

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Wednesday, March 7, 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 (Clerk), Danae Bock (Treasurer), Thom Randall (Journalist) and Superintendent David Harrington arrived later.

At 8:30 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and began by asking for a decision on the pricing for the sale of Americade Preferred Parking stickers. He also reported that he attended an Americade meeting at the County yesterday, and they are planning a new event to be scheduled for January of 2019.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby sets the cost of Parking Permits for Americade at \$15.00 each.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241, 2018 ADOPTED **March 7, 2018**

Mayor Blais reported that as a requirement of the MS4 Storm Water Regulations, on an annual basis the Village needs to adopt the Lake George Storm Water Management Program (SWMP).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242, 2018

WHEREAS, the Lake George Planning and Zoning Office, in conjunction with the LC-LGRP, have developed the 2018 Village of Lake George SWMP Plan as a requirement under New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) General Permit for MS4 Storm water Discharge #GP-0-15-003;

WHEREAS, the SWMP Plan is based on the Federal Storm Water Phase II rule, issued in 1999, which requires MS4 owners and operators, in the U.S. Census-defined urbanized areas as well as in additionally designated areas, to develop a Storm Water Management Program;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SWMP Plan is to satisfy the aforementioned requirements, and to address storm water education, outreach and implementation of

standards and goals to control storm water discharges throughout the Village and to use best management practices (BMPs) to reach these goals;

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George will notify the necessary agencies (New York DEC and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District) to record the Villages adoption of the 2018 Village of Lake George SWMP Plan upon execution of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake George adopts the 2018 Village of Lake George Storm water Management Program (SWMP) Plan as the Village's official Storm water Management Plan.

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

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Mayor Blais commented that he'd like to consider cancelling the scheduled Planning Board meeting tonight due to the impending storm, and asked that the Planning Clerk take care of notifications.

The following training seminars were considered:

- New York Rural Water Association for Dave Harrington and Tim Shudt scheduled for May 21 through May 23 at Turning Stone
- AWWA for Water Department staff scheduled for April 10-12 at Saratoga Springs City Center
- AWWC for Chris Andrews, Chris Buckley, and Keith Lanfear scheduled for March 15 in Latham

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

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

Clerk Deb McKinney requested permission to hire Kristine Sipowicz as part time Money Counter and Parking Clerk for the 2018 season at \$11.00/hour. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried to approve the hiring of Kristine Sipowicz as a part time seasonal employee at \$11.00 per hour.

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

Mayor Blais recently met with the Director of the Ronald McDonald House Program and toured the facility in Albany. He was very impressed with their program. The Director used to have a vacation home that she allowed participants to use, and she would be interested in having a retreat for patients' families in Lake George. Mayor Blais agreed to help her find a home for such a use. The organization has 58

houses across the country, and they are normally located across from a hospital. Lake George would be the first official “vacation” home of this type. Mayor Blais has reached out to local real estate brokers to see what’s available, and will forward any info to the director, then make arrangements for her to come up and visit prospective locations.

The Adirondack Wine & Food Festival organizers have requested permission to hold their event at the Wood Park and to waive §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village Code for the event scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2018 in the Festival Space. Mayor Blais noted that if waived, they can then sell wine or beer at their event.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243, 2018

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that §148-45 to §148-48 of the Village’s code will be waived for all applications hereafter referenced and indicate the sale of beer and wine 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. Adirondack Wine & Food Festival scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2018

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

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Mayor Blais recently met with Dan Barusch and Town Council member Marisa Muratori in regards to a request by Mr. Barusch to increase the pay that he would make for handling Planning & Zoning Administration. Originally there was an agreement signed with the Town for shared services with a \$10,000 salary proposed. The new plan just took effect on January 1, 2018. Mr. Barusch, characterizing his services as a “professional planner” asked for \$25,000 at first, but then submitted a proposal for reduced services at \$15,000. He made several recommendations for updating the Village sign ordinances and to have a new Comprehensive Plan completed. The Board weighted the different options for the department. Mayor Blais commented that he has been doing a good job. If the Board decides they want to share his services at the higher rate, the original agreement will be voided, and a new one will be signed, and the budget will have to be increased. The Board decided this is a personnel matter for executive session and moved on with the rest of the agenda.

Mayor Blais reported that there is an active Teen Center in Lake George since 2016, and they are looking for funds from both the Town and the Village to continue on with the program. The Town has already agreed and paid the funds out. The Center has hired a Director. Teen Center Organizers mentioned that the Student Connection is in the process of getting their 501c3, and that the Teen Center could be allowed in the same non-profit organization. At this time, they are under the Caldwell Presbyterian Church for their payroll and finances. Mayor Blais wasn't clear on their intentions as he is involved with the Student Connection, but was not aware of any affiliation between the two. It was Mayor Blais' suggestion that the Teen Center should be under the guidance of the Joint Youth Commission, but it seems that they are not interested in combining the two. Trustee Earl commented that it is a much fairer way to fund the Teen Center through Youth Commission funds. After some discussion, no decision was made as to whether to fund the Teen Center or not, but it was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with the Youth Commission to discuss the future of the Teen Center. Mayor Blais agreed to set up a Special Village Board meeting so that the Board members could be involved in making a decision on this. The Board agreed to set a date of Tuesday, March 13 at 9 a.m.

Mayor Blais reported that the Lake George Chamber has sent back a revised contract for staffing of Info Booth at the Visitor Center. They have decided that they do not wish to reimburse the Village for the cost of \$5,000 in utilities anymore. They would like to continue staffing the booth, but cannot afford to pay this cost as they have been in prior years. This revenue has been removed from the Village's next year's budget. Mayor Blais had some suggestions for staffing the booth, one being doing an RFP to see who might be interested or secondly he had a conversation with Warren County Tourism who might be interested or else maybe the Village could staff it themselves, but that would be more costly. Since the County already contributes towards the Visitor Center, there would be no additional revenue, but the staffing would be handled. He will know in a few days what they have decided.

Since decisions about the Teen Center, the Visitor Center Info Booth, and the Planning & Zoning Administrator all affect next year's tentative budget, the budget cannot be finalized yet, so the Public Hearing will be postponed until the Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk Deb McKinney requested that a date be set for a Special Meeting prior to April 7th to review the slate of Fire Officers which will be elected on April 2nd. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried, to enter into an Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, unanimously carried, to exit Executive Session at 9:53 a.m.

Although there was no action taken during the session, the following decisions were made afterwards.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244, 2018

