Root commented that at first the carving was not supposed to cost the Village any money; then the Village contributed \$10,000., and now we will be responsible to pay for the insurance and maintenance. He went on to say that he didn't feel that the placement was good either. Superintendent Harrington noted that Chazen donated their services, and the location was chosen because of the high visibility. The building is up, and there will be a fence around it hopefully as a deterrent to vandalism. There will also be lights and cameras installed. Trustee Root suggested the possibility of getting the artwork copyrighted, then any use of the carving for photos, post cards, or t shirts could bring in some revenues. Mayor Blais agreed to follow up with Attorney Fuller on this. The Board agreed to table this item.

Superintendent Harrington obtained two engineering proposals for the Shepard Park Restroom Improvements project. He compared the two and would like to recommend hiring Saratoga Associates. He reported that he spoke with Warren County about the ADA codes and found that the doors will have to be 36", which will affect that stone structure itself; this will add cost to the construction and to the architectural portion as well. Mr. Harrington noted that this project is on a tight time schedule to be completed by summer. He hopes to have the conceptual drawings by February.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes Mayor Blais to sign a contract with Saratoga Associates to prepare the conceptual drawings for the Shepard Park Restroom Improvements Project for an estimated cost of \$18,500.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais submitted the results of a bid opening held on December 12, 2017, for the Wood Park portable stage. He consulted with Dave Ehmann and Jim Anderson in regards to which options would be most appropriate for our uses. He recommended awarding to the lowest bidder, StageLine Mobile Stage, Inc. with eight different options including: windwall, skirting, line array rigging beam(2), covered wings, downstage roof upgrade, banner support, loading ramp, and lateral banner tightening bars. Mayor Blais suggested that it might be in the best interest of the Village to own the stage ourselves. \$200,000 of the cost is covered by grant funding in which the Village is the lead agency, and he commented that the Village could cover the balance of the cost. Discussion ensued as to how it could be rented out, and how it would be transported and set up. Mayor Blais noted that there is a 30-day time period in which this has to be awarded. He pointed out that this should be eligible for occupancy tax use. He commented that the Shepard Park Restroom Project should be eligible for occupancy tax as well, and that using these funds will impact the fireworks budget. It is his intention to contact the merchants and ask for support for the fireworks shows. Trustee Earl suggested that the vendor come and do a demonstration of the stage.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2017

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George and County of Warren has received public bids on a portable stage, and

WHEREAS, we believe such a stage will be a direct benefit to increasing events at Wood Park, be available for use throughout Warren County and elsewhere, and generate increased revenues for the maintenance of said park, and

WHEREAS, StageLine Mobile Stage, Inc. was the low base bidders at \$225,425. And

WHEREAS we are agreeing to either price subject to approval of Warren County,

BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to award the base bid and designated options to StageLine Mobile Stage Inc at a price not to exceed \$280,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais introduced a proposed local law to continue the tax exemption for Cold War veterans. The Board agreed to set a public hearing for January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Blais noted that the Village had a moratorium in place for one year until 12-18-17 regular & PH

September 2017, but it didn't get renewed. He suggested that a public hearing be set to adopt another law for a development moratorium for a period of two years until the new Waste Water Treatment Plant is built. The Board agreed to set a public hearing for January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Blais remarked that the Fire Department is interested in doing a fundraiser for one of their members, John Coccozza-Hill. Mayor Blais has been working with them and school staff, and they have decided that they would like to set up a concert by Skeeter Creek. The band is willing to play at a reduced rate. Mayor Blais suggested that the Village cover the cost of the band. They would like to hold the concert on January 25, 2018 in the School auditorium. The firemen would be able to use the cafeteria and sell items from there, along with raffle tickets. Trustee Earl suggested that since Mr. Coccozza-Hill is a Fireman and a Town employee, maybe the Town will pay for one-half the cost of the band. Mayor Blais will contact Supervisor Dickinson and ask if they will pay half. The Board agreed.

Mayor Blais reported that he has been working with Town officials in regards to shared services of the Director of Planning & Zoning, Dan Barusch. Mr. Barusch would administer and oversee all Village planning and zoning matters and the Code Enforcement Officer, while the secretarial duties, files and records would remain at the Village Office. The administrator will attend Village Planning & Zoning meetings. The administrator will also prepare some grants for the Village as necessary. The Code Enforcement Officer would move to the Town Office, but remain on the Village's payroll and receive Village benefits. An intermunicipal agreement with the Village to pay \$10,000. plus the cost of social security and retirement annually was drafted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 194, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lake George to share the services of the Town's Director of Planning and Zoning;

BE IT RESOLVED that said Director will administer and oversee all plans, construction and questions related to Zoning and Planning and oversee the Office of Code Enforcement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Office will be relocated to the Town Offices. Secretarial duties, files and records will remain at the Village Hall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village will pay to the Town of Lake George a fee of \$10,000. per year for the above services plus \$1,815 for social security and retirement costs due on July 1, of each year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY hereby authorizes said agreement which will commence on January 1, 2018 for a period of one year, subject to renewal for two years thereafter.

Chapter 208
“VEHICLE and TRAFFIC

ARTICLE X
Parking, Standing and Stopping

§208-15. Parking prohibited in designated locations.

A. The Parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in any of the following locations:

Name of Street	Side	Location
*** Mountain Drive	South	[From the southwest curbline of Canada Street to the southeast curbline of Ottawa Street, when school is not is session. A one-hour limit will be imposed when school is in session; from a point 81 feet west of the southwest curbline of Canada Street to a point 149 feet from the southwest curbline of Canada Street, and 10 feet from southeast corner of Ottawa Street to a point 91 feet from the southeast corner of Ottawa Street.] <u>From the southeast curbline of Ottawa Street to a point 131 feet east to the southwest curbline of the entrance lot of the Lake George Jr. Sr. High School.</u>

§ 208-25. Fees.

A. A fee of \$.50 per half hour up to the maximum parking time permitted in this article is hereby established for parking in all parking meter zones except hereafter designated in the Village of Lake George.

B. A fee of \$2.00 per hour is hereby established for parking in the following designated zones.

- (1) Beach Road parking lot.
- (2) Quirk lot.
- (3) James Street parking lot.
- (4) James Street parking spaces adjacent to James Street Parking Lot.
- (5) West Brook Parking Lot.

