

Minutes of the Town of Lake George Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting held on Monday January 8, 2018 at the Town Center, 20 Old Post Road, Lake George, New York.

Supervisor Dickinson opened the Public Hearing at 6:15pm

Public Hearing on Local Law 1 -2018 Cold War Veterans Exemption from Real Property Taxation.

**Resolution # 31-2018**

**A LOCAL LAW#1-2018- PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION  
TO COLD WAR VETERANS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Town Board of the Town of Lake George as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

The purpose of this law is to provide for the maximum exemption allowable pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

**SECTION 2. EXEMPTION.**

Pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions 2(a) and 2(b) of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the maximum exemption allowable from real property taxes for Cold War veterans is established as follows:

- (a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit.
  
- (b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent (50%) of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or the product of forty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit.

**SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS.**

With regard to the exemptions set forth herein, the provisions of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law relating to definitions, limitations, time frames and applications existing as of the effective date of this Local Law shall apply.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori.

Ayes Dickinson, Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori

Noes

Absent

Motion Carried.

Councilperson Crocitto made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Muratori.

Ayes Dickinson, Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori

Noes

Absent

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Dickinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Dickinson opened the regular Town Board meeting at 6:30 pm. Councilperson Hurley recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dennis Dickinson, Supervisor  
Vinnie Crocitto, Deputy Supervisor  
Marisa Muratori, Councilperson  
Nancy Stannard, Councilperson  
Dan Hurley, Councilperson

Absent:

Also Present: Deb Foley, Town Clerk, John Salvador, David Montgomery, Bill Lamy, Randy Rath, Russell Thomas.

Motion made by Councilperson Crocitto, seconded by Councilperson Muratori to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting Dec.11, 2017

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Bill Lamy from Warren County addressed the Board regarding the snow and ice removal regulations and best practices. He stated he was speaking as a representative for reduction of road salt committee The Town has been involved from the beginning and participated in the Memorandum of Understanding regarding reducing road salt in the southern basin and the LG watershed. He explained about the grant obtained by Senator Betty Little, the cooperative effort led by The Lake George Park Commission, the Lake George Association and the Lake George/Lake Champlain Planning Board with assisting highway departments in drainage basin in trying to reduce road salt being used by multiple organizations in and around the watershed. There has been a model created for use by local DPW's. Mr. Lamy stated that he has read quite a bit of research, there has been a lot done in road salt, deicing and snow removal. He stated that the manual has been simplified to assist the highway superintendents. Mr. Lamy stated there are two documents he feels should be part of highway superintendents operating plan, should be referred to on a daily basis (gave the board copies). Thru evaluation with each storm we can look at best practice management. We look at the use of different types of salt and also brine. LG highway superintendent has been very cooperative. This is a document that can change with new information. He would like to review said document with the Town Board and will schedule a workshop meeting for another date. Mr. Lamy stated that he would like the Town Board to pass a resolution adopting the plan and support the highway superintendent. Supervisor Dickinson asked for a quick summary of the plan and Mr. Lamy went through the plan's points. Supervisor Dickinson then commented on some of the points of the plan.

Dan Barusch then presented the next four resolutions explaining the grants that the Town of Lake George received

### **RESOLUTION #32-2018**

**TO ACCEPT DEC/EFC ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT FOR \$100,000 TO COMPLETE THE CALDWELL SEWER DISTRICT ENGINEERING REPORT, AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT, APPROPRIATE LOCAL MATCH FUNDS, AND DECLARE A SEQR TYPE II DETERMINATION.**

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board of the Town of Lake George had directed the Director of Planning and Zoning and the Town Designated Engineer (Chazen) to apply for EFC/DEC financial assistance through the Consolidated Funding Application in Spring 2017 to obtain funding in order to complete the Engineering Report required by the Town as part of their Notice of Violation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)/Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Engineering Planning Grant, awarded to the Town of Lake George for \$100,000 to complete the engineering report for the Caldwell Sewer District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning and Zoning Department will be the local administrator and project manager for the Grant and the completion of the Engineers Report, and will seek out consultant(s) as needed to complete the objectives identified in the Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant already chosen to work on the report is the Town Designated Engineer (TDE) Chazen Companies, who has already started the work and engineering report, pursuant to the Notice of Violation the Town received in December 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision © of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 DEC/EFC Engineering Planning Grant awarded to the Town in December 2017 for the Caldwell Sewer District Engineering Report.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor, Dennis Dickinson, is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the (entity's) obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lake George authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Caldwell Sewer District Engineer Report project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the grant award of \$100,000. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$25,000. The total estimated maximum project cost is \$125,000. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in-kind services without further approval from the Town of Lake George.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lake George hereby determines that the proposed engineering report for the Caldwell Sewer District Engineering Report project is a

Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(21) which constitutes the conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action, and is therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

On a motion made by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Muratori and carried by the following vote:

Ayes           Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori, Dickinson

Noes

Absent

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2018

**RESOLUTION #33-2018**

**TO ACCEPT THE LAKE GEORGE DPW CONSOLIDATION/JOINT MOTORPOOL  
FEASIBILITY STUDY DOS LGEP GRANT FOR \$25,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Lake George agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 Department of State (DOS) Local Government Efficiency Program (LGEP) Grant, awarded to the Town of Lake George for \$25,000 to complete the feasibility study for consolidation of DPW facilities and creation of a joint motorpool; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board agrees that the \$25,000 award is reimbursable by DOS, where the total project cost is \$50,000; \$25,000 of which is non-reimbursable local match share to be split by the Town (\$10,000), the Village (\$10,000) and the LGCSO (\$5,000); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning and Zoning Department will be the local administrator and project manager for the Grant and the feasibility study, and will seek out consultant(s) as needed to complete the objectives identified in the Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant(s) and/or materials needed will be sought out through the use of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or a formal bidding process (as applicable), which will evaluate applicants based on experience, credentials, knowledge of project, location and availability, and MWBE status.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 DOS LGEP Grant awarded to the Town in December 2017 for the feasibility study for consolidation of DPW facilities and creation of a joint motorpool; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lake George Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to act as the authorized representative to sign into contract for this grant to effectuate the grant contract award.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Hurley and carried by the following vote.

Ayes           Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori, Dickinson

Noes

Absent

Adopted this 8th Day of January, 2018

**RESOLUTION #34-2018**

**TO ACCEPT THE LAKEVIEW CIRCLE SW PROJECT DEC WQIP GRANT FOR  
\$125,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Grant, awarded to the Town of Lake George, for \$125,000 to complete the Lakeview Circle Stormwater Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board agrees that the \$125,000 award is reimbursable by DEC, where the total project cost is \$156,250; \$31,250 of which is non-reimbursable local match share and/or in-kind services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning and Zoning Department will be the local administrator and project manager for the Grant and stormwater improvement projects, and seek out consultant(s) as needed to complete the objectives identified in the Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant(s) and/or materials needed will be sought out through the use of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or a formal bidding process (as applicable), which will evaluate applicants based on experience, credentials, knowledge of the project, location and availability, and MWBE status.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 DEC WQIP Grant awarded to the Town in December 2017 for the Lakeview Circle Stormwater Improvement projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to act as the authorized representative to sign into contract for this grant to effectuate the grant contract award.

On a motion made by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Hurley and carried by the following vote.

Ayes Dickinson, Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori

Noes

Absent

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2018

**RESOLUTION #35-2018**

**TO ACCEPT THE CALDWELL SEWER SLIP LINING DEC WQIP GRANT FOR  
\$120,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Lake George agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) Grant, awarded to the Town of Lake George for \$120,000 to complete the slip-lining of major sewer mains in the Caldwell Sewer District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board agrees that the \$120,000 award is reimbursable by DEC, where the total project cost will be \$200,000; \$80,000 of which is non-reimbursable local match share; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Planning and Zoning Department will be the local administrator and project manager for the Grant and the slip lining work; and will seek out consultant(s) as needed to complete the objectives identified in the Work Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The consultant(s) and/or materials needed will be sought out through the use of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process or a formal bidding process (as applicable), which will evaluate applicants based on experience, credentials, knowledge of project, location and availability, and MWBE status.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board agrees to accept the CFA Round 14 DEC WQIP Grant awarded to the Town in December 2017 for the slip lining of the Caldwell Sewer District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lake George Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to act as the authorized representative to sign into contract for this grant to effectuate the grant contract award.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori and carried by the following vote.

Ayes           Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori, Dickinson  
Noes  
Absent

Adopted this 8th day of January 2018.

Dan Barusch then presented the appointments for the zoning/planning boards.

**RESOLUTION #36-2018**

**APPOINTMENTS for Planning and Zoning**

Dave Meixner is hereby appointed to the Town of Lake George Planning Board as a full member from an alternate member.

Mohammad Tariq is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Town of Lake George Zoning Board Appeals.

On a motion made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto and carried by the following vote:

Ayes           Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori, Dickinson  
Noes  
Absent

Dave Montgomery then addressed the Board regarding 31 Oak Street, in the Town of Lake George. The property is owned by a Mr. Moon. Mr. Montgomery stated nothing has been done for 19 years regarding the property maintenance on the Moon property. Mr. Montgomery stated he used to come to the Board on an annual basis but has not gotten any results. He would ask that

someone come look at the property. Mr. Montgomery stated he has spoken to Dan Barusch about this problem. Mr. Moon has been in contempt of court since 2012 regarding a lawsuit and cabins he owes a fine but had a heart attack and has not paid the full amount. At this point in time the lawsuit is finished. The only results Mr. Montgomery feels have been achieved are that the property owner has removed some of the unregistered vehicles. Mr. Montgomery feels the code enforcement office has been ignoring the problem. He wants to know when something is going to be done. The cabins on the property are an eyesore and he feels fines should be levied against the homeowner, however, Mr. Moon is not in arrears on his taxes and therefore this is not applicable. Mr. Montgomery stated he is sick and tired of nothing being done. Mr. Montgomery has retained legal counsel regarding the width of the road (which is private) Mr. Montgomery states that the road is much narrower in front of Mr. Moon's property. Councilperson Muratori asked if the Town has ever helped him with this issue. Mr. Montgomery stated that Rob Hickey (previous code enforcement officer) was helpful because he issued many violations. Mr. Montgomery stated he is building a garage and not going to get a permit and that he lives on a lawless road. Dan Barusch stated that he has reviewed all the history on this property. The lawsuit is over at this point. Mr. Montgomery stated he wants the cabins removed and the road back to the 33' width. Mr. Montgomery said none of the board members had been to the property except Councilperson Muratori, when she was campaigning. Councilperson Crocitto stated he has been down the road. Councilperson Stannard asked what is making the road narrower. Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Moon keeps dumping grass and dirt into the road. Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Moon puts rebar in the road and people have hit it and it is a dangerous situation. There is also a large dumpster protruding into the road. Dan Barusch is going to go to check on the property and assess the situation from the zoning and planning office. Councilperson Muratori stated the town property maintenance law is weak and that the law is enforced by Warren County Code Enforcement office and they don't deal with it unless it's a health issue. Mr. Montgomery then thanked the board for their time.

**RESOLUTION #37-2018  
DONATIONS**

Motion made by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to accept the following donations.

Fire & Ice	LGYC Basketball Sponsorship	\$250.00
Yonder Hill Group	Town Hall Rent	\$250.00

Adopted January 8, 2018 by the following vote

Ayes: Crocitto, Muratori, Stannard, Hurley, Dickinson

Noes: 0  
Absent

Motion Carried

**TABLED - RESOLUTION - Sick Leave at Retirement - Policy Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Lake George Handbook currently allows sick leave credits to be paid out to an employee upon retirement or to be used towards retiree health insurance benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Lake George currently pays NYSLRS (New York State & Local Retirement System) up to 0.2% of annual salaries for 41(j) plan and this plan cannot be rescinded once adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSLRS 41(j) plan allows employees to receive service credit towards their retirement for unused and unpaid sick leave credits at retirement;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Lake George eliminates the current handbook policy regarding sick time payout and instead replaces the policy with the following:

1. Employees will not be paid out sick leave credits upon retirement but will receive additional service credits towards their retirement in accordance with NYSLRS Section 41(j).

**TABLED - RESOLUTION PAID LUNCHESES AND FLEX POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake George handbook allows salaried full time employees to receive a paid hour lunch break when working more than five continuous hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy states that an employee is not allowed to work through their lunch break to make up time or leave early, nor may the lunch break be taken at the end of the workday in order to leave prior to normal quitting time; and

**WHEREAS**, the policy is being excessively used and many employees are not adhering to the lunch policy and is is a state law that employees must take their lunch.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that paid lunches are a benefit and any employee who chooses not to take their lunch will not be paid or given flex time for it. When a department is short staffed and feels they do not have adequate coverage for lunch, they can contact the Comptroller's or Supervisor's office and a staff member will cover their lunch break. In the rare case where it is impossible for an employee to take a lunch break and there is no department available to cover, the employee will receive an hour of flex time but it must be used within the same pay period.

#### **TABLED - RESOLUTION FOR VACATION CARRYOVER POLICY AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Lake George handbook currently states that all vacation leave credits must be taken within a year of accrual; and

**WHEREAS**, the current policy states employees may be able to carry over vacation time with Town Board approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town would prefer to no longer allow any vacation carry over and instead all vacation left over at the end of the year will be converted to sick time.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Lake George eliminates the current handbook section regarding vacation accumulation and instead replaces the policy with the following.

1. An employee may not accumulate vacation leave credits. All vacation leave credits must be taken within a year of accrual.
2. If vacation leave is unused at the end of the accrual year, the leave credits will be converted to sick time.

#### **RESOLUTION 38-2018**

#### **NYC ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEALS AND INCIDENTALS**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Lake George has several employees who attend the Association of Towns ("AOT") Training in New York City each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, employees are required to cover the meals and incidental expenses of the trip and submit for reimbursement upon returning to the office after the training event; and

**WHEREAS**, Some employees can not afford the cost up front and to wait for reimbursement. Additionally, the reimbursement process is currently cumbersome to the office staff.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Lake George will pay per diem amounts to employees prior to leaving for New York City. This will provide employees with the exact amount allowable per day\* for meals/incidentals based on state regulations.

\* The 2018 M&IE expenses for NYC AOT are attached.

\* This resolution will be revised to state that should there be a cancellation of the trip by an employee who has already received their stipend, said stipend must be returned.

On a motion made by Councilperson and seconded by Councilperson Stannard and carried by the following vote.

Vote

Ayes           Crocitto, Muratori, Stannard, Hurley, Dickinson

Noes

Absent

Adopted January 8, 2018

Dennis Dickinson then read the Association of Towns agenda for the 2018 Association of Towns meeting in New York City.

**TABLED - RESOLUTION FOR OFFICE HOURS AND FLEX TIME POLICY  
AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake George handbook currently states the hours of operation for each department; and

WHEREAS, There is a policy on flex time which currently states an employee may begin or end it's workday at a different time as requested by the Department Head but the flex time associated must normally be during the time the department is open and available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Flex time should not be a regular occurrence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lake George eliminates the current handbook section regarding flex time and instead replaces the policy with the following:

1. Employees are required to report at their scheduled times in which they are open and available to the public, in accordance with the Department Hours section of the handbook.
2. If an employee needs to report earlier due to workload need, they should seek prior approval from the Supervisor or Town Board. In addition, they need to have their office open and available to the public during the hours they are in office.
3. If flex time is accrued due to necessary work load, the flex time must be used in the same pay period it is earned.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Councilperson Stannard**

**Library Report** - 724 visits for 2017. There are alot of upcoming lectures and events. Due to the snow storms the visits were down a bit from this time last year. There is a book sale coming up this weekend. l

**Caldwell Sewer Report** - Village forces spent 40 man hours checking the stations and performing daily maintenance. 4 man hours were spent exercising valves in both pump stations. 49 man hours were spent cleaning and televising lines on Mountain View Land, Stanton Lane, Latham Road and Racawana Drive. 10 man hours were spent on snow removal.

**Courts** - Total cases - 187. Money forwarded to Audit and Control - \$22,273.00. Yearly total to date - \$334,612.34. Total 2017 cases - 3,383. Yearly Total - \$334,612.34.

### **Resolution #39-2018**

#### **Court Clerks to Carry over unused Vacation Time**

Linda McMahon would like to carry over 20 hours of unused vacation time. Nancy Earl would like to carry over 19.5 hour sof unused vacation time and 6 hours of flex time.

Councilperson.Stannard made motion to allow the court clerks to carry over their time, seconded by Councilperson Muratori and carried by the following vote.

Ayes                      Crocitto, Stannard, Hurley, Muratori, Dickinson  
Noes

Absent

**Planning and Zoning Office Report given by Dan Barusch, Director of Planning and Zoning**

-Septic initiative project roughly 75% complete; inventory update progressing. Plans for a future training session and public workshop; mapping at 80% - MS4 SWPPP/SPDES inspections on 12/22, Final draft of SWMP update for Lake George completed; adoption resolution has been drafted; final quarterly report submitted and project close out has started - Route 9 Gateway Plan, GPI working final payment request, waiting on DOT for reimbursement of \$400,000 - HEPA Economic Development Plan - Plan revised pursuant to comments at public hearing. Meeting with LGCSD Board (12/21) to discuss the school property included in the plan (PPT developed). - Climate Action plan - data mining for GHG inventories (Town and Village 90% complete) - report outline being started, GHG emissions reduction goals being discussed - quarterly report submitted; American Battlefield Protection Program - Report being developed/mapping being started, over 100 site inventory sheets being done, next potential public workshop will be in March or April - quarterly report has been submitted - Climate Smart Committee/Go Green - EVSE Grants - final QR submitted, project completed and closed out; awaiting approval on 3rd CEC high impact action; submitted 4th CSC cert effort (7pts) - scheduled 2018 meeting (6) agenda 2/6/18 meeting - Warren County Bikeway Extension Project (A-GFTC) - update conference calls with Alta Planning; existing conditions work 50% complete - P&Z Office 2 LUD permits - 51 zoning inquiries; 2 zoning completion certificates - 1 lot line adjustment; Doug doing daily site inspections and Doug and Dan doing 2x weekly inspections - CFA Grant Award Notices - won LGEP DPW consolidation study \$25k - Won WQIP Lakeview circle SW projects \$125k ; Won WQIP - slip lining project \$120k - Won EPG - Caldwell Sewer Engineers report \$100k - Comprehensive zoning revisions out for public comment.

**Councilperson Muratori**

**Buildings and Grounds** - The second phase of the courthouse stairway restoration is underway. Floors have been redone in the library. Working with the Historic Association to organize their artifacts which are not on display. The Library should be finished very soon to allow for events to take place. Changing all lightbulbs to LED in the Town buildings. Projects this year include possibly remodeling the kitchen in the Town Offices to allow for office space for the LGYC Director, Cathy O'Brien. She currently has a desk in the Supervisor's Office. The main hallway will be used for a historian gallery space. Goals for this year include finishing the courthouse project, completion of the memorial bench. Buildings and Grounds are working with Soil and Water to clean the water front behind courthouse.

**Councilperson Hurley**

**Diamond Point Water** - water samples taken at Hillview were all good. 12/21 pump number 2 stopped working, crews called in Rosick Well Drilling and they replaced the breaker. The pump is now running fine. 48,000 gallons per day are being pumped through.

**Councilperson Hurley**

**Highway** - It was a busy month with snow removal and maintenance. The Board needs to make decision on roll off truck. According to Dan Davis, the Town's truck is on its last legs with 450,000 miles on it. The truck is 26 years old. A used vehicle starts at around \$90,000. They are diesels.

**Youth Commission/Teen Center** - Insurance coverage for teen center is ok, as the building is covered. Councilperson Crocitto has checked on this. Rob Tefft, director of the LGYC summer program will not be returning for the 2018 summer session and has tendered his resignation. Elise Carr, the progressive swim instructor is also not returning. Councilperson Crocitto is meeting with Cathy O'Brien, the head counselor of the summer program and director of the athletic programs, she would like to be considered for the position.

**Supervisor's Report** - Occupancy tax request from the fire department for an event for John Cocozza-Hill in the amount of \$650.00 and another request from the Fire Department for \$750.00 to build an ice rink behind the high school gym.

Supervisor Dickinson made a motion to approve the occupancy tax requests from the fire department, seconded by Councilperson Crocitto and carried by the following vote.

Vote

Ayes Dickinson, Crocitto, Stannard, Muratori, Hurley

Noes

Absent

Supervisor Dickinson then continued on with his report and stated that the County Board of Supervisors had the county organizational meeting. Supervisor Dickinson spoke about the meeting to the board members.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

John Salvador, addressed the Board regarding the assignment of the alternate to the zoning board he said that absenteeism is not a condition to sit an alternate. If a zoning board is unable to have a quorum then it's an automatic approval. Councilperson Muratori said that the zoning

office was aware of it. Mr. Salvador also spoke about his concerns about Shaw Road Extension that is zoned 5/10 acre rural residential. He stated there are no services to support residential development. That the land has been classified as forest land and it has always been used as forest land. Mr. Salvador would like it rezoned. Mr. Salvador spoke about the Hyman lawsuit, he referenced the settlement and he stated the Hymans do not agree to the repair of the road, Mr. Salavador stated that if the road is not repaired he is not allowed to use it. The timber harvesting permit has been denied because of the ongoing lawsuit. Supervisor Dickinson stated that the road is private and that the town has repaired their portion of Shaw Road. Mr. Salvador then asked about the wastewater grant. Supervisor Dickinson replied that by late spring there should be some action on it.

Russell Thomas then addressed the Board regarding a date of when the trees that were taken down on his property are going to be replaced. Supervisor Dickinson replied that the trees were not on his property. He also spoke about a culvert that was removed on his property., the Board did not have any knowledge of this. He stated Dan Davis knew about it and admitted that the highway department made the mistake of taking down trees on Ellsworth Road at Mr. Thomas' property. He stated that he wants to know why he is required to discuss his taxes with a lawyer and cannot address the Town of Lake George Assessor, Lori Barber. Mr. Thomas stated that he has a problem with a number of his assessments. Councilperson Crocitto stated that there is an issue between the tax assessor and Mr. Thomas. Councilperson Muratori stated he behaved in a threatening manner to the tax assessor and that she has already answered his questions. Ms. Barber has said she would meet with him only with members of the Town Board present or other office staff. Councilperson Stannard said that the tax assessor will have the information for him by March 2018. He would like it sooner. Councilperson Stannard said she will not be able to do that before March 1, 2018. The Town will not be paying for Mr. Thomas' legal counsel. Mr. Thomas asked that a request for a meeting with the tax assessor be put in writing. Councilperson Crocitto asked if there was anything else.

A motion was made by Councilperson Stannard to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes typed by Katharine Erceg

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Foley, RMC  
Town Clerk