

OCTOBER 15, 2018 - WORKSHOP MEETING - MS4

Dan Barusch, Director of Planning and Zoning, opened the workshop meeting at 5:30pm. Motion made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori to close the public hearing at 6:00pm.

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

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018

Minutes of the regular Town of Lake George Town Board Meeting held on October 15, 2018 at the Town Center, 20 Old Post Road, Lake George, New York.

Councilperson Muratori made a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing and the regular minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Hurley.

Supervisor Dickinson opened the regular meeting of the Town Board at 6:30pm. Councilperson Crocitto led 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, Dan Barusch, Director of Planning and Zoning, Todd Earl, Thom Randall, Michael Goot

Supervisor Dickinson then spoke about Orcutt Bay and that there is discussion with the Lake George Park Commission about possibly 4 mooring buoys. The Park Commission is making an application to the DEC. The Town will need to pay for the buoys. Councilperson Muratori stated that the Town Board has not formerly discussed it yet. A resident of Orcutt Bay got up to speak about the traffic in the bay. He stated that the biggest issue that the residents face is that there is no regulation. The odd casual boater is fine but when boats come in and tie up together and “raft” it makes a certain neighbor angry and he retaliates and it is a potentially confrontational situation. The residents would like to regulate what happens in the bay. Supervisor Dickinson stated that the Town is taking steps to resolve the situation, the resident stated that there would be help if the Town needed putting in and taking out of the buoys. The buoys cost is approximately \$300.00 per buoy. Councilperson Muratori stated that the Board must discuss this issue further.

RESOLUTION 148 BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE CHAPTER 150 AND 175

WHEREAS, The Lake George Planning and Zoning Office has been working on amendments to the Town Code Chapter 150 “Subdivision” and Chapter 175 “Zoning”; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of Lake George will hold a formal public hearing on the proposed Town Code amendment and will pass this resolution to fix the time and place of said public

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Lake George agrees to set the date for the public hearing for the proposed Town Code amendments to Chapter 150 and 175 for 5:30 pm on November 19, 2018, prior to the regular November Town Board meeting.

On a motion made by Councilperson Hurley and seconded by Councilperson Muratori and adopted by the following vote.

Vote Dickinson, Crocitto, Muratori, Stannard, Hurley

Ayes: 5

Noes:

Absent:

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018

**RESOLUTION 149 BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE
AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CASES FILED BY
CHARLES H. TALL REVOCABLE TRUST**

WHEREAS, Charles H. Tall Revocable Trust (“Petitioner”), filed an Article 7 Real Property Assessment Review case against the Town challenging the 2018 assessments on real property located 19 Ahnohwarah Road (Tax Map 238.20-1-7), 30 Ahnohwarah Road (Tax Map 238.20-1-8) and Lakeshore Drive (Tax Map 238.20-1-9); and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the Town to avoid the significant cost that would result if the litigation continues and goes to trial; and

WHEREAS, the Town Assessor now recommends proposed settlement terms which have been negotiated with Petitioner and the School District; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake George hereby approves the proposed settlement of the tax assessment case filed by the Petitioner for assessment year 2018 as follows:

1. The assessments shall be reduced as follows:

PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUE	REDUCED ASSESSMENT VALUE
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19 Ahnohwarah Rd (Tax Map 238.20-1-7)	\$1,570,900	2018 discontinued without action
30 Ahnohwara Rd (Tax Map 238.20-1-8)	\$690,900	2018 \$600,000
Lakeshore Drive (Tax Map 238.20-1-9)	\$787,000	2018 discontinued without action

2. Refunds shall be paid based on the assessment reductions; and
3. Section 727 of the Real Property Tax Law will apply, fixing the assessments for 30 Ahnohwarah Road at \$600,000 for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Assessment Rolls unless the property is further improved or the assessment is subject to some other exception under Real Property Tax Law Section 727; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless otherwise ordered by the Court, refunds based upon the assessment reductions shall be paid without interest provided they are paid within ninety (90) days after Petitioner serves a copy of the filed Court Order approving the settlement, with Notice of Entry, on the Town together with a Demand for Payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board further authorizes and directs the Town Assessor and/or Town Counsel to execute settlement documents and take any additional steps necessary to effectuate the settlement in accordance with the terms of this Resolution

Vote Dickinson, Crocitto, Muratori, Stannard, Hurley

Ayes 5

Noes

Absent

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018

**NOTICE
TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE CLEAN UP
OCTOBER 22, 2018-NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

There will be a “Fall Clean Up” pick up by the Highway Department. Leaves do not have to be bagged. However, if bagged, a paper biodegradable bag must be used. Leaf piles left with stone and other debris in it will not be picked up. Brush must be tied in bundles so that one man can handle them and no longer than eight feet and a diameter no longer than 5”. **NO** pick up of solid refuse such as refrigerators, stoves, etc..

There will be no pick up of debris after November 30, 2018

There will be no roadside pick up on Lakeshore Drive or State Rt 9L. After November 30, 2018 Leaves and brush must be taken to the Transfer Station by residents.

**RESOLUTION 150 BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE FOR
SANDING/SALE AND SNOW REMOVAL AND SAND FOR SANDER/SWEEPING
TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George will enter into a contract with the Lake George School District for sanding/salt/snow removal/sand for sander/sweeping the elementary school parking lot, for a figure not to exceed \$5,000 which save harmless the Town of Lake George from any claim or cause of action of any kind whatsoever which may arise as a result of the work services contemplated by this agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the Town of Lake George.

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

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

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018.

**RESOLUTION 151 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 19TH AT 6:00PM
LAND SWAP CROCITTO/TOWN**

Councilperson Crocitto is proposing swapping land with the Town. A public hearing will be set. Councilperson Crocitto will pay any fees associated with the land swap. Supervisor Dickinson stated it is an even land swap and will benefit both parties.

On a motion made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Muratori to set the public hearing.

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

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018

Assessor, Lori Barber, addressed the Board to explain the revaluation and the cost to the Town Board.

RESOLUTION 152 SUPPORTING TOWN ASSESSOR IN UPDATING OF 2020 ROLL

WHEREAS, the Lake George Town Board supports the efforts of its Assessor, Lori Barber, in updating of the Town's 2020 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full market value; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the allocation of sufficient resources for Town staff and services to complete such project; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake George Town Board hereby expresses its support of the Town Assessor, Lori Barber, in the updating of the Town's 2020 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full market value and authorizes the allocation of sufficient resources of Town staff and services to complete such project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake George further requests that the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Warren County Office of Real Property Services provide assistance that it typically afforded during such projects to the TOWN of Lake George Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Lake George further authorizes and directs the Town Assessor to send a certified copy of this resolution to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Warren County Office of Real Property and authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Assessor and/or Town Clerk to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

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

Duly resolved this 15th day of October, 2018.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)S.S:
COUNTY OF Warren)

I, Deb Foley, Clerk of the Town of Lake George New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution of file in my office and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof as duly adopted by said Lake George Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at Town Hall on the 15th day of October, 2018 by the required necessary vote of the members to approve the resolution.

WITNESSETH, my hand and the official seal of the Clerk of the Town of Lake George, New York, the _____ day of _____, 2018.

Deb Foley, Town Clerk

**REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/TOWN WIDE ASSESSMENT UPDATE -
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONLY**

The Town of Lake George has a need for a Town wide assessment update and Assessor, Lori Barber, recommends to the Town Board a proposal from Maxwell Appraisal Service in the amount of \$113,500. The project will be in 2019 and 202. It will be a Capital Project placed in H1355.2 Assessment, Equip & Cap Outlay and will be budgeted as follows:

2019 - \$64,000. H1355.2
2020 - \$49,500 H1355.2

RESOLUTION 153 DONATIONS

Deb Foley	Trolley Donations	\$50.00
Erin Christner	Trolley Donation	\$200.00
Business Journal	Trolley Donation	\$825.00
Adk Hospitality Mgmt	YC Soccer Sponsor (T.Kohls)	\$250.00

Duly resolved this 15th day of October, 2018

RESOLUTION 154 FOR CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, NESS provided services on point to point VPN work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$412.50 be approved for payment of services rendered and transferred from A1990.4 Contingency to A1680.200 Central Data Processing Equipment.

On a motion made by Councilperson Muratori and seconded by Councilperson Crocitto and adopted by the following vote.

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

Duly resolved the 15th day of October, 2018.

**RESOLUTION 155 AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 700
COMPENSATION/LONGEVITY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George amended their employee handbook for new employees to state that vacation time will be given to new employees based on their anniversary date of the first year and then thereafter new employees will receive vacation time January 1st of each year. New employees may not accumulate vacation leave credits and still must use their credits within a year of receiving. In the event a new employee is hired nearing the January 1st date and are unable to take their vacation they will follow the policy of resolution #50-2018 vacation carryover.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake George amend their employee handbook to have the longevity payment policy reflect the current vacation leave policy of resolution #144-2018.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lake George amend their employee handbook for new employees to state that a longevity payment will be given to new employees on their anniversary date of the first year and then thereafter new employees will receive a longevity payment January 1st of each year in accordance to the schedule currently in place.

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

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

Duly resolved this 15th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION 156 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Funds to cover remaining 2018 employee benefit, disability insurance - \$400. From A1990.4 Contingency to A9055.8 Employee benefits disability insurance.

Funds to cover remaining 2018 employee benefit, disability insurance - \$125.00 from B1990.4 Contingency to B9055.8 Employee Benefits Disability Insurance.

Funds to cover remaining 2018 employee benefit, disability insurance - \$300. From DB1990.4 Contingency to DB9055.8 Employee Benefits Disability Insurance.

Annual Dues Fees - \$100. From A1990.4 Contingency to A1220.458 Supervisor Education and Conferences.

Funds to cover remaining cost of Comptroller printer lease - \$600.00 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1315.400 Comptroller CE.

Funds to cover remaining cost of 2018 legal fees \$2,000 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1420.400 Law CE.

KOFILE Technologies, Births and Deaths record management books - \$2,000 from A1990.4 Contingency to A1460.400 Records Management CE.

Town Outside (Highway) received grant for 2 live edge plows and brine spreading unit - \$9,000 from DB5110.466 Maintenance of Road Sand/Gravel Pit to DB5142.200 Snow Removal Equipment. \$1,000 from DB5112.465 Permanent Improvement - RD/blktop/Stone to DB5142.200 Snow Removal Equipment

Transfer funds for maintenance of equipment \$5,000 from SS8120.2 Sewer Equipment to SS8120.422 Sewer Rep/Maint Equipment.

TABLED - RESOLUTION LGVFD LADIES AUXILIARY OCCUPANCY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary helps local residents and families in need; and

WHEREAS, the LGVFD Ladies Auxiliary are holding their 11th Annual Holiday Basket event on 11/4/18 and have requested financial support from the Town's Occupancy Tax funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilperson Stannard - Caldwell Sewer District September 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. New SCADA and flow meters have been installed and are operating as intended. As mentioned in a previous report the Town should decide what to do with the old pump motors that are at the upper and lower station (scrap or store in a different location). The NYRWA came and correlated the water main on Beach Road at the intersection of Fort George Road to rule out a water leak flowing into the sewer main. It was determined that there was no water leak and the infiltration is groundwater.

Library Report - Councilperson Stannard - Story time is very popular, underground railroad lecture had 37 people with Stan Maleki. Slime workshop was a success. Book sale was well attended. Lots of programs in November are planned, December 11 is pajama story party at St. James. New board members are Jan Loonan, Laura Coccozza and Annie Caruso. Status of friends group is uncertain at this time.

Courts - Monthly - \$23,968. Year to date - 239,603. Parking meters on Westbrook from 9/18/18 which would be fees from August - total \$6,777. There seems to be a shortfall, Comptroller will check with Village.

Marisa Muratori explained the Caldwell Sewer meeting with Supervisor, Chazen and Attorneys regarding radical flows and the inconsistency in the flows (Village). PILOT was discussed (payment in lieu of taxes). The Village has done no improvements and the flows have gone down dramatically, the numbers are not making sense.

Board discussed a sewer line on Latham Road that there was misunderstanding on who was responsible for clearing the line the homeowner or the municipality.

No report this month from Buildings & Grounds

Supervisor's Report - Meeting with John Sahler regarding the updated Town logo for the website. Comptroller has looked into whether can lawfully donate recyclable money to Operation Santa Claus. Meeting with Park Commission regarding Orcutt Bay. The Town is looking into purchasing surplus buses from GF Transit to replace the senior bus. Nino Mazzeo has gone to look at the buses and 2 of them would be ok, he also recommended purchasing the lifts so they can be serviced. Salt summit on 10/2 was successful, the Town was recognized for its salt mitigation practices as well as the Dan Davis.

Planning and Zoning - Still waiting for \$388,000 (NYS/Gateway). Dan Barusch is tracking this. It has been owed to the Town for over a year. Supervisor will make some calls. The battlefield grant is completed. It is not available yet but will be at the Library and online for reading. It's a very large document. Lakeview Circle project is going well.

Councilperson Muratori stated that she felt that the trolley should only be used "in house" because there are no seatbelts, etc.

Town will be holding budget meetings in the next week. Councilperson Crocitto will be leaving on the 7th of November.

School would like to build a regulation baseball field up at the rec center. The YC would not be affected directly. There is an upcoming meeting regarding the senior center/teen center.

Corkland house will be coming down, there needs to be an asbestos inspection before the house is taken down. The Town got a quote it was very high, Town will be exploring other avenues.

Highway personnel retiring the Board will go into executive session to discuss this matter. Councilperson Crocitto would like to talk about designating a person for human resources to meet the changing requirements.

Councilperson Crocitto - Highway was acknowledged on the national level for its salt reduction/brine program. Davis is asking to purchase a pick up before the years end, the highway has the funds to do this.

Councilperson Hurley - Diamond Point water flows are down for September compared to last year at this time. Both pumps are running. The generator bids are in.

Returnables cannot be used for charity per the NYS Association of Towns.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Todd Earl spoke about snow plowing in the Library parking lot.

Councilperson Muratori made a motion to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting seconded by Councilperson Stannard and to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel retiring. No decisions were made.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes typed by Katharine Erceg

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Foley, RMC
Town Clerk