

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PARK OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT (O&M)**

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO  
WOOD  
FRASIER

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

VOTING MEMBER:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE  
JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY

BRAYMER

CONOVER

GIRARD

LEGGETT

MACDONALD

MCDEVITT

MONTESI

SEEBER

SIMPSON

SOKOL

STROUGH

LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK

DAVID HARRINGTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE

KEVIN HAJOS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WILLIAM LAMY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEMBER

FRED AUSTIN, FORT WILLIAM HENRY

MICHAEL CONSUELO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE GEORGE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CVB

TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 23, 2016 meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/om/>

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations & Management (O&M) to order at 10:49 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to Correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, who distributed copies of the Park Operations & Management agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing agenda review, Mr. Tennyson presented a request to amend the 2016 County Budget to reflect the receipt of an insurance recovery payment received March 8, 2016, for a damaged light pole at the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Tennyson introduced a request to amend Resolution No. 531 of 2013 to update the intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Lake George to include New York State Department of State grant funds totaling \$400,000 which were to be used to fund the entrance sign and the water feature.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 531 of 2013 as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 15, Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. (Note: The resolution request form included in the agenda indicated that the grant amount was \$200,000; however, Kevin Hajos, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, advised during the meeting that the grant was actually \$400,000 (\$200,000 State grant funds/\$200,000 local match).*

Moving on to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, privilege of the floor was extended to David Harrington, Superintendent of Public Works, Village of Lake George, who requested Committee approval for the purchase of a golf cart, push lawn mower and hand tools for the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park. Mr. Tennyson advised the cost for the golf cart and tools was \$5,170, which funds were available in the Parks operating budget but may need to be transferred between codes.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase as requested.

Mr. Tennyson noted that he would review the budget and prepare a transfer of funds request for the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education meeting if necessary.

Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, spoke regarding the stage at the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park. He informed Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture PLLC provided a stage plan that would cost \$500,000. He said the concept for the stage changed from a permanent stage to a portable stage that had all the features of a permanent stage without a dressing room, and cost between \$200,000 - \$300,000. Mayor Blais apprised funds were raised to cover the cost of the stage. Following a brief discussion the Committee authorized Mayor Blais to move forward and work with the County's engineering staff to establish conceptual plans for a portable stage.

Next Mayor Blais mentioned the need for a vending machine at the Skate Park, advising that the Village had a contract with Fitzgerald Brothers Beverages Inc. Mr. Tennyson informed the County had a contract with them as well. The consensus of the Committee was to compare contracts to decide which would be more beneficial and bring the matter back to Committee next month.

Ensuing, Mr. Tennyson indicated the need for security cameras at the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park following a case of vandalism at the park. He noted the equipment cost was \$1,650 and would be funded out of Parking Revenues. Proceeding he suggested adding Wi-Fi at the park which would cost about \$200 for equipment along with a \$90/month service charge.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to proceed with the security cameras and to address the issue of Wi-Fi at a later date.

Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, announced an executive session was necessary to discuss a contract dispute regarding work completed at the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park.

Motion was made by Mayor Blais, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 11:11 a.m. until 11:33 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Merlino noted that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Edward Kowalewski, of Fox & Kowalewski, LLP, legal counsel for VMJR Companies, apprised his firm had made a proposal to the County relative to the conclusion of the contract for work completed in August 2014 at the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park. He stated the proposal was fair and reasonable and he had hoped they could come to a resolution and avoid litigation.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to turn the matter over to the County Attorney for further negotiation.

Fred Austin, representing the Fort William Henry, described that power poles and three transformers at the Beach Rd. entrance to the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park, which he felt were a hazard. He said he was in contact with National Grid and was addressing the Committee to ask for political support. Mr. Tennyson remarked he would reach out to John Strough, Town of Queensbury Supervisor, and New York State Assemblyman Daniel Stec for support, as well as to his contact at National Grid.

There being no further business to come before the Park Operations & Management Committee, on motion made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Ms. Wood, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist