

Minutes of the Emergency Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, NY, held at the Village Administration Building on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert M. Blais, Mayor  
John Earl, Trustee  
Ray Perry, Trustee  
John Root, Trustee  
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee

Also Present: Darlene Gunther (Clerk-Treasurer), Deb McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Superintendent Dave Harrington, Neil Kirby from the Post-Star, and Jim Broda from Shepard's Cove

At 1:05 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the meeting and advised the Board that the reason for this emergency meeting was to declare an emergency at the Shepard Park Pump Station for the sewer pump failure. This action is necessary to authorize the cleanup work and purchase of materials without going out to bid.

Mr. Harrington explained what happened on Sunday, July 5, 2009 about 3:30 p.m. He brought the Board up to date as far as the cause of the failure, the clean up, and his recommendations to insure that this does not happen again. Since there are two other pipes in that same pump station that were put in at exactly the same time as the one that failed, he believes that the other two should be replaced soon. He asked the Board to approve buying three new ductile pipes at this time so he would have them and test the other two immediately. If the wear does not appear to be as severe as the one that failed, perhaps the work could be put off until the fall when the sewage flows are much lower. The contaminated sand on the beach must be removed and replaced as soon as the Health Department officials give us the go ahead. The beach will remain closed until we get two good test results of the water.

Mr. Harrington gave the Board an estimate of the expenses up to this point which totaled \$70,243.40. When the new parts arrive, they will have to be installed as soon as possible. While the repairs are being made, the haulers will have to be pumping the flows again. Additional estimates of another \$39,000. are being looked at.

Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Earl, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 72, 2009**

**WHEREAS, the Shepard Park Sewer Pump Station failed on Sunday, July 5, flooding the building, going out the doors, across the Lakefront Walkway, over our beach and into Lake George,**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, does hereby declare this event an emergency and approve the expenses relative to finding the problem, stopping the leak, cleaning up from the leak, and making the necessary repairs from this unfortunate accident.**

**VOTING        Ayes: 5                    Blais, Earl, Perry, Root & Mastrodomenico**  
                     Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 72, 2009 ADOPTED.**

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The Village Board decided to wait until all of the expenses are finalized before discussing where the funds were going to come from for this emergency.

Mayor Blais, seconded by Trustee Perry, offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 73, 2009**

**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George hereby authorizes the purchase of all three pipes for the Shepard Park Sewer Pump Station as soon as practical to prevent any further accidents like the emergency on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**VOTING        Ayes: 5                      Blais, Earl, Perry, Root & Mastrodomenico**  
**Nays: 0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 73, 2009 ADOPTED.**

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Clerk-Treasurer Darlene Gunther asked the Board to table agenda item number 2 until she gets more information from Warren County regarding the payment of taxes on the Gaslight Village property.

Trustee Perry advised the Board that Jonathan Howland, 27 years old, from Montcalm Street was killed in a motorcycle accident on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The calling hours are being held on Thursday, July 9, from 4-7 p.m. at the Stafford Funeral Home. He anticipates a very large crowd of mourners. He asked the Board to consider placing barricades at the intersections of Helen Street and Montcalm Street, and Schuyler and Montcalm Streets to restrict parking and for the safety of the attendees. The family lives at 103 Montcalm Street, and there will be a gathering at their home after the wake. The Board agreed to ask the Peace Officers scheduled for duty to man the barricades from 4-8 p.m.

Mayor Blais said that he has appointed an assistant head guard whose name is Kevin Gordon, and he feels that this promotion deserves an increase in pay.

Motion by Trustee Root, seconded by Trustee Earl, unanimously carried, to approve paying Kevin Gordon \$9.50 per hour to be the assistant head guard.

**VOTING        Ayes: 5                      Blais, Earl, Perry, Root & Mastrodomenico**  
**Nays: 0                      MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Blais advised the Board that a parking question concerning the north end of Iroquois Street was brought up. The end of the street is gated and fenced and belongs to Mr. Joe Chiaravalle. This area has been neglected for years, but since John Carr purchased the Ermiger property, he has cleaned it up and wants it to be used for parking. According to our Village Code, there is no parking allowed in any alley in the Village of Lake George. Mr. Carr is also concerned about public safety with this gate being locked all the time. The Mayor suggested that Enforcement

Officer Doug Frost speak to him about giving the Fire Department a key or keeping it unlocked in case of a fire.

Mayor Blais reported that Enforcement Officer Doug Frost is having a problem serving appearance tickets to property owners in violation of our Property Maintenance law. The way the law is written, he must serve them personally. These are the same people that are not living at their property so they are impossible to personally locate. He would like to amend the law to allow for posting the property and mailing the appearance ticket to the property owners by certified mail. Mayor Blais is working on a draft of the new local law and will present it at the regular July meeting.

Supt. of Public Works Dave Harrington advised the Board that he has received another quote from High Peaks to cut down the dead tree at the corner of Montcalm and Ottawa Street. Their price is cheaper than Hunt's price. They are able to do the work next week, but Mr. Harrington will be on vacation and would prefer to be present at the time of the cutting in case of any problems. The Board was agreeable. Mayor Blais will inform the church of exactly when the tree would come down.

Mr. Harrington also stated that he plans to dredge the beach sand tomorrow and replace it as quickly as possible but would like a couple of Peace Officer to stand at the top of Lower Montcalm to direct traffic for the big trucks. There is also a fund raiser being held at Shepard's Cove tomorrow so foot traffic might be heavy as well. The Board agreed.

Trustee Root advised the Board that he would like to hold one final Dissolution Committee Meeting Board meeting for the purpose of taking a formal vote of the committee on whether to pass the final version of the study onto the Village Board for further action. They set Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m. just prior to the regular Village Board meeting.

There was a motion by Trustee Root to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene V. Gunther  
Clerk-Treasurer