

Minutes of the Town of Lake George Town Board Meeting held on Monday March 12, 2018 at the Town Center, 20 Old Post Road, Lake George, New York.

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

Also Present: Deb Foley, Town Clerk, Jim Grey, Thom Randall, Fran Coccozza, Haley Paganowski, Mike Goot, Linda Duffy, Jim Barber, Russell Thomas, Carol Snyder, W. Snyder.

Motion made by Councilperson Crocitto seconded by Councilperson Hurley to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 5, 2018 and adopted by the following vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Fran Coccozza, Principal of the Lake George High School, addressed the board to introduce Haley Pogonowski, the new Director of the Teen Center and to thank the Town for the help with getting the teen center going. Mr. Coccozza explained how the funding for the teen center was progressing and spoke about the Caldwell Presbyterian's help and also the 501c3 not for profit corp. The email for the Teen Center is lgteencenter@gmail.com.

Councilperson Stannard then brought up the street light for Bloody Pond Road and the Board did the following resolution. It cost the town nothing to put up the pole and will cost \$159.00 per year. A neighbor notification was sent and no responses noted.

RESOLUTION TO INSTALL STREETLIGHT AT 132 BLOODY POND ROAD

RESOLUTION #59-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto to approve the installation of a street light at 132 Bloody Pond Road.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

NOTICE FOR SPRING CLEAN UP

A motion was made by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to accept the Notice for Spring Clean Up to be held from April 23, 2018 through May 25, 2018.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

OCCUPANCY TAX REQUESTS

RESOLUTION #60-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to allocate \$3,000 to Sham Rock the Block from Occupancy Tax Funding.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION #61-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Hurley and seconded by Councilperson Muratori to allocate \$5,000 to the American Legion Post #374 for their Annual Boat Ride and Steak Roast.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

Councilperson Muratori spoke about Diamond Point Beach regarding the rules and regulations Supervisor Dickinson said we need new signs, some of the rules are conflicting with what is posted. The Board will review the rules and come up with a list of rules and then have a Public Hearing and then re-do the signs and road markings and the parking. Councilperson Muratori stated that the rules were adopted in 1983. She stated that the hours of the beach need to be clarified and the parking. Supervisor Dickinson stated the Board will set up a workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to set up workshop meetings for April 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Center and April 9th at 4:30pm at the Town Center.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

AMERICAN TOWER LEASE

Supervisor Dickinson spoke about American Tower Lease, just received lease ready to be signed regarding the cell towers on land that the Town owns. We had 2 choices a lump sum dollar amount or renewing at a higher rate with a signing bonus. Attorney suggested we take the second option, which we did. Board discussed the Lease and opted to table the resolution till the Town attorney can review the lease

PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Councilperson Stannard explained the truck was going out to bid and there were some problems with the truck that the fire department wanted. The board would like a survey put on the website so residents can vote.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ROLL OFF TRUCK

Supervisor Dickinson stated that the Highway Superintendent has found a new truck, Supervisor Dickinson said the Town of Lake Luzerne was interested in buying a truck as well. He proposed Lake George and Lake Luzerne share the truck and Lake Luzerne Supervisor, Gene Merlino had concurred. Highway Superintendent, Dan Davis, wants the Town to buy it and enter into contract to service Lake Luzerne on certain days of the week. The truck will take six months till delivery. The Town of Lake George would charge the Town of Lake Luzerne a flat fee.

RESOLUTION #62-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to proceed with the purchase and Lake Luzerne Lease Agreement.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION TO HIRE CATHY O'BRIEN AS CAMP DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION #63-2018, Introduced by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Councilperson Stannard.

WHEREAS, Robert Tefft has resigned his position as Camp Director; and

WHEREAS, the Town approved Cathy O'Brien, the current Lead Camp Counselor, to take over the Camp Director position; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cathy O'Brien will no longer be the Lead Camp Counselor (\$3,182.70 salary) but will now become the Camp Director at a salary of \$5,150 salary, in addition to her current role as Recreation Director/Youth Coordinator at a salary of \$16,319.88. Effective immediately, Cathy O'Brien's salary for both positions will be \$21,469.88 annually.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION MEAL BREAKS PER NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW

RESOLUTION #64-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto.

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake George has made a change to the employee handbook regarding meal breaks;

1. All Salaried full time employees will be entitled to a paid 60 minute meal break when working at least 6 hours; and
2. All hourly full time employees will be entitled to an unpaid 30 minute meal break when working at least 6 hours.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, all Departments will follow the above meal break policy.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION -2018 SPECIAL AMENDMENT: SICK LEAVE AT RETIREMENT

Tabled at Board's request.

**RESOLUTION TO END PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR SECRETARY
TO THE SUPERVISOR**

RESOLUTION #65-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori.

WHEREAS, The probationary period for new appointee Katharine Erceg, Secretary to the Supervisor for the Town of Lake George ended on March 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town approved of her performance during the probationary period.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, Katharine Erceg, Secretary to the Supervisor, will be a permanent employee and her probationary period will end retroactive to March 1, 2018.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION FOR SUPERVISOR TO SIGN SOLID WASTE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION #66-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Muratori to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Solid Waste Contract with Warren County when it is ready.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS TO THE TOWN

RESOLUTION #67-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to accept the following donations to the Town:

Autosaver Ford	YC Banner	\$100.00
Fun World Arcade	YC Banner	\$100.00
Stephanie Scuderi	Trolley Donation	\$100.00
Bodies by Jay	Baseball Sponsorship	\$250.00
Jaclyn Duncan	Trolley Donation	\$500.00
SAVE Program	Use of Town Center	\$175.00
Glens Falls Nat. Bank	YC Banner	\$100.00

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION 68-2018, Introduced by Councilperson Crocitto and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to approve the following budget transfer.

1. To cover donation for Student Exchange Program (sister cities) \$1,000 from B1990.4 Contingency to B7145.472 Joint Projects - Student Exchange.

Duly adopted this 12th day of March 2018 by the following vote:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Russell Thomas addressed the Board regarding removed trees and culvert on Ellsworth Road. Mr. Thomas assumes the trees were taken down by mistake but the Town was removing brush on an adjudicated right of way and they are not replacing anything. Supervisor Dickinson stated it was not a mistake and he doesn't see what the problem is. Mr. Thomas said he thought they were going to be replaced. Mr. Thomas stated his survey is on file in the Town offices. Supervisor Dickinson said he had not seen it. Supervisor Dickinson said that Mr. Davis, Highway Superintendent, has a responsibility to the public to make sure the roads are safe. Mr. Thomas stated that there is a culvert from one side of the road to the other into his yard. Mr. Thomas said he wants it removed. The Board asked why. He said there is water going into his yard. Supervisor Dickinson said he will look into these matters and contact him. Mr. Thomas then asked about his property on Morgan Court and stated that he wants an appointment with the Assessor, Lori Barber. Councilperson Stannard explained that the documents have gone to the County and then will come back to the Town probably by mid-April. Mr. Thomas said it doesn't make sense and that he was told he would get paperwork in February. Councilperson Crocitto stated that he should set up an appointment and asked if he had an attorney. Supervisor Dickinson explained that his assessment has been reduced and that he could get three years of refunds. Mr. Thomas wants it go back 25 years, the Board stated it doesn't work that way and that the Board does not want a meeting and that he should get an attorney because the Town doesn't want to talk with him about it. Councilperson Muratori explained that the assessor has explained it to Mr. Thomas multiple times. Supervisor Dickinson explained Mr. Thomas has to be current with his taxes in order to claim a refund. Mr. Thomas then continued discussing his other properties and feels the assessments are not fair. Councilperson Muratori and Councilperson Stannard then explained grievance day to him and that he can come to the Board of Assessment Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Hurley - Diamond Point Water- 1,743,620 gallons treated everything seems to be running well. The pumps are all running.

Councilperson Crocitto - Highway garage. Overtime is higher because of all the storms, used less salt and brine per mile so overall it has been effective. The brine has worked very well and will lead to a savings. The State has not been cooperative with using the brine.

Councilperson Stannard - Caldwell Sewer - 40 man hrs, 4 man hrs exercising valves in pump stations, 6 hrs on snow removal. Tim Shudt vibration in pumps in the lower pumps has been getting worse and needs repair or replacement soon. Board discussion ensued.

Councilperson Muratori - Planning - There is a raw sewage issue on Route 9 at the North end of the Town. Mike Lanfear is still pursuing his sewer hook up on Route 9. Supervisor Dickinson has said it is not feasible at this time because of the money required. The Town will ask Dan Barusch and the FUND for LG to extend the sewer initiative to the Mitchell property so any property owner will be eligible for 50% funding. Board discussion ensued. Village has agreed to look in to putting check valves in State lines near Million Dollar Beach and the adjacent campground. The State has not paid their bill and needs to be shut off. The bill has been outstanding for 4 years. Mayor Blais said he will get the Village's sewer department to put in shut off valves. The Board then took a vote to pursue the shut off valve for non-payment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Stannard to look into the possibility of terminating the State's usage of the sewage lines for non-payment.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Councilperson Stannard - Library Report - Visits are way up, Social Security workshop 12 people, teen program arts was well attended, lego club had 9 children, lots of programs are coming up. Annual dinner will be 4/12/18 at the Holiday Inn. It will start at 5:30 and will have a lot more baskets for raffle. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. There will be a teen art show on May 2nd at 5:30pm. The library received 2 ipads for patrons to use in house.

Councilperson Stannard - Courts - 329 cases \$26,489. \$ 2,205 year to date.

Councilperson Muratori - Buildings and Grounds - proposed shared service. The Village and Jim Martino, head of Buildings and Grounds, will oversee the summer employees that are employed by the Village. This includes the public bathrooms, street sweepers, life guards and cleaning up of the lakefront walkway and the continued service of cleaning their buildings as needed. The exchange would be using their landscaping team to create and manage the gardens along the Gateway and all the other Town gardens, current and new ones being proposed. The

Town Comptroller has put together a spreadsheet of the financial aspect of the exchange. Councilperson Muratori then explained the costs. Board discussion ensued. Supervisor Dickinson asked that discussion continue with the staff that it effects. Supervisor Dickinson stated he will speak to the head of Buildings and Grounds at a later date.

Supervisor Report - from Tim Shudt, Village of Lake George, regarding the baby wipes entering caldwell sewer lines and it is a serious issue. Even if an item is labeled biodegradable. Anything that is not toilet paper should not be flushed down the toilet. This notice was sent to Village residents and a copy sent to the Town. Supervisor has been very busy with OCC tax Committee at the County, Environmental Concerns committee is reviewing a plastic bag ban, they have become a serious environmental problem. Supervisor will be taking this issue to Intercounty.

A motion was made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Hurley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes typed by Katharine Erceg

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Foley, RMC
Town Clerk