

## Minutes

### Lake Placid Village Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012

5:30 p.m. – Town Hall

Present: Mayor Randall, Trustees Curtis, Holderied, Leon & Devlin, Village Attorney Janet Bliss, Chuck Finley, Chris Morris and Sean Ayres.

Mayor Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to accept and approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 Village Board meeting minutes as presented by the Village Clerk. Mayor Randall abstained from voting as he was absent from the meeting.

#### **Dissolution of the LP Industrial Development Agency**

Mayor Randall said the New York State Legislature, in an effort to clean-up legislative authorities that are no longer active, dissolved many New York State IDA's or Urban Renewal Agencies. The Governor signed this into law on August 16, 2012. The Village of Lake Placid can be found at §166, page 10 of Chapter 373 of the Laws of New York. Therefore, the Lake Placid Industrial Development Agency is dissolved.

A copy of Chapter 373 is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 1 to these minutes.

#### **LPVFD Membership – M. Meeks**

I, Craig Randall, as Mayor of Lake Placid Village, do hereby appoint Mark A. Meeks, Jr. as a member of the Lake Placid Volunteer Fire Dept.

The appointment was moved by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried.

Mayor Randall said this is a good choice and I think we are very lucky in our Fire Dept. as we are finding some very nice young people who are getting involved in Fire service. I know other places in the State of New York are struggling to find volunteers. We are blessed to have these young people becoming members.

#### **Trunk Line Sewer/Power House Road/Chubb River Power Pond Permits**

Mayor Randall said we now have the required permits from the APA, DEC and US Army Corps of Engineers, and the engineering portion of this project is now complete. We now need to keep moving forward to secure funding opportunities. We have an application with the North Country Regional

Economic Development Council for grant funding. The Treasurer is working with Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") on funding as well, and the good news is we have been moved up on the eligibility list with EFC. I'm hoping we can go out to bid in mid winter and hopefully get started in the spring or early summer of 2013.

At this time I would like to enter copies of the following permits into the minutes:

A copy of the APA Project Permit 2011-211. The original permit was filed as required in the Essex County Clerk's Office on June 29, 2012 in Book 91 APA at Page 196.

A copy of DEC Permit No. 5-1540-00392/00001.

A copy of the US Army Corps of Engineers Permit Application No. NAN-2008-01558.

A copy of these permits are annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit 2 to these minutes.

#### **September 2012 Training Session**

Motion by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Holderied and carried to authorize Stuart Baird to attend the NYWEA Wastewater Operator Renewal Training Session in Saratoga Springs, New York, on Friday, September 14, 2012, with all necessary expenses to be paid for by Lake Placid Village, Inc.

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#### **The GAP – Request to Use Mid's Park**

A request to use Mid's Park as a "rain date" location for a managers meeting is denied. Thww Village cannot allow public property to be used for private business purposes. The Village Clerk will advise The GAP.

#### **July 2012 Bank Reconciliations**

Motion by Trustee Holderied, seconded by Trustee Curtis and carried to accept and approve the July 2012 Bank Reconciliations as presented by the Treasurer. A copy of the July 2012 Bank Reconciliations are on file in the Treasurer's office.

#### **RTAP Training**

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to authorize David Wood, and the Treasurer (on 9/20/12 - Thursday afternoon, if possible) to attend the RTAP Training to be held at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY on September 19-20, 2012, with all necessary expenses to be paid for by Lake Placid Village, Inc. (Expenses may be reimburseable through NY Transit Authority.)

**Authorize Two CD's at Adirondack Bank**

Motion by Trustee Holderied, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to authorize the Treasurer to open to CD accounts at Adirondack Bank as follows:

\$1 million dollars – General Fund for 1 year term

\$500,000.00 dollars – Electric Fund for 6 mos. term

**August 2012 Utility Billing Adjustments**

Motion by Trustee Holderied, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried to accept and approve the August 2012 Utility Billing Adjustments as presented by the Treasurer. A copy of the August 2012 billing adjustments are on file in the Treasurer's office.

**Commissioner Reports**

Trustee Devlin said DPW is still assisting on Old Military Road, preparing for winter and hope to get the bricks in at the beach in the Fall. The Half Marathon went great! Thanks to the Village Board, Town Board, ROOST, the Lake Placid Police Dept., the New York State Police for their assistance! We had approximately 210 runners, which is up in numbers from last year. We presented Butch Martin and the North Elba Park District with a plaque for their 42 years of service with the Half Marathon.

Trustee Curtis reported the Fire House addition is moving along. Terry Hanrahan and Kevin Preston met today. The plan is to use the old generator until the new arrives. Once the generator is secured, construction will probably start sometime next week.

Mayor Randall noted he and the Treasurer attended an Essex County Transportation Committee meeting today in Elizabethtown. We voiced our opinions to the significance of maintaining the Essex County Transportation system and we will be keeping in touch as they continue to have budget meetings.

Mayor Randall asked Trustee Devlin to meet with Brad Hathaway, DPW Superintendent to discuss the Pine Hill sidewalk issue.

Mayor Randall said the Supervisor would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Town and Village boards, probably sometime in early October. Trustee Curtis requested an agenda be set for the meeting so everyone is on the same page when they get to the joint meeting.

**Approval of Warrant #3:** Mayor Randall read Warrant #3 of 2012-13 into the minutes as follows:

**LAKE PLACID VILLAGE, INC.**

2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York 12946

Phone: 518-523-2597, Fax: 518-523-1321

[www.villageoflakeplacid.ny.gov](http://www.villageoflakeplacid.ny.gov)

**AFFIDAVIT #3 2012-2013**

We, the undersigned, acting as a Board of Auditors to the Village of Lake Placid, NY  
do approve that the Village Treasurer is authorized to issue checks as per the presented  
and approved Warrant and is also authorized to make the following transfers as listed  
below based on the warrants approved at the Board Meeting on **September 10, 2012**.

**Check #39279-39494: plus ACH for 08/09/12-09/06/12 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013:  
Docket #'s 311699- 312052**

**TOTAL WARRANT OF ITEMS PRESENTED: \$ 3,731,189.49**

**TOTAL WITH ELECTRIC REFUND CHECKS = \$802.75 - \$3,731,992.24**

**DEBIT: VOUCHERED EXPENSE ACCOUNTS**

**CREDIT:**

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|------------------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| CASH - GENERAL (A1) FUND: A1-001-0200    | -\$ | \$2,935,562.62 |
| CASH - SECTION 8, HUD (CD): CD-0001-0200 | -\$ | \$ 14,072.66-  |
| CASH - HUD REVOLVING LOAN (CM) 0001-0200 | -\$ | \$ - 0-        |
| CASH - ELECTRIC (EE) FUND: EE-0001-0200  | -\$ | \$ 563,808.45  |
| CASH - WATER (FX) FUND: FX-0001-0200     | -\$ | \$ 58,073.61   |
| CASH - SEWER (G3) FUND: G3-0001-0200     | -\$ | \$150,815.96   |
| CASH - CAPITAL (H8) FUND: H8-0001-0200   | -\$ | \$- 0 -        |
| CASH - TRUST & AGENCY (TA): TA-0001-0200 | -\$ | \$ 8,856.19    |

Date: 9-10-12

[Signature], Mayor

[Signature], Trustee

[Signature], Trustee

[Signature], Trustee

[Signature], Trustee

Audit Review by: [Signature], Board Member Date: 9/7/12

Attest: [Signature], Village Clerk

The warrant was reviewed by Trustee Holderied in the Village Clerk's office on Friday, September 7, 2012 and recommended the bills be processed and paid in the normal fashion.

Motion by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Holderied and carried to accept and approve Warrant #3 of 2012-13 in the amount of \$3,731,992.24 as presented and authorize payment of all bills listed.

**At 6:15 p.m. the Village Board meeting ended and the Village Board members took a 45 min. recess.**

Invitation for Public Comment

Parkside Drive

September 10, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Town Hall

Present: Mayor Randall, Trustees Curtis, Holderied, Leon & Devlin, Village Attorney Janet Bliss, Sean Ayres, Chuck Finley, Jim Wasson, Sr., Sheila Wasson, Katy Osgood, Nick Osgood, Eileen Valentine, Bob Peacock, Pat Kelly, Chuck Stewart, Lois Peryea, John Hopkinson, Mrs. Hopkinson, Barb Benware, Jerry Strack, Rick Preston, Cheryl Breen-Randall, Patricia Dick, Tom Dick, Jean Brennan, Kari Lansing Fitzsimmons, Jay Strack, Annette Alton and Bob Delfasse.

Mayor Randall welcomed everyone and explained this is not a public hearing, but rather a chance to hear from the neighborhood with regard to parking, traffic and traffic flows on Parkside Drive. There will be no action taken following this meeting.

Mayor Randall read the following public notice aloud:

"Invitation for Public Comment

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Placid will hold an information gathering session on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York for the purpose of taking public comment on traffic flow and parking issues relative to Parkside Drive only, in the Village of Lake Placid, for further contemplation by the Village Board.

Anyone wishing to make public comment with regard to Parkside Drive may do so at such time, and will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

If you are unable to attend this information gathering session, but wish to make a comment, please send your written comments to the Village Clerk, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York, or by email to the Village Clerk at [clerk@lpvillage.org](mailto:clerk@lpvillage.org) Any and all written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2012 and will be entered into the minutes of the September 10, 2012 Village Board meeting. The public is invited to attend this information session."

Mayor Randall said the Village Clerk received two written comments today, and both of those will be entered into these minutes.

(Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to these minutes is a copy of an email from Gary, Greg, Robert and Nancy Peacock and a letter from Jay and Jerry Strack of Central Garage.)

Mayor Randall said at this time I'd like to have anyone wishing to make a comment, to please feel free to share your observations. Please state your name before you speak.

Bob Delfasse said my wife, Annette Alton and I live at 137 Parkside Drive, and Ann's brother lives at 141 Parkside Drive. We live at the "high side" of the street with the narrowest and steepest driveways. I haven't noticed any problems and we have to be very careful with the stone walls coming out of our driveways. I don't think you should change it to one-way traffic. I think the two-way traffic with two lanes of travel works fine and it helps to slow down traffic.

Pat Kelly said I live at 145 Parkside Drive and I heard you are thinking of metering spaces around the lake and I am totally opposed to that idea. It will force the parking to move down to the lower end of Parkside Drive in front of all the residences. Parking is sometimes hard during events like Ironman, but I'm totally opposed to metering around the lake because many local residents park and walk around the lake, which is one of the attractions to visiting or living in Lake Placid. I also don't feel a one-way is needed. The two way traffic keeps the traffic flow going and keeps the speed limit down. Many times you have to pull over or stop to let someone go by and I'm totally opposed to parking meters or a one-way street. Some people go like a "bat out of hell" and the two way traffic keeps that under control.

Tom Dick said our property is located at 109 Parkside Drive, which is just across the street from the back entrance to the Town Hall. There are a number of exits in and out in this area between the Town Hall, Police Dept., the school and regular traffic. It seems lately, that many people are using their front lawns for parking 4-5 vehicles. There is increased traffic on Parkside Drive, but I don't think a one-way would help. I do think the new 4-way stop has helped slow down traffic. Although, I don't see any enforcement of parking or anyone getting tickets on Parkside Drive. I agree with the comments so far, I think the two-way traffic works better for people to get around their residences. If you have a one-way, it shouldn't be an irritant for the residents to have to wait to get out of their driveways.

Ann Alton said my brother, Charles owns 141 Parkside Drive and he wanted me to voice his opinion that he too is totally opposed to one-way or parking meters on Parkside Drive.

Rick Preston said I live on the opposite side of Parkside Drive, and I think it would be a positive thing to have a one-way because with traffic going in both directions makes it difficult to get out of your driveway. At least if traffic was going one-way, you could concentrate on one direction of traffic. I've lived there most of my life and we've had limited parking there forever! I mean, I'm not advocating for one-way, but I don't think it would be a bad idea.

Katy Osgood said I've lived at 167 Parkside Drive for 20 years, and at 123 Parkside Drive for 23 years, and if you make this a one-way are you still plowing the snow onto our side? If you make it a one-way I think its just going to become a race track. That will be dangerous because the NSA kids don't pay attention. It would also create another danger if there was a disaster on Main Street.

Jim Wasson, Sr. the problem with changing Parkside to one-way is if there was a disaster on Main Street you have to re-route traffic up Parkside Drive? You should leave it the way it is now. As far as plowing, they push all the snow to our side of the street. What you really should check into is the fire hydrant by NSA. People are illegally parking in front of that every day and there could be a disaster there one day too. Don't worry fire trucks will get to where they need to go. What about Ironman events or other big events when you can't get anywhere because the roads are closed?

Jean Brennan said I live at 166 Parkside Drive I agree the two-way traffic does mandate people's speed. I am an advocate of speed bumps myself! I don't think parking is any different than it was years ago. We have driveways or people can park along the street. I do think keeping it two-way does help keep control of the speed.

Bob Delfasse said the road dips down where the grates are, and I try to avoid those because of the suspension on my car, but you should keep those too because they help control the traffic also!

Village Attorney Janet Bliss commented inverted speed bumps!

Barbara Benware said I live at 130 Parkside Drive and I'd like to comment that I think the 4-way stop was the best thing that ever happened! As far as parking meters on upper Parkside, I wish you'd get together and build a parking structure. Its employees of Main Street who are parking there and the shuttles don't work. We've only been talking about this for 50 years!

Jerry Strack said I think you should leave it as it is. There's not a big problem. Sometimes there's a lot of traffic, and we're a resort town and we should be welcoming the traffic! As far as parking meters and one way streets, as Deo Colburn said "if it ain't broke – don't fix it"!

Brief conversation back and forth regarding fire trucks and the difference between blue lights, red lights and green lights. Red and green lights are "courtesy lights" only. It was also stated if a fire truck has to get someplace, it will.

Tom Dick asked what about parking around the lake where the boulders are? That took away several parking places.

The board members advised that area is private property.

Tom Dick asked what about the lot below Stewart's? I see spots for municipal parking, but nobody ever parks there? Maybe you should take a look at those spots too?

Sean Ayres said when the hotel opens up, there will be increased traffic.

Pat Kelly suggested maybe a traffic light should be put at the intersection of Main Street and Mirror Lake Drive? Many times its difficult there to turn left. We live in the Adirondacks so, I'm not in a rush!

The board members advised that is a State Road, but would not be surprised if with the increased traffic in the area, that may be a consideration. We just experienced that issue at WesValley Road and Saranac

Avenue due to the Old Military Road project. Some neighbors thought it was a great idea, and some felt it was unnecessary.

Tom Dick said in London, they at least let you go, or you're not going anywhere. Here, there's a little different mentality and they are not likely to let you out into traffic.

Bob Peacock said I'm at 50 Parkside Drive and I'm opposed to one way traffic and the upper end of Parkside Drive. There are five businesses on the upper block of Parkside Drive and with the ingress and egress and trucks in and out, there's no need for metered parking. There's no such thing as free parking, when I pay my taxes I'm reminded of that! I hear the Police Dept. is giving out all kinds of tickets over by the beach entrance on Mirror Lake Drive. The new hotel is going to create more parking problems because where are all of his employees going to park? One other thing, if I tear down about four buildings along there it would probably create more parking space, but I'd have discuss that with some other people first. If you're going to put meters on Parkside Drive, then you should put them on all the side streets in the Village and then nobody would be happy. Also, if you checked the size of the spots on Parkside Drive, I think you'll find they probably don't conform to DOT standards. Try to park a pick-up truck in some of those spaces, and its not easy! If you end up losing parking spots and metering, I think you're defeating the purpose of metering those spots. I drive an electric car and sometimes, its very difficult to see at an intersection if a truck's parked on the end of the street.

Jerry Strack said Serge provides employee parking at the Crowne Plaza for his staff.

Jay Strack asked what about resident parking passes?

Pat Kelly said we really don't want that. We like to have company come to visit us and we certainly don't want them to have to do it by parking permits!

Sean Ayres asked what about the stop sign by the post office? When you come up Parkside Drive to Main Street I've seen some near misses because I don't think people know whether to stop or merge into traffic.

Jean Brennan said I think the crosswalk there helps to slow things down in that area.

A 15-20 minute discussion concerning Searle Lane and the hotel project ensued. The Village Board cannot comment on this subject as they are not the proper board authorizing this project, nor does the Village have any control over the property in question. The Village Board has an easement for utilities only.

Mayor Randall said, I'd like to thank you all for the comments this evening. I'm happy the 4-way stop is working well and helping to slow traffic down a bit. It seems to me the feeling is to leave things as they are at the moment. We've received many comments from residents and others over the past 3 years about Parkside Drive and felt the best way to address those comments was to invite the residents of the neighborhood discuss these items. There is no action the board plans to take at this time, there's no preconceived plan for Parkside Drive. Its possible as things develop with the new hotel that we may have another meeting some time in the future. Thank you all, and have a nice evening!

There being no further business to come before this meeting,

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Kathryn McKillip

Village Clerk