

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Clerk Deb McKinney, Superintendent Dave Harrington, Americade organizers Chris Dutcher and Nora Twyman, Robin & Scott Dunklee, John Carr, Michael Goot (Post Star) and Thom Randall (Journalist).

At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and continued a Public Hearing tabled from the last meeting of July 16, 2018 for a proposed Local Law No. 9 amending Chapter 177, "SPECIAL EVENT PARKING AND HIGHWAY CLOSURE". This amendment will allow for the parking of cars on residential properties during major special events and sets some standards for this.

Mayor Blais introduced Americade organizer Chris Dutcher and asked him to elaborate on his requests for the 2019 event. Mr. Dutcher explained that their registration numbers have been declining over the years, and every year they wrestle with trying to keep Americade new and exciting. They came up with the block party idea as new and exciting and felt that it would attract spectators and grow their numbers. He remarked that they knew it could be disruptive, and they've received a lot of comments, the majority of which were positive. He deemed it a success, and would like to try it again next year. Mayor Blais inquired as to why Shepard Park or Beach Road wouldn't work as well. Mr. Dutcher noted that Shepard Park doesn't generate the level of excitement that a block party does, and he doesn't think it would work. Beach Road may be a possibility, but he was concerned that the permitting may be challenging. He reiterated that he would like to try the block party on Canada Street for a second year, he said that many of the complaints could be addressed. The Board cited several issues with closing Canada Street, at the top of the list was the length of the closure and the traffic jams. Mayor Blais remarked that he has had a discussion with the County DPW Superintendent, who seemed to be acceptable to using Beach Road. The Board would be agreeable to considering the Beach Road location. Mr. Dutcher asked for some time to consider and evaluate a Beach Road setting. Mayor Blais confirmed that 2019 Americade plans will be included on the agenda for the next regular meeting scheduled for August 20th for further discussion. He commented that we want to keep the event in the Village and, "We are here to help Americade be successful." Mayor Blais noted that he and Superintendent Harrington can work on some of the details with Mr. Dutcher. Superintendent Harrington remarked that the Village's PP sales booth will have to be relocated to a spot that is easily accessible.

Mayor Blais went back to the Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law and reported that Village sponsored shows were added to the list of Special Events allowing residential parking. In the mean time, he has gotten some complaints about letting people park cars during the Thursday night shows and also that residential parking such as this competes with the commercial parking lot revenues. It was suggested that a permit be required so that there is some leverage to remove the privilege if it gets out of hand. There was further discussion about the permits, with agreement that there should be a fee involved as well as necessary proof of insurance, just like with a business license. Mayor Blais agreed to make the noted revisions to the law, with a follow up email notification to the Board. It was decided that churches and others parking cars would be required to get a permit as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2018

WHEREBY, the Village Board would like to make some additional changes to Proposed Local Law No. 9, 2018, amending Chapter 177 of the Code of the Village of Lake George “SPECIAL EVENT PARKING AND HIGHWAY CLOSURE”,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby tables Proposed Local Law No. 9 and will continue the Public Hearing for further discussion at their next Regular Village Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall for further discussion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98, 2018 ADOPTED. July 23, 2018

Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, offered the following resolution for Wood Park use:

RESOLUTION NO. 99, 2018

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

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. Albany Rods & Kustoms request to use Wood Park for the Adirondack Nationals, September 6-9, 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99, 2018 ADOPTED. July 23, 2018

Mayor Blais noted that the votes for the 2018 Beautification Awards have been tallied. These awards are given annually to a business and residence that has invested and maintained their property in a manner that is pleasing and attractive to their neighbors and the general public. He announced that the winners of the 2018 Beautification Awards are as follows:

Business Award: Bank Café, Jane Schmidt, 326 Canada Street

Residential Award: Dan & Diana Garay, 20 Norman Street

An awards ceremony is scheduled for August 31, 2018 in Shepard Park.

Mayor Blais reported that there has been some vandalism happening in the Village once again. Benches have been smashed; flowers have been destroyed, and there has been ink pen and wall carvings in the new restrooms.

There was a motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Village Clerk