

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was held during the COVID-19 virus outbreak and public attendance was prohibited. The public was allowed access via Zoom teleconferencing which was publicized on the Village's web site.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Deputy Mayor  
Ray Perry, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee  
John Root, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Debra McKinney, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, and others via Zoom.

At 9:00 a.m. Mayor Blais opened the meeting and asked the Board to consider the processing of two contractor payment requests, one for Blue Heron and one from RF Gordon, for the WWTP Capital Project. Attorney Fuller advised that this is acceptable as these vendors are under contract. The transfer of funds is scheduled to come from EFC on July 30, so checks could be processed on July 31, 2020. Trustee Earl inquired as to whether the contractors are working up to schedule now. Superintendent Lanfear reported that they are doing quite well with the walls for the head works building. A construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 86, 2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes payment to be processed for the WWTP capital project for EFC Payment Request #20, which includes Blue Heron Construction in the amount of \$1,339,429.92 and R.F. Gordon Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$1,785.24. Upon receipt of the transfer of funds from EFC, checks will be issued.**

**VOTING**      **Ayes: 3**      **Blais, Earl, Perry**  
                 **Nays: 0**  
                 **Absent: 2**      **Mastrodomenico, Root**

**RESOLUTION NO. 86, 2020 ADOPTED.                      July 29, 2020**

Mayor Blais reported that Dennis Quirk, who has a lease agreement with the Village for the Ticket Booth on Beach Road, has not paid the 2020 payment that is due. Attorney Fuller sent a demand letter requesting payment in full. Mayor Blais has since been in touch with Mr. Quirk who is having difficulty getting staff for the booth and probably will not operate it this year. Mr. Quirk is asking if there might be another option as far as this lease. Although according to the original lease, this is the last year of allowable renewal, Mayor Blais suggested that due to the circumstances this year with the COVID emergency, we could consider waiving the 2020 fee, and it might be a better option to offer Mr. Quirk the booth for 2021 and 2022, for those two years at the same rate as this year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 87, 2020**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes Mayor Blais to notify James D. Quirk that due to the current COVID pandemic, the agreed upon 2020 payment for the ticket booth will be waived.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Quirk will be offered renewal of the lease for the booth for two additional years, 2021 and 2022 at the 2020 rate of \$14,077.82.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon agreement by Mr. Quirk, Mayor Blais is authorized to sign a new lease agreement with the new terms.**

**VOTING       Ayes: 3       Blais, Earl, Perry  
              Nays: 0  
              Absent: 2     Mastrodomenico, Root**

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Mayor Blais noted that an email request from a visitor was received in regards a request to designate the right turn from Lake Avenue out onto Route 9N as a "No Turn on Red". Superintendent Lanfear did look at the intersection, and there would be space to put up a post and sign if that's what the Board decides. The Board continued with discussion about the design of the intersection including the traffic pattern and cross walks. It was noted that there has not been a history of any vehicle or pedestrian problems at this site in the past. The Board agreed to leave the intersection as it is.

Mayor Blais gave an update on the Lake Avenue Park permits. He noted that we have a waiting list, some are residents from the Village and some are from the Town. Superintendent Lanfear reported that the Beautification Department is not done with the improvements down there and anticipates that it will be into next week for that. He has ordered the gate keys, and has not received them yet. They continued discussion with the details of a trial plan for use of the Park. The topic of the Shepard Park Beach fence was brought up, and the possibility of putting up a permanent fence at both locations was noted.

Mayor Blais informed the Board that he has been working with Dave Ehmann and County officials on the Drive In Concert that starts at Wood Park on Friday night. At this point, Village officials are planning to be on scene to mitigate and resolve any problems that might arise.

Clerk Deb McKinney reported that she received a summary from ParkMobile, and there have been 1,864 transactions in the past seven days. Discussion of the different zones continued, and Mayor Blais will be working on a press release for the ap. Mayor Blais pointed out that meter revenues are running pretty good in light of the current situation.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB  
Village Clerk  
Purchasing Agent