

Minutes of the Special Budget Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held on Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 9:30am. Zoom teleconferencing was available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond Perry, Mayor  
Joe Mastrodomenico, Trustee  
Jose Filomeno, Trustee (arrived late)  
Robert Gregor, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Michael Menter, Trustee

Also present were: Clerk Julie Allen, Treasurer Brenda Hutter, Superintendent Keith Lanfear, and Chief Operator Tim Shudt, Operator Tim Shudt Jr., Chris Andrews, Chris Buckley, and John Helms.

At 9:33 am Mayor Perry opened the meeting.

Mayor Perry began the workshop by looking at the budget for the Fire Department. He explained that the numbers reflected a decrease of about \$113K from last year. He said that this year he did not allow any new vehicle purchases as he had new vehicles each year for the last few years.

Mayor Perry went on to the Planning and Zoning Budget explaining that those costs are reflective of the contract between the Village and the Town for the services of the Director of Planning and Zoning.

The next account the Mayor went over was for the Clerk/Treasurer budget. He said that he was looking to increase both the Clerk and Treasurer positions to 40 hours per week instead of 35 so personal services numbers reflected that change.

Mayor Perry presented the budget for the Department of Public Works which entails several facets. He showed that there was \$45K put in for Culvert work, that extra money was put in for vehicle repairs as no new vehicles would be purchased this year. He explained that there was money allotted to a new salter. He said that there was money allotted for tree removal as well. Mayor Perry also went over proposed wage increases for the DPW as well.

The next department reviewed was for Wood Park. Mayor Perry explained that there was a request for a new zero-turn mower and a new helper for the summer months. He said that this was pretty much a pass through as the Village invoices that County for all of these expenses.

Mayor Perry then presented the budget for Sanitation administration. Chief Operator Shudt said that he wanted to go on record stating that he had not been consulted on the proposed budget. Mayor Perry stated that that was what the budget workshop was for. To present the proposed budget and open discussion in a public forum on what was being proposed. He said that the department heads could meet with him after to discuss individual departments. Chief Operator Shudt stated he did not think this was the correct way to go over the budget. Mayor Perry said that he was showing everyone the proposed budget and that they would meet and go over line by line anything that the department heads wanted to discuss. Mayor Perry said that nothing was set in stone, that everything was up for discussion. Mayor Perry went over what he was

proposing for salaries. Trustee Gregor had questions about the difference between what the Mayor was proposing, and what the department head was requesting. Mayor Perry went over the requests from the Sanitation department and what he was proposing to remove from the budget.

Trustee Filomeno arrived at the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Mayor Perry went on to discuss the Beautification department next. He went over salaries for each employee. He said that there was money allotted to additional shrubs and trees.

The next department discussion was about the Rec Center. Mayor Perry went over the expenditures and said that there were a few items that were eliminated on the recommendation of the department head. He said that the big expenditure was going to be a new zero turn mower.

Mayor Perry began the discussion of the Water Budget. He explained that he was moving Keith Lanfear from being split between the general budget and water to just the water budget. Mayor Perry said that he was looking to have Keith Lanfear be the Superintendent of Water. There were a few questions from the Chief Operator of Water. Mayor Perry said they could meet after and go over any questions that he may have. Mayor Perry said that he was looking to have Keith Lanfear manage the repairs that would be done at the water building.

Mayor Perry went over the water personal services wages. He said that there was a new roof in the budget as well as a request for doors and windows. He said that he was looking at increasing water rates and fees as well as developing a capital improvement fund to handle both these and infrastructure costs.

Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Filomeno made a motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Allen  
Clerk  
Village of Lake George