

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 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: Darlene V. Gunther (Clerk-Treasurer), Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Superintendent Dave Harrington, Thom Randall (Journalist), Doug Frost (Enforcement Officer), Bill Massry, and Attorney C.W. Hall.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the Special Meeting and asked Bill Massry to begin his requested discussion.

Bill Massry introduced Attorney C.W. Hall who noted that they are asking for passage of a local law to permit outside displays under Massry's store alcove. Mr. Massry explained that he has been in compliance and has not displayed any obscene shirts. He reiterated his argument from the past meeting. He wants to use the storefront at 325 Canada Street the way it was built and intended. He noted that he would love to enclose the privately owned area, but the cost is not feasible. Mayor Blais commented that an amended law would enable several other stores to do likewise, and the original intention of the law was to prohibit clutter on the streets and keep the sidewalks clear. Years ago businesses put out all kind of racks, tables and a mish mash of displays. There are two stores that actually made enclosures to comply with the law. Trustee Perry inquired as to whether it could be feasible, cost wise to enclose the area. Mr. Massry remarked that he does not intend to enclose the space, and he questioned why some businesses are allowed to have outside displays. Mayor Blais noted that the displays are in compliance. The discussion continued. Mayor Blais asked the Board if they would like to pursue this. We will have to consult our attorney, draft a proposed law, set a public hearing and see what the outcome is. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mastrodomenico, carried unanimously to approve referring the matter to Attorney Fuller so that a local law can be drafted, then a public hearing can be set.

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

MOTION PASSED.

Karen Mehalick of 12 Upper Hubbell Road submitted a water dispute for the May 1 to July 31 billing. She noted that they had a toilet leak, but didn't feel they could have used that much water. Superintendent Harrington remarked that they could easily have used that much water with a leak. He recommended allowing them a payment plan with no penalty.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 113, 2017

WHEREAS, Karen Mehalick's water rent invoice for August 1 was extremely high, and she has requested relief,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board agrees to put Ms. Mehalick on a payment plan and allow her up to a year without interest or penalties so long as she keeps her future quarterly billings current.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 113, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais revisited the Car Show PPs pricing. He explained that last year with the reduced rates on Friday and Saturday, we sold several. If the rate remains the same on Friday and Saturday, probably no one will buy a parking pass for those days.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 114, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. 98, 2017 dated August 21, 2017 where it set the cost of all Parking Permits for the Car Show at \$50.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board has decided to charge \$50.00 for a Parking Permit through Thursday of the Car Show, then reduce it to \$35.00 on Friday, and further reduce it to \$30.00 on Saturday.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 114, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Superintendent Harrington presented plans for renovations to the Shepard Park Bandstand area. The Board reviewed the design done by Chazen. He noted that we have about \$100,000 in the budget and want to go out to bid soon. They discussed the options for the different seating areas, the handicap area, and the dance area. Dave remarked that the handicap area work will be done by Village staff. Mayor Blais noted that if we make some of the items alternates on the bid, then some of the project can come out of next year's budget if necessary. Trustee Root commented that he studied crowd behavior in the Park, and 50% seemed to congregate in the top part of the park; and about 50% were in the bottom part, sitting on the stone seating or with their camp chairs. He made several suggestions and noted that the restroom are in need of some updating, too. Mayor Blais noted that these funds cannot be used for the bathrooms. Superintendent Harrington acknowledged that they are in need of renovation. After further discussion Dave confirmed that the dance floor and the terraced center seating will be on the original bid, with the side seating listed as an alternate, and the handicap area is to be done by the Village.

Mayor Blais reported that he and Superintendent Harrington had a meeting with Town staff in regards to shared services. Superintendent Harrington noted that we are struggling with getting enough seasonal help. Many are foreign students who work short seasons. The Town is willing to work with us to come up with a way to share some staff. The current system with the lifeguards works well. They discussed sharing services in the Buildings & Grounds Department and in Beautification. Mayor Blais suggested that Trustee Root be appointed to the committee.

They are planning to meet again tomorrow to work on a plan and possibly report back to the Board at the September meeting.

Motion by Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, and unanimously carried, to appoint Trustee Root to work with Supt. Harrington and James Martino, from the Town, to work on shared services.

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

MOTION ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais announced that the tentative plan to place the canoe on display on Beach Road is set for September 14, weather permitting. The backup date is September 18. The Cornelius' are planning a reception at their home immediately following the unveiling.

The Lake George Association submitted a Facilities Use application to use the REC Center for their Stream Monitoring Education Program from September 12 through October 18.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 115, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves a facility use permit to the Lake George Association to use the REC Center for steam monitoring education from September 12 through October 18, 2017 and waive the fees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 115, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais reported that the bidder, G&T Enterprises who was awarded the logging project at the REC Center did not comply with the bid specifications. The contract along with payment was due within seven days of the award. Forester Chris Gearwar recommended awarding to the second highest bidder, Allard Lumber Company, in the amount of \$55,001.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 116, 2017

WHEREAS, the high bidder for the Timber Sale Bid, G & T Enterprises, has failed to submit their check and sign a contract within seven days of awarding the bid,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby rescinds that award and goes to the second highest bidder at \$55,001. from Allard Lumber Company from Forstdale, VT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 116, 2017 ADOPTED.

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Mayor Blais announced the need for an executive session to discuss a current contract.

Motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried, to enter into an Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the status of a current contract.

Motion by Mayor Root, seconded by Trustee Root, unanimously carried, to exit Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. There was no action taken during the session.

Mayor Blais advised the Village Board that two key employees from AES, which we hired to design the Village's new Waste Water Treatment Plant, have left the firm. The Village has been concerned with the ability to meet DEC deadlines.

In consultation with Supt. Harrington and Chief Operator Tim Shudt, they decided to ask AES for assurances that this change in personnel would not affect the strict timeline the Village has with the NYS DEC Order of Consent.

He advised that a meeting with AES was held on August 15, and they presented their plans and some new personnel to work on the project.

The Mayor and Supt. Harrington remain concerned with project timelines.

The Board agreed that the Village should explore all options to keep the project moving forward in an efficient manner.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 117, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village will obtain a proposal from Chazen Engineers to explore the possibility of replacing the current firm.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 117, 2017 ADOPTED.

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There was a motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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