

Minutes of the Town of Lake George Town Board Budget Public Hearing held on November 15, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., at the Town Center.

Members Present: Supervisor Dickinson  
Councilperson Hurley  
Councilperson Muratori  
Councilperson Stannard

Absent: Councilperson Crocitto

Others Present: Kathie Erceg, Jenn Farrell, Todd Earl, Dave Kenny, John Carr

Supervisor Dickinson opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. He stated they have finalized the budget and seemed to have come to a final budget.

Supervisor Dickinson stated we are leaving \$100,000 at the County which will help with the County Tax Rate for the Town.

There was a question of the amount that was budget for Occupancy Tax Funding. Councilperson Muratori stated there is \$150,000 for the Joint and then the Town has \$175,000 for Occupancy Tax, which will not be distributed this year in the same way it has in the past. There was a lengthy discussion on Occupancy Tax and the use of it.

There was a lengthy discussion on the funding for the Chamber of Commerce and the CVB. We are attempting to grow the CVB into an independent organization separate from the Chamber of Commerce. They are now talking about privatizing the CVB and moving away from the Chamber.

One of the caveats for rating the Occupancy Tax is this year the Home Rental Program goes into effect. There are 150 potential homes in Lake George. This occupancy tax will be continuous. We will be receiving this every year.

Todd Earl questioned the French Mountain purchase and the involvement of the Lake George Land Conservancy.

Supervisor Dickinson closed the Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION #157-2018**, Introduced by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori to accept the 2019 Budget.

Duly adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November by the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Stannard and seconded by Councilperson Muratori to adjourn at 4:42 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Minutes typed by Patty Schuster

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Foley, RMC

Town Clerk