

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Also present were: Treasurer, Danae Bock; Superintendent Dave Harrington; Pastor Ali Trowbridge, Caldwell Presbyterian Church; Fran Coccozza, High School Principal; Michael Goot, Reporter

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Blais called the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop to order and stated that the first item would be to discuss the Teen Center Director's salary. Pastor Ali stated that when trying to fill the position, they looked for the highest qualified person and with that of course comes a competitive salary. Pastor Ali and Mr. Coccozza both agreed that the current director Haley Pogonowski has a true talent for the position, and her heart is in the right spot for the job. Trustee Root stated that he would like to take the person out of the equations and take into consideration that she will be making more per hour than some of the current employees who have worked here for years. Pastor Ali asked if the Village has ever had a similar situation by inheriting an employee for a new Village position. Trustee Root stated no the Village has not been in this situation before. The Village took on the responsibility of the Teen Center, and it has created line items to include the expenses/revenues as part of the budget. Trustee Mastrodomenico asked if the budgeted items also included the Town's share. The answer was yes. The Village and the Town agreed to budget \$7,500.00 each. Trustee Earl stated that if the current director's salary is approved, it would not apply to a replacement if the current director was to leave the position. Mayor Blais stated that fund raising by the Teen Center will be ongoing by Ms. Pogonowski. Trustee Perry stated that he feels that the director works more than she clocks on a time sheet, and that the program is great for the community and the children that become involved in it. Trustee Mastrodomenico wanted to reiterate that if this item is approved, the salary rate may not apply to another if the position becomes vacant. Trustee Root stated that the request and prior discussions were based on an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour and now the discussion is being based on a salary of \$13,800.00 and therefore he does not support the request.

Trustee Earl moved, seconded by Trustee Perry, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 222, 2019

WHEREAS the Village Board originally set the Teen Center Director's salary at \$8,600. per year by Resolution No. 170, 2018 dated December 17, 2018, and has decided to revise it;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Lake George has agreed to increase the salary to \$13,800.00 per year effective March 1, 2019 to be paid to Haley Pogonowski as the Teen Center Director;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED there are no benefits with this position, and she is expected to work approximately 16 hours per week during the school year supervising, planning and carrying out the duties of Director.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

The next question was whether the Village should be funding a portion of the expenses for a Teen Center field trip. It was decided that since the Teen Center is now operated by a Village employee and is also part of the Village budget then yes, the Village can contribute.

Trustee Earl moved, seconded by Trustee Perry, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 223, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George has agreed to allow funds from the Teen Center budgeted line items to cover the field trip to the YMCA Camp Chingachgook as well as the listed activities that have been given to the Village Board;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the field trip Teen Center portion will cost \$300.00 to be expended from the Teen Center line items of the budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 223, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

Mayor Blais stated Jonathon Newell will be holding a 2-day non-for-profit event in July with the proceeds from the event being donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Mr. Newell inquired about renting the Village Stage for the event. The Village fee for the stage rental is \$1,500.00 a day, but due to the nature of the fund raiser Mayor Blais would like to see if it is possible to rent the stage to Mr. Newell for \$1,500.00 for the 2-day event. DPW Superintendent, Dave Harrington stated that the set up will consist of just the main stage and no wings attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George will rent Jonathon Newell the Village stage for \$1,500.00 for a 2-day event.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Village will set up the stage on Friday prior to the event and take the stage down after the event, but both will be done during the normal working hours of the Village.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 224, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

Mayor Blais stated that the Special Event Application for the Americade-Beach Road Lot has been received in the Village office. The application dates are May 31 through June 9, 2019. Requested items are Beach Road Parking Lot; Beach Road or Canada St (Rt.9) Closures,

Trash Pick-up/dumpster and Beach Road Lakeside (cones, signs, etc.). DPW Superintendent, Dave Harrington briefly discussed the traffic pattern and the parking passes. Both will be additionally discussed at a later time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George accepts the application as signed and presented;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Americade Special Event Application dated November 16, 2018 as typed requesting dates 5/31/19 – 6/9/19 for their event with the following rates as listed:

Beach Road Parking Lot (Memorial Day to Labor Day) - \$1,500. Per day (10 days)

Trash pick-up/dumpster \$400. Per event

Beach Road Lakeside (cones, signs, etc.) - \$100. Per day (10 days)

In addition, the Board acknowledges and accepts the application even though it may have had an original date change.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 225, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

Mayor Blais stated that the User Fees Schedule for the Village has been updated and asked the Board if they would like to discuss the fees listed. The change/update applies to the Shepard Park User Fees which if approved by the Board will now be \$250.00 per day.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Lake George approves the updated User Fee Schedule as presented

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the new User Fee for Shepard Park May 16 – September 30 will now be \$250.00 per day.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 226, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

Mayor Blais stated that the Village Board has received a copy of the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget. Mayor Blais then began reviewing the budget line by line. The Board suggested changes to the following accounts. The accounts reflecting changes will be recorded as follows: **A1490.1** \$38,425; **A6292.1** \$13,800; **A1120** \$585,000; **A1720** \$20,000; **A1727** \$9,000; **A2012** \$29,000; **A2374** \$308,000; **A2410** \$30,000

Discussions took place regarding Fireworks, Peace Officers, the Pay & Displays and the Parking Meters and further discussion will take place in the future.

Mayor Blais asked if there was any additional discussion regarding the Tentative Budget. There was none.

Trustee Perry moved, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 227, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village approves the changes to the Tentative Budget that were discussed and are listed above

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agrees to set the date and time of March 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM for the 2019-2020 Budget Hearings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 227, 2019 ADOPTED. February 25, 2019

There was a motion by Trustee Earl and a second from Trustee Perry to adjourn the special meeting/budget workshop at 1:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dannae Bock
Treasurer