

Minutes of the Town of Lake George Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2014 at the Town Center, 20 Old Post Road, Lake George, New York 12845.

Members Present: Supervisor, Dennis Dickinson (Arrived Late)
Vincent Crocitto, Councilperson
Marisa Muratori, Councilperson
Dan Hurley, Councilperson
Nancy Stannard, Councilperson

Others Present: Deb Foley, Town Clerk; Thom Randall, John Schwartz, Tabor and Stacie Dunn, Christian Banalski, Richard Dill

Deputy Supervisor Crocitto opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., and Councilperson Muratori led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 – CHARLES R. WOOD PARK REGULATIONS

Councilperson Muratori read the proposed Local Law relating to the Charles R. Wood Park.

Thom Randall asked if this law would state that alcohol is clearly prohibited. He would like to know what the exclusions are under Chapter 117.

The board stated they would clarify these regulations with the Village prior to adopting these regulations.

The board decided to hold the Public Hearing open for further clarifications.

DISCUSS SEPTIC PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION

Keith Osborne discussed the job description for the Septic Coordinator Position. A copy of this description is on file with the Town of Lake George. This is a part-time permanent position. Councilperson Crocitto asked what happens when the septic initiative program is complete. Keith requested that the board set up a workshop on this issue to finalize the job description for Civil Service purposes.

The board set Friday, October 24th at 3:30 p.m., for a workshop to discuss the Septic Program Coordinator Position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to approve the September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting and the September 22, 2014 Joint Meeting minutes.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Westbrook Parking Project.

The Town is looking to place parking meters along Westbrook Road. The County has agreed to put in the sidewalks and the curbing. We are looking at 50 parking spots and 3 parking stations in. This would be approximately \$60,000 and the Town does need to discuss how they plan to fund this. The Town would like to offer the residents free parking for a certain amount of time. This also needs to be discussed in detail with the board.

SEQRA REVIEW FOR ROUTE 9 GATEWAY

Keith Osborne read the Short Form SEQRA.

The board responded to the questions and resulted in the following resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE DETERMINATION THAT THE PROPOSED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

RESOLUTION #147-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George, in partnership with the NYSDOT is developing the preliminary design plans for the Lake George Gateway Improvements Route 9 in the Town of Lake George, Warren County, New York; said project will improve safety and accessibility for all pedestrian users.

WHEREAS, The proposed project is subject to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake George has notified the involved agencies pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.6 of its intention to act a Lead Agency and no agencies objected to the Town's request to act as Lead Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lake George declares itself Lead Agency and determined the proposed Gateway Improvement Project along Route 9 will not have a negative effect on the environment pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6.

Duly adopted this 20th date of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Dickinson

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SALES TAX REVENUE 2015

RESOLUTION #148-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Hurley and seconded by Councilperson Muratori.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lake George desires to have the County of Warren hold \$150,000 in sales tax revenues to the Town of Lake George to offset the 2015 tax levied upon real properties, to be paid in one installment from the fourth quarter payment, and

WHEREAS, this allocation will continue for all subsequent years until further notice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Lake George is hereby directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County of Warren.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Hurley, Crocitto, Muratori, Stannard
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Dickinson

OCCUPANCY TAX REQUEST FOR IMPROV RECORDS

This is a four day music festival that is going to take place at Wood Park.

Councilperson Stannard that the board needs to be up front on what kind of music is acceptable.

RESOLUTION #149-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Hurley.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake George allocate \$2,000.00 from Occupancy Tax Funding to Wiljam/Improv Records for their four day music festival to be held at Wood Park July 2-5, 2015.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Dickinson

Motion carried.

OCCUPANCY TAX FOR SAVE FISHING DERBY

RESOLUTION #150-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Hurley.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake George allocate \$2,000.00 from Occupancy Tax Funding to the SAVE Fishing Derby to be held July 10-12, 2015.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Dickinson

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO CREATE LABORER POSITION FOR NATHAN FIDD

Councilperson Crocitto stated Nathan Fidd has been employed by the Town at the Landfill since May. He has done a good job and the Town is short-handed there. The Highway Department has asked that we keep him on as a part-time employee until January and then put him on full time.

RESOLUTION #151-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Stannard.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George has a need for a Laborer in the Transfer Station and Highway Departments; and

WHEREAS, newly hired seasonal part time employee Nathan Fidd has shown himself to be capable and competent; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has recommended that Fidd's position be extended part time through year-end and made full time January 1st (split ½ time between transfer and highway)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lake George will extend Fidd's part time status through December 31st and the Town of Lake George

will create the new position of full time laborer effective January 1, 2015 and hire Nathan Fidd to fill said position.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

RESOLUTION #152-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Hurley and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to accept the following donations to the Town:

- Kayvazian & Werlau \$150 for use of trolley
- Christopher Werner \$275 for use of trolley
- SAVE program \$175 for use of Town Center

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION #153-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to approve the following budget transfers:

- \$1,641.00 from A.1620.0413.ATC TW CTR MAIN BLDG/PROP to Tax Coll – Equip A.1330.0200 \$620.00 and A.1410.0200 TW Clerk-Equip \$1,021.00
- \$598.91 from B.4110.0411 DP Parks-Diam. Pt. – Project, \$1,000.00 B.7110.0413 DP Parks – Diam. Pt. Maint Bldg/Prop and \$170.46 from B7110.0451.DP Parks-Diam. Pt. – Med Supply to \$1,769.37 B.7140.0413 DP Play Maint. Bldg/Prop
- \$7,240.00 A.1990.0400 Contingency to A.8160.0107 Refuse & Garb PT HRLY-PS and A.9030.0800 Soc Sec Empl Contr.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO END PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR PART TIME COURT CLERK

RESOLUTION #154-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Hurley.

WHEREAS, the probationary period for new appointee Don Ross as Court Attendant for the Town of Lake George ends on August 13, 2014 and,

WHEREAS, the Town approved of his performance during the probationary period; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Don Ross, Court Attendant, will be a permanent employee and his probationary period will end retroactively August 13, 2014.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO END PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF COURT ATTENDANT

RESOLUTION #155-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto.

WHEREAS, the probationary period for new appointee Don Ross as Court Attendance for the Town of Lake George ends on August 13, 2014 and,

WHEREAS, the Town approved of his performance during the probationary period,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Don Ross, Court Attendant, will be a permanent employee and his probationary period will end retroactively August 13, 2014.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Stannard -

Courts – Total number of cases heard was 405 for the month of September. \$35,710.95 was forwarded to Audit and Control. \$20,925.00 was forwarded for Village Parking.

Library – They have had a library meeting and also a library forum where different people from the community met where they came up with some ideas on how they could better serve the community. They discussed changing the hours. They will now be open Saturday mornings. The other issue is safety because they are open two nights. The forum was very well attended and a lot of good ideas. One of the patrons was informed that he is prohibited from library property. The staff found him confrontational and threatening. They do wear a panic button on their neck. Four people have been barred from the library this year all for threatening behavior and 3 of them are Town of Lake George residents. They are going to have a genealogy next March. There will be a book signing with Anika Denise who is Rose Littrell's granddaughter. She wrote a children's book called Baking Day at Grandma's. David Starbuck is possibly coming to do a session on archaeology.

Street Lights – Two lights were replaced; one by Studio Motel and one on Pine Grove Avenue. There is a request for a light at 132 Bloody Pond Road. Tony Kypreos purchased the property and it is very dark in that area. He is not planning to build there for nearly a year and she will bring this up later.

Councilperson Muratori -

Planning & Zoning – The CFA Grant Funding has not been announced. It is assumed that this announcement will be closer to election time in November. This grant will help the Septic Initiative. The Responsible Management Entity is currently being pursued in order to administer grant funding. The Route 9 Gateway Plan Workshop with property owners took place on Monday, October 6th. The meeting was attended by nearly half the businesses within the corridor. Some concerns were raised but overall a positive reaction was noticed. Potential groundbreaking is in May 2015. The Town's Stormwater Management Plan is progressing and is currently under review.

Buildings and Grounds – Jim Martino reported that they cut down a spruce tree in front of the courthouse to make room for a garden; planted lilac trees at the entrance of the Diamond Point Playground and the work for the playground has been completed for this year. Lake George Signs is making three signs for the Town for the Courthouse, Delong Beach and the Senior Center. Judy Gearwar has been revamping the garden at the Town Center. There was a broken water line at Usher’s Park which has been repaired. A leaf box was built for the B-Crew truck this year to make Fall leave pick up more efficient than the old system; cutting down on trips to the Transfer Station by more than half. The Village and Town are preparing to tear up and pour the walkways in front of the Courthouse this coming week.

Councilperson Muratori stated that Jeff Adams, the Computer Tech has been here a lot recently. He asked about the Town’s Internet Usage Policy. We do have a policy. He stated that we need to re-issue the policy and it needs to come from the Town Board.

Councilperson Muratori presented a slide show on Diamond Island. Diamond Island is a very historical island and is overrun by terrestrial invasive plants. Marls Honeysuckle is an invasive and is not a good plant to have. Diamond Island is probably about 60% Marls Honeysuckle. Diamond Island also has two outhouses which are so nasty that nobody wants to use them and they don’t use them. She has called DEC and has expressed an interest in writing a grant for funding from the Lake Champlain/Lake George Basin grant program. This is a \$20,000 grant and it is a pollution and general environmental grant. She asked if she could pursue this. DEC stated they would be interested in the idea of having a crew go in and removing all of the Marls Honeysuckle and replant it with natives and the potential of also replacing the outhouses. The grant is due November 5th and she would like to utilize Kathy Bozony to help write this grant. She would like the board to pass a resolution to hire Kathy Bozony to pursue this grant.

RESOLUTION #156-2014, Introduced by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to authorize hiring Kathy Bozony to assist in writing the grant to remediate and restore Diamond Island.

Duly adopted this 20th day of October 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes:	5	Crocitto, Hurley, Muratori, Stannard, Dickinson
Noes:	0	
Absent:	0	

Motion carried.

Councilperson Crocitto -

Transfer Station – The Town has received its first check from the demolition of the Kenny/Marriott Project for \$27,000. There is still one more building to come down. More than half of the cost of putting the lift on has been paid for already.

Budget – The tentative budget was due September 20th and came in on time. If it stays the way it is right now, our appropriations for 2015 town-wide would be 5.64 million. One year ago, our appropriations were 5.882 million. This decrease is due the Caldwell Sewer and the Diamond Point water decrease. Our tax per thousand will be 1.52 per thousand.

Councilperson Crocitto stated that Lori Barber, Assessor has taken a lot of classes over the past 10 months. He read the classes that she has taken.

Supervisor Dickinson stated Lori was working part-time and expressed an interest in the job; she expressed an interest in proving her position. She has followed through with this. She is very aggressive about these classes and has in a very short amount of time become very competent in her job as the Town Assessor and the Town is very pleased with her.

Youth Commission – The football program is underway and doing very well. The Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m. The bowling program will begin the second week of December. The Summer Program starts the first week in July and goes through August. The counselors gave the Town a video of some highlights of the summer program.

Councilperson Hurley –

Diamond Point Water – Took the sample at the plant and the chlorine report was negative. He met with Keith Osborne to look at Lot #13 of the Diamond Lookout Subdivision. For the month of September we treated 865,650 gallons of water; averaging 28,850 gallons per day. Pump #2 failed; the water and the well; two capacitors are bad. Ron Gill ordered the parts and they should be in tomorrow.

Caldwell Sewer – Village forces spent 40 man hours checking the stations and performing daily maintenance. Overall, the pump stations are operating well and no repairs were made at the pump stations. The ultra-sounding of the pipes have been completed and all reports have been accepted. Tim Shudt is working to install some conduit at the pump stations for the wiring to be installed by Mahoney alarms for the new pump failure alarms. When the contractor was working on the Million Dollar Beach parking lot, the sewer force main was broken, causing a leak. This has been repaired. DEC was called to notify them of the incident and the Village's Vac Con truck reported to the scene and everything was repaired. DEC did come and investigate the incident. The Village has since had the sewer main accurately located and a diagram was drawn for future use on the new

mapping system. Flows are down; last year they were 6,996,000 gallons. This year it is 5,474,000 gallons.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he did get a call from DEC regarding the sewer break. Bob Stegeman stated that there would be no fines assessed.

Supervisor Dickinson stated they have had a meeting with our attorney and we are proceeding with our request to have the Lake George Consolidated Board of Health be the responsible mechanism for carrying out the septic initiative. The Consolidated Board of Health consists of Mayor Blais, Supervisor Dickinson and Fred Austin who is an engineer. This is a good board and with Fred Austin on the board, he is a well-rounded, very experienced engineer and is very good about reviewing projects.

Supervisor Dickinson stated the Exit 21 Project is moving forward. He stated he spoke to Ed Pagnotta who is affected by the project. He is losing all of his roadside parking. He also has some issues with some of his signs. Supervisor Dickinson is setting up a meeting with himself, Ed Pagnotta, Keith Osborne as well as the engineers for the project and the engineers for the State. He has a number of handicapped people who frequent his restaurant and he is concerned that with the lower parking lot, they cannot get into his restaurant.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he did meet at the site of the Westbrook Parking area. We would like to ask the Village for help in extending the stormwater facilities as they have more experience than we do.

A motion was made by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes typed by Patty Schuster.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Foley
Town Clerk