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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood was held 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 7, 2019, with Deputy Mayor Edward J. McCague presiding. Trustees present were Ellen E. Barnes, Randall G. Holcomb, and Douglas L. Schutte. Also present were Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson, Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft, and Assistant Treasurer Apryl Troutman.

Deputy Mayor Edward J. McCague began the meeting stating the purpose for convening this morning is to take action regarding the Village of Lakewood's plans to treat targeted areas off/from Village of Lakewood shorelines with aquatic herbicides. He said the Village of Lakewood, along with other lakeside villages and townships are working their way through a project checklist under a very tight timeframe. All this work is being done so as to comply with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation regulations.

Deputy Mayor McCague wanted to extend a special thank you to Town of Busti Supervisor Jesse Robbins and its Town Council for supporting the Village of Lakewood with a unanimous vote last evening, to donate \$ 10,000.00, to the Village of Lakewood, which will assist in funding its planned aquatic herbicide treatment program for 2019. Mr. McCague said the financial help from the Township is greatly appreciated.

Deputy Mayor McCague also wanted to thank Chautauqua County Executive George Borrello and staff from the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Economic Development, namely Don McCord, and Dave McCoy for assisting the Village of Lakewood with the many tasks that come with the decision to treat Chautauqua Lake with aquatic herbicides. Because these tasks need to be done in a very short term, nightly meetings are being scheduled and held among fellow municipal leaders who also plan on undertaking aquatic herbicide treatment in 2019.

Deputy Mayor McCague indicated that Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso has drafted a resolution based on a resolution already adopted by the Town of North Harmony and the Town of Ellicott, for the Board of Trustees to consider. He then indicated there is one item under new business which asks the Board of Trustees to approve a resolution to consider the application of aquatic herbicides to targeted areas of Chautauqua Lake off and from Village of Lakewood's shorelines and to authorize the Village of Lakewood to enter into a service Contract/Agreement to undertake the application of aquatic herbicides to the targeted areas of the lake bordering its jurisdiction, per the NYS DEC permit regulations.

Trustee Ellen E. Barnes indicated the Village of Lakewood has already adopted a resolution to consider the application of aquatic herbicides and doesn't believe the Village of Lakewood needs a second resolution to do the same thing. Trustee Barnes said the wording of the drafted resolution is contradictory to some degree and needs to be more definitive. The Board of Trustees now needs to adopt a resolution to approve the application of aquatic herbicides. She added the only question now is, how much of the lake to treat, which will be based on available funding. It was noted that the NYS DEC permits allows the Village of Lakewood to treat a maximum of 74.5 acres.

Deputy Mayor McCague agreed with Trustee Barnes saying the wording of the drafted resolution could be better. However, the Board of Trustees could still agree to apply aquatic herbicides, and how much, depending on the funding, at this Monday's regular meeting. He said once the Village of Lakewood completes the checklist, a motion could be adopted to treat with aquatic herbicides.

Trustee Barnes believed this morning's special meeting was to approve aquatic herbicide treatment and it makes no sense to wait until next Monday's meeting.

Trustee Holcomb said the group of municipalities, under the lead of Mr. Dave McCoy, County Watershed Coordinator, is looking for a decision from the Village of Lakewood by this evening.

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Trustee Schutte suggested that the Board of Trustees first agree on how much acreage within the targeted areas should be treated. He indicated that the previous treatment map was modified somewhat and with that discussion ensued among members of the Board of Trustees on the targeted areas of the lake that potentially could and/or should be treated.

Trustee Holcomb asked Village Treasurer Windoft what kind of funding is available within the current budget.

Treasurer Windoft said there is probably twenty to thirty thousand dollars within the current budget that could be made available to fund this project. She said the Village of Lakewood could encumber funds and be billed after June 1st or the Board of Trustees could authorize the transfer of funds, from account to account within the current budget, if invoiced before June 1st.

Trustee Barnes indicated that the Chautauqua Lake Partnership (CLP) has also offered to assist with some funding.

Trustee Schutte said it appears there is enough funding in place to proceed with the aquatic herbicide treatments, and again it is just a matter of determining what acreage within the targeted areas to treat. Referencing the treatment map Trustee Schutte said it appears areas S026, S061 & S062 should be treated this year, with the thinking the areas that were swapped this year, (S064 & S065), would be treated next year. He noted that area 063, is considered a protected fishery and was excluded from the permitted acreage.

Deputy Mayor McCague stated it will be necessary to interface the reference map with information on the NYS DEC permits to get a more definitive idea what areas of the lake are treatable. He then noted the total acreage could increase at the cost of \$ 872.48/acre.

RESOLUTION #80-2019 - APPROVE APPLICATION OF AQUATIC HERBICIDES PER DEC PERMIT

Motion by Trustee Schutte, seconded by Trustee Barnes, for the Board of Trustees to approve the application of aquatic herbicides to targeted areas of Chautauqua Lake off and from Lakewood's shorelines, per the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit guidelines and to authorize Deputy Mayor McCague to sign a Service Contract/Agreement with Solitude Lake Management, and related documents in connection with the application of aquatic herbicides to the targeted areas of the Chautauqua Lake bordering the jurisdiction of the Village of Lakewood.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

Trustee Barnes wanted to take a moment to thank the Chautauqua Lake Partnership (CLP) for all the work they have done the past couple of years. Their work and research has made the process less burdensome for those municipalities currently engaged in the aquatic herbicide treatment process.

Motion by Trustee Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Schutte, and unanimously carried the Board adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Joseph M. Johnson
Village Clerk

