

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, May 15, 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, Thom Randall (Journalist), and Joanne Mamrosch.

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Regular Meeting and asked Trustee Perry to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Special Meeting held on April 6, 2017. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes.

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 3**      **Blais, Earl, Root**  
                  **Nays: 0**  
                  **Abstentions: 2 Mastrodomenico, Perry**  
                                  **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Blais presented the minutes from a Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2017. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Earl, carried by a majority to approve the minutes.

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

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

Fire Chief Berry had the following action items:

- Approve Lydia Hayes to take Firefighter 1 in North Creek. Trustee Earl made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve the training.

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

- Request for funds to help cover the costs of repairs to MR-1, the fire boat. Mayor Blais reported that Chief Berry had come to him with the request asking for financial assistance, not from the fire budget, with some repairs that will probably be over \$25,000. He did not have documentation with the details. Trustee Earl noted that the boat is in the water and in service at this

time. Mayor Blais suggested that this decision get tabled until the end of the year meeting to check on balances, and Chief Berry should be present to give a detailed explanation. Mayor Blais made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried unanimously to approve tabling until the next meeting.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Healthier LaSalvia from Glens Falls Hospital sent a note offering dogi pot waste stations contingent upon making the park tobacco-free. Superintendent Harrington reported that a proposed dog park has been marked out up at the REC Center. The area will have to be fenced in. Dave commented that he hasn't worked out the water supply yet, but will check into it. Mayor Blais noted that some benches will have to be placed and trees for shade will need to be planted.
- Joe Bode, a continually returning visitor, sent an email complimenting the Village staff on all of the improvements.

Clerk-Treasurer Gunther requested approval of the Tax Warrant for publication in the newspaper.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

The following contracts were reviewed:

- Memorandum Of Understanding with the Town of Queensbury regarding funding for the Student Connection. The Town of Queensbury, Town of Bolton, and Town of Lake George are each willing to contribute \$1,000. towards the Center's operation. Mayor Blais reported that the recent meeting in regards to the students had a very good turnout. Patty Kirkpatrick is donating her time to organize and supervise the operation with Tony Metivier donating office space from the bike rental shop. Greater Glens Falls Transit is donating advertising on the trolleys. Housing is the most critical issue in the Village. He anticipates that the office should be up and running by next week.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

- ELAN proposal to submit a grant application for design work on the north end of the Village. There was some confusion, the documentation distributed was for construction of the South Canada Street Improvements. Mayor Blais estimated that the proposal was in the amount of \$2,500. and that it is included in next year's budget. The grant application deadline is June 1. Mayor Blais was advised by Lisa Nagle that it would not be prudent to submit two grant applications; the priority at this time is the north end of the Village.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

- Fire Contract with Town of Lake George for the calendar year of 2018.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

- Quirk Parking Lot sublease agreement. The Village takes care of the machines, collecting them, counting and reconciling and enforcement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

- Insurance proposal from McPhillip's Insurance for coverage with NYMIR. Mayor Blais noted that the cost went up by 2.4%, but it came to light that there was only one dock on the policy, instead of a total of six that should be listed, that accounts for a portion of the increase.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

5-15-17 regular

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

- Mannix Marketing proposal for internet advertising. Mayor Blais asked Trustee Perry to follow up on this. Trustee Perry agreed to follow up and get the details. Trustee Root voiced some concern that there may be some duplication of services. Mayor Blais wanted to make sure there was sufficient advertising for Fridays at the Lake. The Board agreed to postpone a decision on this until the end-of-the-year meeting.
- Lake George History Weekend  
Pam Morin requested that the Village designate the last weekend of May as Lake George History Weekend.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

The following additional summer employees were considered:

Patrick Norton – Peace Officer at \$11.00/hr  
Roger Glenn – Americade at \$10.50/hr  
Christopher Duval – Wood Park at \$10.00/hr  
Robert Passalacqua – DPW laborer at \$10.00/hr  
Josh Tudda – Lifeguard at \$10.75/hr.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried by a majority to approve the seasonal employees.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Blais announced that bids for the water feature at the Charles R. Wood Park were recently opened. The bids came in over the budget of \$240,000. The Project Committee voted to scale back the design and go back out to bid with a reduced scope. Superintendent Harrington commented that the original design was very intricate and would have been difficult to maintain. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to reject the bids and redesign.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board agreed to set the following dates for summer sidewalk sales: May 6 -7, June 23-24, August 4-5, August 18-20, September 16-17, September 30-October 1, and October 7-9. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve the sidewalk sale dates.

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

Mayor Blais asked the Board to set the price for Americade PP's. The price has remained at \$10 for the past six years. He noted that if one motorcycle is in a parking space and has a PP sticker, the other bikes in the same space do not need a parking permit. After some discussion the Board decided to raise the rate this year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

**\$15. Each**  
**Reduced to \$10. on Friday & Saturday**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.        May 15, 2017**

Mayor Blais presented a resolution to allow residents to park cars on their property during high impact events: Americade, Fourth of July, and Adirondack Nationals Car Show. He noted that it is not necessary to pass a local law to allow this; the Board just has to approve a resolution. The Board has some questions about the verbiage in the resolution such as, "to allow all properties in the Village to park vehicles", "will waive any and all Local Laws pertaining to the parking of vehicles in certain zones". They also questioned the liability risk for the Village. Trustee Earl commented that there doesn't seem to be any way to regulate this. Mayor Blais remarked that Saratoga allows private parking, and he agreed to follow up with them to see how they handle it.

Bart Panessa of 26 Lochlea Lane submitted a request to pay ½ of his sewer rent bill now and the remaining half in July. Mayor Blais explained that due to an oversight he was not being billed so the initial invoice was for \$3,300.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.        May 15, 2017**

Mayor Blais received three quotes to purchase t-shirts for "Fridays at the Lake" out of occupancy tax funds. Nepromo was the lowest price at \$8.25 each. The Board agreed to purchase the shirts and sell them for \$15. each.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

Mayor Blais has been asked for ticket selling space by Greg Teresi from the proposed tiki boat business. He drafted a proposal to bid out the lease of the former Peace Officer Station in the Beach Road Pump Station. The business is in the process of getting approval from the Lake George Park Commission, but have not received the go ahead yet. Trustee Earl confirmed that they would like to use the docks for drop off and pick up, the same as the fishing charters company does; Mayor Blais agreed. After some discussion about zoning and the facility itself, Trustee Mastrodomenico made a motion, seconded by Trustee Root, carried unanimously to approve going out to bid for lease of the space.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

Superintendent Harrington submitted a Shared Services Agreement with NYS DOT for the purpose of any future borrowing of equipment from them. It's a generic agreement, but necessary if we wish to use any of their signs or message boards or other items. The term of the agreement would be for four years.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

Robin Pletzer of Wheels for Wishes, a non profit organization that recycles unwanted vehicles, requested permission to add their link to our government website. The Board discussed the fact that we pay an annual fee to a vendor to host the site, and we are not allowed to give away tax payer dollars to anyone. There is no set policy on this, but they agreed they did not want to set a precedent. Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried unanimously to deny the request.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Brodie had a survey of the property that he is interested in up at the REC Center completed. He is proposing to sub-divide and purchase about a 6.5 acre portion of the property. The Town of Lake George is in the process of rezoning this portion to allow his proposed usage, which is to build a boat storage facility. Superintendent Harrington noted that the property is near the snow mobile club storage building and the wash station. The property is near the sand pit and is where snow is dumped in the winter. Mayor Blais explained that the next step would be to get an appraisal to see what the property is valued at, then if we chose to continue with the sale, would have to go out to bid. The Board discussed the options for the property and decided they would like to have an appraisal done. Mayor Blais noted that if we end up taking it off the market, we will have to cover the cost of the survey.

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

APPROVED APPRAISAL AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.        May 15, 2017**

Superintendent Harrington found that there is an extra almost \$20,000. extra in funding for paving available in addition to the CHIPS money. He suggested that we can add more footage and go out to bid. There should be enough to complete a little more than 50% of Smith Street, which is in bad shape with water damage.

Based on Superintendent Harrington's recommendation Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.        May 15, 2017**

The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance renewal membership in the amount of \$100. Is due for renewal.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.        May 15, 2017**

The following Facilities use applications were considered:

- Law Enforcement Weekend request for use of the Bandstand on May 21 from 9-9:30 a.m.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

- Lake George American Legion Post #374 to have their Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. They have also requested reserved parking in front of Shepard Park during their ceremony along with the annual Village support of \$850.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

- Elvis Festival Opening Ceremony in Shepard Park Bandstand on May 31 and parade on Saturday, June 3, 2017

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

- Greater Grace Church Concert in Shepard Park on Sat. July 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

Mayor Blais introduced the following proposed local laws and asked if the Board would like to set public hearing dates:

- Amend Chapter 208 "VEHICLE & TRAFFIC" to make the parking spots on James Street adjacent to the parking lot a fee of \$2. per hour to go along with James Street Parking Lot changes.
- Amend Chapter 213, "WATER" to increase water rents by 3% on water used after the next billing on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Amend Chapter 148 "PARKS & RECREATION" to prohibit smoking at the REC Center and to set up a specific area as a Dog Park.

Trustee Root made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried unanimously to set public hearings for all three on June 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

Superintendent Harrington met with Dan Courtney in regards to problems with the dead end on Lower Amherst Street. People drive down the street then realize it's a dead end and try to turn around. It's congested and a safety issue. They came up with three solutions: 1. Paint a dividing line on the street so that the cars stay on their own side of the street. 2. Remove the "parking" slat from the pedestrian sign; and add another sign similar to one that is there "DEAD END TURN AROUND HERE". 3. The two handicap parking spaces at the top of hill could be eliminated, then designate the first space as handicap. Mayor Blais suggested that the two "official" spots towards the bottom could be reduced to one space. In order to make the changes suggested, the local law would not need to be revised. The Board agreed with the recommendations by Dave.

Superintendent Harrington would like to solicit RFPs for Shepard Park lighting project again. The bids came in over budget. The specifications have been changed hopefully reducing the cost so that we can still complete the project. Because of the time crunch, Dave requested permission to award the job to the lowest proposer, but not to exceed \$35,000.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED. May 15, 2017**

Mayor Blais reported that the Wood Foundation called to check on the status of the fund raising for the Park. We are short about \$10,000. in order to get the matching grant. The deadline is June 1. There is a benefit function scheduled in the Park for 5-15-17 regular

May 27. He has solicited to the local merchants with replies from only four. He would like to appoint a committee to raise money for the Bandstand project. The Committee members shall be: John Strong - Co-Chairman, Dave Ehmann - Co-chairman, Dale Perry, Jim Anderson and Mayor Blais. The Board agreed.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, offered the following resolution for transfers, audits, and wire:

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. , 2017 ADOPTED.      May 15, 2017**

The Board agreed to set a Special Meeting to handle end of year finances for Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business.

- Trustee Mastrodomenico inquired about the retaining wall. Mayor Blais commented that as far as he knows the issue has been resolved. He then inquired about the water coming out of Hubble Lane. Superintendent Harrington confirmed that he is aware of it, and is investigating. It has been dug up before and the bleeder line was shut off, but the issue has not been resolved. Dave will be back working on that to figure out what the problem is.
- Superintendent Harrington gave an update on the McGillis Avenue Project. It is progressing well. They have been pouring the walls and have plans to pour the floor next week. Construction on the site should begin as planned right after Memorial Day.
- Trustee Mastrodomenico asked about the demolition and rebuilding of a garage on Chestnut. The neighbors had questions. Superintendent Harrington referred him to Doug Frost for codes questions.
- He also asked about how interested parties get added to the resources for the Student Connection. Mayor Blais recommended that he have them call the Village Hall.
- Joanne Mamrosch inquired as to the local law that the Village passed in regards to housing the foreign students. She asked how that affects the

students in Queensbury. Mayor Blais replied that it has no bearing on the students in Queensbury. He went on to say that the Town of Lake George has taken a copy of our law, and he is encouraging them to pass the same law. He also gave a copy of the Supervisor in Bolton.

- Superintendent Harrington reported that he has met with Chris Gearwar in regards to the timber at the REC Center. He reminded the Board that we signed an agreement with him to evaluate what timber is there and get an estimated value. Chris suggested that the upper area be done first, and it probably has a pretty good value. Dave noted that he could get out there and mark it in the next few weeks, then we could go out to bid.
- Superintendent Harrington reported that the lights and power in Shepard Park are out. One leg of the service is lost; it is a priority to find the problem and get it fixed as soon as possible. The fountain liner has been repaired and the rocks will be going back into the fountain.
- Dave noted that the tree for the canoe carving arrived on Saturday.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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