

Minutes of the Special/Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George and the Council of the Town of Lake George held at the Village Administration Building on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Village Board Members present: Robert Blais, Mayor
John Earl, Trustee
Ray Perry, Trustee
Joseph Mastrodomenico, Trustee

Village Board Member absent: John Root, Trustee

Town Council Members present: Louis Tessier, Supervisor
Frank McCoy, Councilman
Vincent Crocitto, Councilman
Scott Wood, Councilman
Caryl Clark, Councilwoman

Also Present: Darlene Gunther (Clerk-Treasurer), Debra McKinney (Deputy Clerk-Treasurer), Dave Harrington (Superintendent of Public Works), Deborah Foley (Town Clerk), Dennis Dickinson, Scott Walton, Fran Heinrich, Tom Wessling, George McGowan, Town Attorney Mark Schachner, John Carr, Clare Decker, David Cederstrom (The Chronicle), Tony Hall (Lake George Mirror), Alex Parrott, and Robb Hickey.

At 4:00 p.m. Mayor Blais opened the meeting and asked the Village Board to consider hiring David Knowles as an intern chief operator to work under Chief Operator Reggie Burlingame at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He is willing to work 20 hours per week. A motion by Trustee Earl, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried unanimously to approve the hiring of David Knowles as a Waste Water Operator Trainee at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for 20 hours per week.

VOTING Ayes: 4 Blais, Earl, Perry, Mastrodomenico
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Root
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Blais reported that Alex Parrott of the Lake George Historical Association has submitted a request for \$500. for the purpose of purchasing a credit card machine. Mr. Parrott noted that they are losing sales because of the inability to accept credit cards. Supervisor Tessier commented that the Town contributes \$12,000. a year plus free rent for them. Some other options instead of purchasing the machine were discussed. A motion by Trustee Mastrodomenico, seconded by Trustee Perry, carried unanimously to table this and asked Mr. Parrott to research some other options for their consideration.

VOTING Ayes: 4 Blais, Earl, Perry, Mastrodomenico
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Root
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Blais began the discussion with the Town Board with the Waste Water Treatment moratorium that the Village Board has been considering. In light of the 08-18-09 special-joint

recent problems, the Board would like to take time to evaluate our sewer system. Mayor Blais inquired as to the status of the credits and asked the Town's opinion of a moratorium. There was general discussion about the credits and whether the Town actually ever agreed to a credit system and a possible moratorium and the legality of such. Town Councilman Scott Wood asked to be put on record in that he disagrees with a moratorium.

Mayor Blais noted that the intermunicipal contract for the transportation and treatment of wastewater expired several years ago. A draft contract was sent to the Town several months ago, but there has been no response. He requested that a joint meeting be set up within the next two weeks to renegotiate a new contract. Town Attorney Mark Schachner confirmed that he has seen the contract and said, "as to the issue about the obligation to continue taking our sewage, the provisions are fine with me." It was agreed that the credits are not discussed in the contract. Supervisor Tessier commented that he plans to hold a workshop session with his Board after which a joint meeting can be scheduled.

Mayor Blais asked the Town Board if they'd had a chance to make a decision on the proposed water district. There have been several meetings over the past two years about this and with the water main improvements pending within one year, it is imperative that a plan be in effect. The improvement will obviously affect the water rates.

He then moved on to the Dissolution Report which has been completed and submitted for Town Board comment. Mayor Blais drafted a schedule of steps leading up to a possible vote at the next General Election in the Village to be held on March 17, 2011. He suggested joint meetings be held about every two months to work on a plan with the next one scheduled for October 15 or thereabouts. Supervisor Tessier noted that the water issue and the dissolution will be discussed at the Town Board's workshop session.

Mayor Blais updated the Boards on the Gaslight Village Project. The budget sheet presented shows a cost of \$58,900. that needs to be spent in order to get the \$2.5M grant funding. The Village and Town each have a share of \$11,191. County Attorney Paul Dusek is willing to draw up an intermunicipal agreement upon approval for the funding by the 3M's. Mayor Blais explained that none of the grant funding will be used on the Festival Space because there are grant specifications against charging for facility use or parking. The grant funding will be used to make the space look like a "park" to be used by the general public.

Supervisor Tessier agreed to set up a workshop session with the Town Board within the next ten days with a joint board meeting to follow.

Mayor Blais asked for any other business. There were no comments.
Motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. McKinney, CPPB
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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