

JULY 23, 2018

The fourteenth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood, N.Y., was held Monday, July 23, 2018, 6:30 PM, with Mayor Cara Birrittieri presiding. Trustees present were Ellen E. Barnes, Randall G. Holcomb, Edward J. McCague and Douglas L. Schutte. Also present were Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson, Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft, Police Chief John R. Bentley, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso, and Fire Chief Steve Smouse. Absent were Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling and Building Inspector Jeffrey A. Swanson.

OBSERVE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Birrittieri asked those in attendance to please join her and members of the Board of Trustees, in a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Timothy D. Yocum, who went missing in Chautauqua Lake after going swimming off a boat, late in the afternoon, Saturday, July 14th. Mr. Yocum's body was recovered from the lake Monday, July 16th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held June 25, 2018.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

Motion by Trustee Barnes, seconded by Trustee Holcomb, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held July 9, 2018.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Schutte, that the claims as audited by the Auditing Committee of the abstracts dated July 23, 2018 be approved and the Clerk shall execute said abstracts, (#7 & #8) and direct payment by the Treasurer. Trust & Agency Fund: \$ 66,294.47, (Checks #4469 thru #4483), General Fund: \$ 99,858.98, (Checks #14955 thru #14997)

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

REPORTS

Mayor Birrittieri began her report by first thanking all the public safety agencies throughout Chautauqua County that assisted in the recovery of Mr. Timothy D. Yocum, who accidentally drowned the second weekend of July. The various agencies included the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department, the Lakewood-Busti Police Department, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department and their Dive Team, Starflight, the New York State Police, the Busti Fire Department, the Celoron Fire Department, the Ashville Fire Department, the Dewittville Fire Department, the Bemus Point Fire Department and the Glade Township, PA Fire Department. She also thanked the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club for providing the staging area from which rescue and recovery operations were conducted, plus those who provided food and refreshments to those involved in the search. Mayor Birrittieri said when tragedy strikes, a community comes together and is extremely proud of how the Village of Lakewood and others who provided the community support that the family of Mr. Yocum needed during such a difficult time. Everyone in this room should be proud of the community's response to this tragedy. Mayor Birrittieri said that is really what counts.

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Mayor Birrittieri indicated that although Department of Public Works Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling isn't in attendance this evening he did submit a written report noting that the DPW crew is prepping 2.5 miles of roadway for surface treatment (emulsion & stone), the basketball court at Veterans' Memorial Park has been sealed and will be striped soon, the surface of one of the pickle-ball courts has been repaired, work on the joint SWCS and Village of Lakewood refueling facility on Packard Ave. has begun and the public parking area behind the Anthony C. Caprino Municipal Building has been graded with street millings, rolled and is awaiting striping.

Police Chief John R. Bentley reported that the Lakewood-Busti Police Department has handled five thousand seventy-two incidents year-to-date, three hundred seventy-nine of which have occurred during the past two weeks.

Chief Bentley indicated the L-BPD has been kept busy with the routine calls that typically occur during the summer months.

Fire Chief Smouse reported it has been a very busy July for the LFD, with twenty-five calls in the first five days of the month, adding that the LFD has responded to five hundred six alarms year-to-date. To add to what Mayor Birrittieri reported on the local response to the recent lake tragedy, Chief Smouse also wished to thank the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club for their hospitality and Wegmans for donating food and refreshments to the various response teams. One fire department that wasn't mentioned, was the Fluvanna Fire Department whose members conducted foot patrols along the north shore of Chautauqua Lake.

Although Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso didn't have a report, he was asked by Trustee McCague if he had received a response from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) regarding the Village of Lakewood's submittal of its findings to disapprove the application of aquatic pesticides in certain targeted areas of Chautauqua Lake, with a follow-up question, should we.

Village Attorney LaMancuso said the Village of Lakewood may make a request for a response if need be.

Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft reported she has completed the Annual Report for the fiscal year 06/01/2017 thru 05/31/2018, distributed copies to members of the Board of Trustees and has filed it with the New York State Comptroller's Office.

Village Treasurer Windoft then asked members of the Auditing Committee to set-up a time in the near future to conduct its annual audit of the Village of Lakewood's financial records.

Changing subjects, Treasurer Windoft said she has yet to receive, from the Lakewood Community Development Corporation, proceeds from their 4th of July Summerfest fund-raiser and indicated to date, the event has incurred a total of \$ 9,561.00 in expenses. She concluded her report by indicating the Village of Lakewood has collected approximately 92% of the 2018-2019 tax bills.

Although Village Clerk Johnson didn't have a report he was asked by Mayor Birrittieri about the status for swimming at Richard O. Hartley Park.

Village Clerk Johnson indicated that due to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) in the south basin of Chautauqua Lake earlier this month, the Chautauqua County Department of Health had closed the public bathing beach at Richard O. Hartley Park to swimming effective Monday, July 9, 2018. Subsequently, additional tests were conducted and effective, Friday, July 20, 2018, the bathing beach at Richard O. Hartley Park was reopened for swimming.

Mayor Birrittieri said it is good to hear the bathing beach at Richard O. Hartley is again open for swimming.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee McCague wished to take a moment to let folks know the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance along with the Chautauqua County Department of Planning invite everyone, to a "Celebrate the Lake Breakfast" at the Village Casino in Bemus Point, 9:00 AM, Saturday, August 18, 2018. Trustee McCague indicated there will be informative presentations by the Chautauqua Lake Association, Chautauqua Lake Partnership and the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance, exhibits and more.

RESOLUTION #101-2018 – AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF UNPAID WATER CHARGES

Motion by Trustee Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Barnes, authorizing Village Treasurer Andrea J. Windoft to remit payment to the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities for unpaid water charges that were levied onto the 2018-2019 Village of Lakewood tax bills in the amount totaling \$ 3,556.71.
Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

DISCUSSION: GRANT OPPORTUNITY RE: LOWE PARK STREAM DAYLIGHTING
& SEDIMENT CAPTURE STORMWATER PROJECT

Mayor Birrittieri initiated the discussion by first reading the following resolution as proposed.

AUTHORIZE APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO FUND THE LOWE PARK
STREAM DAYLIGHTING & SEDIMENT CAPTURE STORMWATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened; and
WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake currently has a Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorus of 0.02 mg/l, which favorably positions the Village for grant-funded water quality improvement projects; and
WHEREAS, New York State (NYS) Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) offers state-wide grant funding programs that provide an opportunity to significantly leverage local resources; however, these grant programs are fiercely competitive and require a local match in cash and/or in-kind services; and
WHEREAS, the 2018 CFAs includes the New York State Consolidated Funding Application Department of State – Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) which offers state grant funding for waterfront revitalization related projects and which requires local match; and
WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED), the Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance (Alliance, the Village of Lakewood, and the Town of Busti have successfully partnered to procure previous state funding in 2016 which has now delivered a DEC/EFC approved engineering study which identifies meaningful stormwater projects located within the Village and Town that can now be pursued for implementation funding that will have a positive impact on the environmental health of Chautauqua Lake; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Lakewood in partnership with the Town of Busti, County, PED, and Alliance, have identified the Lowe Park Stream Daylighting and Sediment Capture Stormwater project for application to the 2018 LWRP grant program which provides reimbursement for up to 75% of total project costs; and
WHEREAS, the Alliance has been established as a nonprofit New York organization to collaborate amongst its Members to procure funding for projects recommended in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, the Macrophyte Management Strategy, the Chautauqua Lake Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and others via grant writing, to benefit the water quality of Chautauqua Lake on behalf of its Members; and
WHEREAS, the Village, the Town and the County are Members of the Alliance; and
WHEREAS, the County has committed to \$ 5,000.00 in cash match and the Alliance have committed to in-kind match for interpretive panels valued at \$ 4,000.00 and \$ 25,302.00 in cash match, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood will act as the primary grant applicant and shall commit to providing in-kind services for operation and maintenance, clearing and grubbing, excavation and disposal, and traffic control valued at \$ 25,277.00 toward required local match as well as \$ 25,739.00 in cash toward local match; and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood is in good financial standing and is willing to bond for the total projects costs for the Lowe Park Stream Daylighting and Sediment Capture Stormwater Project if state grant funding through this year's CFA process.

Mayor Birrittieri indicated that Ms. Erin Brickley, Executive Director of the Chautauqua & Watershed Management Alliance is in attendance this evening and available to answer any questions folks might have regarding this project as proposed. She then asked Ms. Brickley to provide those in attendance with a brief overview of the Lowe Park project.

Ms. Brickley indicated that Lowe Park is a rectangular piece of Village of Lakewood owned property off West Summit Street that abuts Chautauqua Lake. Within the property, known as Lowe Park, is an underground stormwater drain pipe through which stormwater generated "upstream" is deposited into Chautauqua Lake. She said this project was part of the overall Town of Busti – Village of Lakewood Stormwater Engineering Study which was done by the engineering firm Barton & LoGuidice, Rochester, N.Y. via a \$ 100,000.00 grant from New York State. The study suggests that the underground piping be "daylighted" within a grid of stormwater filtration fixtures, with the addition of a few on-site amenities.

Mayor Birrittieri then asked Ms. Brickley if she could briefly explain the benefits of such a project.

Ms. Brickley indicated that a vortex chamber would be installed on the south side of West Summit Street, which is designed to capture sediment, grease and miscellaneous garbage. The stormwater would then be fed under the road into an open wetland stream that would continue to filter the water prior to it being discharged into the lake.

Trustee Barnes asked Ms. Brickley what amenities would be included in this project and how will the property be maintained in the future. .

Ms. Brickley said in addition to the park's location to view beautiful sunsets, there will be pedestrian pavilions with benches, a bike rack, plus plantings throughout. As far as maintaining the property in the future, costs to do so have been plugged into the grant budget itself and/or offered to the local municipality as in-kind services. If needed, some maintenance could be done by sub-contractors or volunteer groups.

Trustee Schutte asked Ms. Brickley how will this project impact Chautauqua Lake from an environmental standpoint and if she knew how much sediment this project will trap before it reaches the lake.

Ms. Brickley said a project such the one designed for Lowe Park will reduce the sediment load that is currently entering the lake at the pipe's discharge point. During the initial part of the joint engineering study that was conducted by Barton & LoGuidice the team focused on the hydrology and hydraulics within the study area. Ms. Brickley said sediment entering the lake is one of the main causes for increased weed and algae growth.

Trustee Barnes asked Ms. Brickley if there is any way to quantify the amount of sediment and nutrients that might be kept from entering the lake at the Lowe Park project, and wondered how much impact the minor project as proposed at Lowe Park would have on improving the condition of such a large body of water.

Ms. Brickley said we need to take a look at infrastructure in Chautauqua County when it comes to economic development and agreed that although the Lowe Park project is a small one, it is a start.

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She said the Town of Busti and Village of Lakewood should be commended for taking a leadership role in making efforts to improve the area's most prized asset. Ms. Brickley said efforts are underway to begin similar watershed projects in Mayville and the Town of Ellicott.

Trustee McCague asked Ms. Brickley what other entities are involved with the watershed projects slated for the Town of Busti and the Village of Lakewood.

Ms. Brickley said if the grant is awarded the Alliance would stay-on as project managers, in-kind services would be provided by the Town of Busti and Village of Lakewood, cash from Chautauqua County plus in-kind services and cash from the Alliance.

Trustee Barnes asked Ms. Brickley if she could summarize the total costs for each project and how much will the Village of Lakewood be responsible for.

Ms. Brickley indicated the Lowe Park project will cost \$ 341,269.00, with New York State "picking-up" 75% of the cost or \$ 255,951.00 through a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant. The local match is 25% or \$ 85,318.00, which will be broken down via in-kind services from the Village of Lakewood DPW, plus a cash match of \$ 25,739.00. The Alliance would also contribute \$ 4,000.00 of in-kind services plus a pending commitment from Chautauqua County for an additional \$ 5,000.00, plus the Alliance's Foundation Account, wherein we approach area foundations for financial assistance with local match requirements. In this case the Alliance has withdrawn \$ 25,302.00 from the account to assist with the local match.

Ms. Brickley then distributed to Mayor Birrittieri and members of the Board of Trustees a timeline relative to the two grant applications. She noted, if approved, they are due by the end the month and if accepted awarded in December 2018. If the Village of Lakewood is awarded the grants there is a six month timetable to enter into contract with the State of New York which runs concurrently with any bonding process that might be necessary. Ms. Brickley said if the timeline is maintained, any payments from the applicant/Village of Lakewood would not need to be made until August 2019.

Trustee McCague asked Ms. Brickley, when does the Village of Lakewood need to make a final decision on whether to accept the CFA grant or not.

Ms. Brickley said if the Village of Lakewood is awarded the grant in December, New York State would need to know if the Village of Lakewood wishes to accept the grant within thirty days after it is awarded. She reminded the Board of Trustees that the resolution they are considering this evening is only approving the application for the grant funding. Once a municipality receives an award letter from NYS, there is the opportunity to accept or deny the grant.

With no further questions from members of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Birrittieri asked those in attendance with questions to state their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes.

Ms. Greta Smith, 227 West Summit Street, said the park on West Summit Street is pronounced Lowe Park and not, as if it was spelled, Low Park, out of respect for Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lowe who were early homesteaders and who donated the land to the Village of Lakewood.

Mr. Tom Marlinski, 26 Ohio Ave., said it is his understanding that NYS will be responsible for up to 75% of the project costs, so is it possible for the Village of Lakewood to incur more than 25%.

Ms. Brickley said the amount of this project to be paid by NYS is set at 75%.

Mr. Daniel Evans, 224 West Summit Street, asked Ms. Brickley how far east and west from Lowe Park did the engineering study encompass.

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Ms. Brickley said the stormwater engineering study started out in the township at the beginning of the watershed to the south and included the entire area north to the Chautauqua Lake shoreline.

Mr. Evans questioned why a larger tributary, which drains a good share of the watershed to the south, just east of Lowe Park wasn't considered as a project site. He noted that fifty feet out in the lake in front of this tributary's discharge point the water is only ankle deep. There are photos on record depicting a huge delta of gravel and sediment between 218 & 220 West Summit Street in addition to the sediment build-up out in front of Lowe Park. He said the two areas of sediment and gravel build-up are literally closing me in. It appears the Lowe Park project is just a band-aid, when taking into consideration an even larger problem, which is the stormwater outfall to the east of Lowe Park.

Ms. Brickley said that was the purpose of the engineering study, which was broken down into five (5) drainage areas, where data from each area was collected. She said there were different parameters in determining the different project sites, including public access, which is important when going after NYS funding. She said a total of thirty (30) potential projects were identified which had to be pared down to six (6) for a variety of reasons.

Mr. Evans said although it isn't considered public access, it is his understanding that there is an easement between 218 & 220 West Summit Street on file giving the Village of Lakewood access to the lake. Neighbors have previously asked the Village of Lakewood to address the gravel and sediment build-up at the pipe's outfall, to no avail.

Mr. John Jablonski, 213 Spruce Street, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Lake Conservancy, said he has looked at the engineering study and knows for a fact that DPW Supervisor Thomas R. Pilling was trying to work with the property owner at 218 West Summit Street, to schedule work in that area, but the "window" when the work could be done closed quickly. He agreed with Ms. Brickley, saying public access, is one of the key criterion when it comes to NYS funding.

Mr. Jablonski said as a former Village Trustee and listening to lakefront property owners with similar problems, understands the concerns of those impacted by the build-up of sediment and gravel at stormwater outfalls into the lake. He said it is going to take a concerted effort to address each and every outfall, however he believes these projects are a good first step. With support and funding from the local community these projects provide an excellent investment opportunity to leverage additional funding from New York State and others. In closing Mr. Jablonski urged the Board of Trustees to move forward and to approve the grant applications.

Mr. Michael Looker, 15 Owana Way, asked if work on the numerous outfalls into Chautauqua Lake continues, how many would the Village of Lakewood need to participate in. Mr. Looker said he is concerned about the cost to taxpayers when taking into consideration the \$ 25,000.00 match in connection with the Lowe Park project, plus any other potential outfall projects in the future which will only add to "our" debt.

Ms. Brickley said she didn't have a count on the number of outfalls into Chautauqua Lake. She said working on individual outfalls is very expensive and it would be less expensive to consider a larger project within the watershed. Ms. Brickley indicated to Mr. Looker that this study produced six (6) vetted projects that were eligible for funding. Funding for three of the six projects is being sought. One of the projects, which has already been approved by the Town of Busti is a precision swale project.

Mr. Looker said as a Village resident he will likely see an increase in both his Village and Town taxes if all three projects are awarded grants, because funding for them will need to be bonded to pay for the cash match costs.

Mayor Birrittieri said because acquiring the funding is so competitive, the engineering firm and the Alliance chose the projects they felt had the best chance at being awarded the grant money.

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Ms. Nancy G. Bargar, 11 West Terrace Ave., said she would like to go on record as a proponent to sustain the current "green space" at Lowe Park and other parks. It is her opinion that the addition of the gazebo and playgrounds at Richard O. Hartley Park disturbs the natural aesthetics and gets in the way of enjoying "green space". She also noted over the years the area along Chautauqua Lake's shoreline has become dense as people build larger homes. Ms. Bargar encouraged members of the Board of Trustees to take these things into consideration when deciding on everything that is included with the Lowe Park project.

Mr. David G. Bargar, 11 Sunset Ave., asked Ms. Brickley if she could note, of the six projects, where the most sediment from the watershed is entering the lake and wondered if the Lowe Park project is significant enough to get a great return on our investment. Mr. Bargar hinted that the Lowe Park project isn't tackling the bigger sedimentation problems that are occurring elsewhere within the engineering study area and wondered if we are missing the target.

Ms. Brickley indicated to Mr. Bargar the engineers are recalculating the sediment loads for the various projects. When considering the lake as a whole, these three projects alone will not "fix" the lake. She said these three projects will however initiate behavioral changes that municipalities around Chautauqua Lake must make in taking a leadership role to ensure a healthy watershed. Kudos to the Town of Busti and Village of Lakewood for participating in the engineering study and considering making applications for these projects.

Mr. Rich Fischer, 43 West Fairmount Ave., asked Ms. Brickley who exactly would maintain these projects and how much will it cost.

Ms. Brickley said the Village of Lakewood is committing \$ 5,400.00 in in-kind offerings for maintenance and operation. She said there will be opportunities for volunteer groups to take on some of the maintenance duties.

Ms. Greta Smith, 227 West Summit Street, said she is concerned that there isn't any parking available for those utilizing Lowe Park.

Ms. Brickley said Lowe Park project will be a connection point to the walking and biking routes throughout the village.

Mayor Birrittieri indicated that parking is a challenge throughout the Village of Lakewood including the commercial corridor along Chautauqua Ave. She said it is likely that most people accessing the lake via Lowe Park are from the immediate neighborhood and within walking distance.

Mr. Richard Rose, 42 Gifford Ave., indicated that Lowe Park is merely a neighborhood park and lake access and therefore there is no need for any vehicle parking spaces.

Mr. Dan Evans, 224 West Summit Street, asked if there is a site plan review process in place to review and address problems upstream and does the Village of Lakewood and the Town of Busti address new development in their respective zoning laws.

Mr. John Jablonski, Village of Lakewood Planning Board member, indicated that the Town of Busti has refused to adopt basic erosion control guidelines that was recommended about five years ago. The Village of Lakewood however has adopted a basic erosion control law to augment what is contained in State Law. Unfortunately, most municipalities have not yet adopted a stormwater law that would address the sedimentation problem. Mr. Jablonski said it would behoove both the Town of Busti and Village of Lakewood to pass strict stormwater erosion laws.

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Ms. Smith said the drainage problems began when the former Jamesway store and Super Duper Supermarket were built on the south side of West Fairmount Ave., wherein a parking lot and other impervious surfaces replaced a swamp. She said it would make more sense to address erosion and stormwater management problems upstream.

Trustee McCague indicated that the engineering study is not limited to the Village of Lakewood, but rather the entire watershed located within the Town of Busti. The consultant was asked to consider future development up in the watershed and how that would impact existing stormwater management controls closer to the lake. Trustee McCague wanted to make it clear there are more than six (6) projects identified in this engineering study, however these are the ones that were selected to focus on.

Ms. Nancy Jones, 215 Locust Street, said Lowe Park represents a very small piece of lakefront for such a major investment and it is her opinion that money could be better spent on projects upstream within the watershed, where the problems originate.

Mayor Birrittieri indicated the stormwater engineering study began a year and a half ago and a lot of time and attention has gone into determining which of the projects fit the criteria for the grant funding.

Mr. Dan Evans agreed with Ms. Jones, saying the build-up of the sediment and gravel delta located between 218 and 220 West Summit Street begins up in the Town of Busti.

Ms. Brickley said thirty projects were identified by the engineers, which were whittled down to ten and then to six and then to three based on what could be afforded.

Trustee Barnes said she met with Ms. Brickley to discuss the Lowe Park project, from both design and cost angles and believes the benefits of such a project must outweigh the cost to taxpayers in order for it to be worthwhile. The cost to convert Lowe Park into a rain garden park is approximately \$ 341,000.00. Although the rain garden may look beautiful on paper, Trustee Barnes said she is concerned when the grant money dries-up, what is the Village of Lakewood going to be stuck paying for. Most of the in-kind services mentioned by Ms. Brickley, are likely going to come from our own Department of Public Works. What is unknown is whether additional maintenance work would require the hiring of additional staff for the DPW. Trustee Barnes said what will be the real cost of this project be to our taxpayers.

Ms. Brickley wanted to make it clear that the Alliance has managed and overseen twelve such projects, at a total cost of 3.5 million dollars and is pleased to say that the Alliance has brought-in 2.5 million dollars in State grants. She said all of the projects are being managed within budget and on time.

Trustee Holcomb said, with the recent increase in taxes, plus the \$ 25,000.00 project cost, he doesn't believe the cost can be justified at this time.

Trustee Barnes said something else to consider, will be the cost to bond the projects as presented.

Trustee Schutte wished to make it clear that at the point of application, which we as a Board is considering this evening, won't cost the Village of Lakewood anything and that it will not be under any financial obligation.

Ms. Brickley said if the Village of Lakewood is awarded the grant this December, it will receive an award letter from New York State to either accept the grant or deny the grant.

Ms. Greta Smith questioned why would we seek answers concerning these projects from a representative from the Alliance who ultimately is trying to "sell" these projects. Answers to our questions and concerns should be able to be found elsewhere.

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Trustee Schutte indicated where else can a municipality receive this kind of funding for this kind of investment. He then asked, where exactly does one start when there is so much to do in improving Chautauqua County's most treasured asset. What is the Village of Lakewood to do? Say it isn't our responsibility, let somebody else do it? He said if the Village of Lakewood doesn't take the lead who will.

Trustee McCague asked the question, what is the cost if we don't apply for the grant money. He said this is a very significant project and that the Village of Lakewood has worked collaboratively with the Town of Busti, the Alliance and Chautauqua County. He said, to Trustee Schutte's point, where can one invest \$25,000.00 and get the kind of return this project will produce.

Mayor Birrittieri said the time is now for the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lakewood to make a decision on whether or not to apply for the grant funding, which will be done at no cost and under no obligation.

Trustee Barnes said she has spoken with different folks in the community, who are very upset about the recent Village tax increases. If the grants are awarded to the Village of Lakewood and it is decided to go forward with these projects, there are no ifs ands or buts that they will cause taxes to increase even more. How much are the taxpayers are willing to take on. Trustee Barnes said she would feel more comfortable about the whole thing if more communities around Chautauqua Lake were embracing similar projects. She believes the two Lakewood projects as presented will have a minimal impact on the overall condition of Chautauqua Lake. In closing, Trustee Barnes said one of the main reasons people leave the Empire State is the taxes, taxes, taxes.

Dr. Rudolph Mueller, 7 Sunset Ave., and Town of Busti Councilman, indicated to Mayor Birrittieri and members of the Board of Trustees that the Town of Busti unanimously approved the Stormwater Swales Project throughout the Township. He noted the Town of Busti has decided not to bond this project, rather it will be included in next year's budget. He said there could be additional funding available once the grants are awarded. Dr. Mueller encouraged the Village of Lakewood to move forward with the grant application process, saying it would be a big mistake not to take advantage of the funding available to improve the lake. He said it is very important to set an example for other municipalities to follow. He noted there is always the option to say no to the grant later on.

Mrs. Carol Jones, 144 West Summit Street, said having been involved with New York State grants, how can the Village of Lakewood be sure the money will still be there if the political climate in Albany drastically changes. Who is going to get "stuck" with the bill if the money isn't there?

Ms. Brickley indicated that New York State has already committed the funding for these projects. She noted the money is funded annually through the Environmental Protection Fund and those dollars are already accounted for.

Ms. Ruth Wahl, 106 Winchester Road, indicated the subject of weeds in Chautauqua Lake has been discussed for years. She said nothing was done years ago because it was too expensive. Here we are this evening to decide on whether or not to take some small steps to improve Chautauqua Lake. She said Lakewood is known as the leader in environmental quality and encouraged the Board of Trustees to move forward with the projects as presented. Ms. Wahl said consider any slight increase in the Village tax as a gift to your grandchildren and as a long term investment in our lake.

Mr. Greg Carr, 2 Crystal Ave., said anything to improve Chautauqua Lake must be considered, whether or not taxes go up, so be it. A better lake means better property values. Mr. Carr indicated although it might be safe to swim at the Lakewood Beach, he doubts it would be safe to swim in front of his house. He then showed Mayor Birrittieri and members of the Board of Trustees photos of the lake in front of his house. Mr. Carr said if something isn't done to improve Chautauqua Lake, the photos depict the end results.

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Mr. Phillip "Flip" Yates, 9 Oakland Ave., said folks have been fighting weeds in Chautauqua Lake since the 1950's. Mr. Yates said he wholeheartedly supports anything that can be done to improve the lake, even if it means higher taxes.

Mr. Bruce Bradford, who grew-up at 226 West Summit Street, said there is a lot more sediment and gravel coming down the creek that goes under West Summit Street at Brook Street now than it did seventy years ago. Also, it is his opinion, that although the Lowe Park project is nice, the amount of sediment being deposited at its outfall, is a drop in the bucket when compared with the amount being deposited at the Brook Street outfall.

With no one else to be heard, Mayor Birrittieri asked for a motion in connection with the application for grant funding regarding the Lowe Park project.

RESOLUTION #102-2018 – AUTHORIZE TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO FUND THE LOWE PARK STREAM DAYLIGHTING & SEDIMENT CAPTURE STORMWATER PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Village of Lakewood in partnership with the Town of Busti, County, PED, and Alliance, have identified the Lowe Park Stream Daylighting and Sediment Capture Stormwater project for application to the 2018 LWRP grant program which provides reimbursement for up to 75% of total project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance has been established as a nonprofit New York organization to collaborate amongst its Members to procure funding for projects recommended in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, the Macrophyte Management Strategy, the Chautauqua Lake Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and others via grant writing, to benefit the water quality of Chautauqua Lake on behalf of its Members; and

WHEREAS, the Village, the Town and the County are Members of the Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed to \$ 5,000.00 in cash match and the Alliance have committed to in-kind match for interpretive panels valued at \$ 4,000.00 and \$ 25,302.00 in cash match, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood will act as the primary grant applicant and shall commit to providing in-kind services for operation and maintenance, clearing and grubbing, excavation and disposal, and traffic control valued at \$ 25,277.00 toward required local match as well as \$ 25,739.00 in cash toward local match; and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood is in good financial standing and is willing to bond for the total projects costs for the Lowe Park Stream Daylighting and Sediment Capture Stormwater Project if state grant funding through this year's CFA process.

Adopted: 3 ayes, 2 nays, (Birrittieri, McCague, Schutte), (Barnes, Holcomb)

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Mayor Birrittieri indicated that there is a second resolution to consider this evening regarding whether or not to participate in efforts to fund the Chautauqua Ave. Green Street Retrofit Project.

Mayor Birrittieri then proceeded to read the proposed resolution in its entirety.

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened; and
WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is currently has a Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorus of 0.02 mg/l, which favorably positions the Village for grant-funded water quality improvement projects; and
WHEREAS, New York State (NYS) Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) offers state-wide grant funding programs that provide an opportunity to significantly leverage local resources; however, these grant programs are fiercely competitive and require a local match in cash and/or in-kind services; and
WHEREAS, The 2018 CFAs includes the New York State Consolidated Funding Application – Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) – Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) which offers state grant funding for green infrastructure related projects and which requires local match; and
WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Economic Development (PED), the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance (Alliance), the Village of Lakewood, and the Town of Busti have successfully partnered to procure previous state funding in 2016 which has now delivered a DEC/EFC approved engineering study which identifies meaningful stormwater projects located within the Village and Town that can now be pursued for implementation funding that will have a positive impact on the environmental health of Chautauqua Lake; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Lakewood in partnership with the Town of Busti, County PED, and Alliance, have identified the Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit project for application to the 2018 GIGP grant program which provides reimbursement for up to 90% of total project costs; and
WHEREAS, the Alliance has been established as a nonprofit New York organization to collaborate and coordinate amongst its Members to procure funding for projects recommended in the Chautauqua Lake Watershed Management Plan, the Macrophyte Management Strategy, the Chautauqua Lake Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and others via grant funding, to benefit the water quality of Chautauqua Lake on behalf of its Members; and
WHEREAS, the Village, Town and the County are Members of the Alliance; and
WHEREAS, the County has committed \$ 11,099.00 in cash match; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood will act as the primary grant applicant and shall commit to providing in-kind services for operation and maintenance, clearing and grubbing, 50% of total estimated costs for excavation and disposal, and traffic control valued at \$ 66,625.00 toward required local match; and
RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood is in good financial standing and is willing to bond for the total project costs for the Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit if state grant funding is secured through this year's CFA process.

Mayor Birrittieri then asked Ms. Brickley if she could provide those in attendance with a brief overview of the project being proposed for a two block section of Chautauqua Ave.

Ms. Brickley indicated that this particular project is a combination of water quality improvement practices and economic development, which would include two blocks, along Chautauqua Ave. Some of the components of this project are different colored permeable pavers, native tree plantings, stormwater infiltration system, crosswalks, planters and other amenities that will comprise the overall streetscape. She said the preliminary engineer report indicates the proposed improvements to the street will remove approximately two hundred pounds of sediment from the watershed annually. Ms. Brickley said the project's total budget is \$ 777,235.00, with a local match of 10% from the Village of Lakewood, or \$ 77,724.00. This amount may include in-kind offerings, such as excavation, grubbing, traffic control from the DPW, plus a commitment from Chautauqua County for \$ 11,099.00. She added there will be no cash commitment required from the Village of Lakewood.

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Ms. Brickley said the goal of this project is to mitigate stormwater run-off that eventually discharges into Chautauqua Lake, via infiltration and retention.

Trustee Barnes indicated that cost to the local taxpayers is a huge factor for this project as well as the Lowe Park project. No matter how one looks at it, the Village of Lakewood will be required to “front” the money by taking out a bond of 1.1 million dollars, which would include both projects. If the grant is awarded to the Village of Lakewood we would be responsible for the interest on the bond plus some unknown maintenance costs. Trustee Barnes noted there is going to be a basin below the permeable pavers that will require cleaning on occasion. To do so will necessitate the use of a vacuum truck, a piece of equipment the DPW doesn't currently have. Also, when it comes to removing snow from the permeable pavers, it will require a special rubber snow plow blade. Although the 90% versus 10% is a very attractive grant package being offered by the State of New York, there are still costs the local taxpayers will need to take on. Trustee Barnes stressed that the Village of Lakewood must be able to separate a want from a need.

Trustee Barnes said she is all for improving the lake and has been characterized as a person resistant to change, but that isn't it in this case. What she is resistant to is heaping tax increases on our residents. Taking on more debt, which this project will accomplish, will be a financial burden to our taxpayers.

Ms. Brickley agreed this project brings with it additional maintenance concerns, some of which could be resolved through shared services between neighboring municipalities.

Trustee Schutte asked Ms. Brickley if there are other communities engaged with similar projects.

Ms. Brickley said the Village of Celoron has taken advantage of a 1.5 million dollar grant geared toward water quality improvements, economic development and public access point development. The Town of Chautauqua and Village of Mayville has received a \$ 100,000.00 to conduct an engineering study of their watershed and once that is complete the Alliance expects to partner with them on projects similar to the ones the Village of Lakewood is now considering.

Trustee McCague wanted to clarify a few of the comments made by Trustee Barnes concerning the Village's debt. Yes, the Village of Lakewood has some debt, and of course we would all like to see it lowered. The debt the Village of Lakewood is taking on by agreeing to apply for these project grants isn't long term debt, rather it is a reimbursable grant.

Trustee Schutte indicated that as the expenses are paid down, the interest on the bond will decrease.

Trustee Holcomb said he would like to take the money to be spent on these projects and treat the lake now. It is the least we can do for those lakefront property owners who would like to enjoy Lake Chautauqua for all it has to offer.

Ms. Brickley said the Alliance's mission is all about balance management. The cause of the issues impacting the health of the lake versus annual lake maintenance. “We” can't continue to spend all the available funding on lake maintenance and expect the causes which impact the lake's health to decrease.

Trustee Barnes said dredging the lake is probably the ultimate solution to the problem but the astronomical cost to do so is prohibitive. She would like the State of New York to take a lead role in improving the lake. Chautauqua Lake is considered a eutrophic lake which is being naturally fed nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen causing out of control algae growth.

Trustee Schutte said as far as the Chautauqua Ave. project, it boils down to being good stewards and making a substantive change to “our” village. The last time any major dollars were spent improving the Village of Lakewood was back in 2003-2004. At that time a group of residents raised a lot of money to make long overdue improvements to Chautauqua Ave.

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Since then very little has been done. He said there has been a renewed interest in Chautauqua Ave. and the time is now for improvements to be made. Obviously, a lot of attention has recently been focused on the condition of Chautauqua Lake, from the County as well as the State level. That is where change is going to originate from.

When looking at this project members of the Board of Trustees need to look at it from a regional standpoint. For example, the new National Comedy Center is expected to draw 100,000 visitors annually. If this projection is anywhere near correct visitors are expected to boost the local economy by 20 million dollars annually. Trustee Schutte said it isn't by accident that the Village of Celoron is investing a lot of money where they can to improve its community. With a relatively strong economy and with New York State willing to assist financially, there is a great opportunity for the Village of Lakewood to move the community forward. The source of change occurs when individuals make difficult decisions, like the one before members of the Board of Trustees this evening. He reminded everyone that this is just an application process, where there is no financial commitment attached. He stressed if we don't take advantage of the opportunity it doesn't happen. The answer is no before we can see if there is a way to make it a yes.

Trustee McCague reminded everyone that when Chautauqua Ave. was reconstructed back in 2003-2004, much of the project was paid for by local foundations, corporations and residents. The distinction between that project and this project is ninety percent of this project will be paid for by New York State.

Mayor Birrittieri wanted to make it clear that any money received from New York State for projects such as this one, are "our" tax dollars. The only way we can get some of "our" New York State tax dollars back in Lakewood is be willing to initiate the process to do so. If the Village of Lakewood doesn't go after the money, some other community will get it instead. Mayor Birrittieri admitted she is a little selfish when it comes to procuring funding from New York State and believes the stars are aligning for the Village of Lakewood to get some attention and therefore attract this kind of funding.

Mr. Craig Seger, 31 Winchester Road, and volunteer for the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, said Ms. Brickley knows what she is talking about and the Village of Lakewood should heed her advice and that of her colleagues at the Alliance. This is a wonderful opportunity for funding that shouldn't be passed-up.

Mr. Michael Looker, 15 Owana Way, asked Mayor Birrittieri if there are any more projects like this one on the horizon that taxpayers will have to pay for and questioned whether the Village of Lakewood is getting an appropriate benefit for the amount of money invested.

Mayor Birrittieri indicated to Mr. Looker that the estimated cost to just replace the trees along a few blocks of Chautauqua Ave. was \$ 70,000.00. This project, at no cash cost to the Village of Lakewood will involve the reconstruction of two blocks of Chautauqua Ave., that includes sediment control measures, trees, plus an improved streetscape.

Mr. Dan Evans, asked if this project is in anyway tied-in with the New York Main Street building façade project.

Trustee McCague indicated to Mr. Evans that this project and the New York Main Street technical assistance grant are two totally different grant opportunities. If both are awarded and when completed, the Village of Lakewood will have an upgraded Chautauqua Ave., which will include new infrastructure and streetscape plus new and improved building fronts.

Ms. Nancy Jones, 215 Locust Street, told Mayor Birrittieri that during the June 25th meeting of the Board of Trustees, she noted that when folks asked about the recent tax increase, she said it was just for one year. Ms. Jones said the Village taxes have increased 11.75% over the past two years and asked Mayor Birrittieri how much more can the local taxpayer bear.

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Ms. Jones said although the projects being considered by the Village of Lakewood are great, "we" always can't have what we want.

Trustee Holcomb reiterated that is the exact reason he has said no to these projects. They are just too expensive.

Ms. Ruth Wahl, asked Ms. Brickley if projects such as these attract visitors to see for themselves, examples of different projects.

Ms. Brickley said the Alliance likes to partner with schools and area non-profit groups to make sure tours are arranged to show folks examples of permeable pavers, because there is a myth out there that they don't work.

Mr. Phillip "Flip" Yates, said he is favor of the Lowe Park project but respectfully opposes the proposed Green Street Retrofit Project for Chautauqua Ave.

Mr. William A. Evans, III, 34 West Terrace Ave., and President of the Local Community Development Corporation, indicated Chautauqua Lake is in crisis mode which is a critical asset to the community, both from a recreational and economic standpoint. Chautauqua Ave., also in crisis mode, is a local economic asset.

Mr. Evans said thirteen years ago citizens got together and raised a lot of private money to fund the Chautauqua Ave, reconstruction project. He said it is inconceivable that the Village of Lakewood would turn-down nearly \$ 800,000.00 to improve two critical blocks of Chautauqua Ave.

With the world class National Comedy Center soon to open in neighboring Jamestown, an opportunity to draw tourism to Chautauqua Ave. is finally here. The belief of not spending a penny no matter what by classifying a want versus a need is a false dichotomy. What people have to realize is that one needs to spend and invest in order to create new attractions. He said Lakewood's two biggest assets, the lake and Chautauqua Ave., can be upgraded without any cash outlay. The Village of Lakewood will literally be getting an infinite return on its investment.

Mr. Evans indicated the Village of Lakewood does have the option of turning down the grant if and when is awarded, but to turn this opportunity down at this point is inconceivable. Past supporters of the Chautauqua Ave. reconstruction project fifteen years ago would be very disappointed if a group of people could be so blind to the opportunity to improve on what they started, especially when New York State is willing to pay for it.

In closing Mr. Evans said the Local Community Development Corporation (LCDC) fully supports this particular grant application and hopes members of the Board of Trustees have the vision and wisdom to take the Village of Lakewood to the next step in the process.

Trustee Barnes indicated to Mr. Evans that his insults were well noted and that for the Village of Lakewood to do anything, it needs to reach into the pockets of the taxpayers. The taxpayers are speaking out and are not happy with the latest tax increases. Trustee Barnes said she is not in favor of risking more taxpayer money on something that may or may not be a significant improvement for Chautauqua Ave., after having put such a burden on them already with the recent tax increases.

Mr. William Chandler, 207 West Summit Street, said the new National Comedy Center is a special place that will draw attention and visitors to the Jamestown area. Those visitors, whether they chose to stay in Jamestown or at the new hotel in Celoron will likely wish to explore other area attractions, including Chautauqua Ave. Mr. Chandler encouraged the Board of Trustees to proceed with the application for this project.

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Ms. Jamie Genareo, 21 Fairwood Drive, said there has been a lot of discussion about the project cost and increasing taxes. If indeed this project is being paid for by New York State, then the Village of Lakewood needs to move forward with this project in an effort to draw more people into the community.

Ms. Greta Smith said although there has been much talk about taxes, how about updating the local zoning codes so developers cannot just build large parking lots without taking responsibility for the stormwater they generate. Although she isn't opposed to these projects, improvements in managing stormwater within the watershed should be done farther upstream.

Mr. Richard Rose said as the Chairman of the Lakewood Tree Committee, he has heard a lot of comments from residents about the lack of trees on Chautauqua Ave. The trees that were planted when Chautauqua Ave. was reconstructed back in 2003 were cut down last year. The trees died because they could not survive the environment in which they were planted. The Tree Committee looked at different varieties of trees to possibly take their place, within appropriate planning beds and that was going to cost \$70,000.00. In addition to this project managing the stormwater by removing sediment from it, it will include the planting of trees within the two block area and bring some shade back to Chautauqua Ave. Mr. Rose said let's not wait for other communities to do these projects. Let's start being a leader by approving the application for this project.

Mr. Tom Marlinski, 36 Ohio Ave., said he has lived on Ohio Ave. for the past thirty-four years and has seen numerous businesses come and go along Chautauqua Ave. It has been a challenge for businesses to draw traffic off Rt. 394 to turn down Chautauqua Ave.

Mayor Birrittieri said although we all want the Chautauqua Mall to flourish, people's taste change and right now there is a desire by many to return to the small quaint "Main Street" businesses. Improving "Main Street" businesses is where it is at.

Trustee Schutte said it is a case of being the sum of the parts. Obviously, improving only a two block stretch of Chautauqua Ave., initially doesn't look too impressive on paper. But put together the other things that are in the planning stages along Chautauqua Ave., then you've got something. If additional people are going to be coming into the area, they will want to see and do different things.

Mr. Jim Wheeler, 2 Southland Ave., said he was a 1962 SWCS graduate and has watched the Village of Lakewood evolve since the 1950's. As area businesses moved out of the Jamestown area over the years, it was said "our" only salvation is Chautauqua Lake. Mr. Wheeler said so let's take care of the lake in order to maintain our tourism which in turn maintains our economy.

Ms. Yolandi Hughes, 1 Crystal Ave., said she is all for progress, investment and leading the way, but it is all about the Chautauqua Lake. Unfortunately the lake in front of her house is where there are harmful alga blooms (HABS), and because of the amount of lake weeds, is where fishing and boating activities can no longer be enjoyed. It is her opinion that the center of discussion must focus on Chautauqua Lake and how to improve it.

Ms. Carol Jones, said she and other taxpayers would feel more comfortable about this whole grant application process if the Village of Lakewood were to provide some definitive information on how much it is going to cost to "front" these grants and how these expenses are going to impact the 2019-2020 budget. Also, because it was voted to have the school taxes fund the local libraries beginning in 2019, the amount that the Village of Lakewood had appropriated should be removed from the 2019-2010 budget as a line item. She said that money should not and cannot be counted as "found money". The taxpayers are not going to pay for it twice.

Ms. Jones said what the Mayor and this Board "pulled" earlier this year, which in her opinion, was very procedurally wrong, in how the Village budget for the current fiscal year was adopted.

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When it was asked how much the tax rate would increase, it was understood it would be more than the 2% tax cap level, but 9.2 %? She then warned the Mayor and members of the Board of Trustees that it is only going to get worse, when cuts are handed down from the federal, state and county governments.

Mayor Birrittieri asked if there are any further comments.

Trustee Holcomb indicated Ms. Jones is right.

Mayor Birrittieri indicated that there is a tremendous amount of effort that goes into the preparation of a Village budget. We work diligently on the budget and all the budget procedures were followed.

Mayor Birrittieri asked Village Treasurer Windoft if she believes the budget process was legally done.

Treasurer Windoft said all the deadlines were met and public hearings conducted, but when some of the budget figures were revamped, that is what Ms. Jones might be referring to.

Mayor Birrittieri reiterated that there is a lot of work that goes into the budget and suggested that we turn our attention back to the proposed resolution in connection with the grant application.

There was one final question from Mr. Tom Marlinski, who asked, if the grants are awarded to the Village of Lakewood in December, who votes on whether to accept them or not, the Board of Trustees or qualified voters.

Trustee Barnes said if a five year bond is necessary to fund the grants, a resolution to accept or deny the grant funding would be voted on by the Board of Trustees.

With no one else to be heard, Mayor Birrittieri asked for a motion in connection with the application for grant funding regarding the Chautauqua Ave. Green Street Retrofit project.

RESOLUTION #103-2018 – AUTHORIZETO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO FUND THE
CHAUTAUQUA AVENUE GREEN STREET RETROFIT PROJECT

Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Schutte,
WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened; and
WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is currently has a Total Maximum Daily Load for phosphorus of 0.02 mg/l, which favorably positions the Village for grant-funded water quality improvement projects; and
WHEREAS, New York State (NYS) Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) offers state-wide grant funding programs that provide an opportunity to significantly leverage local resources; however, these grant programs are fiercely competitive and require a local match in cash and/or in-kind services; and
WHEREAS, The 2018 CFAs includes the New York State Consolidated Funding Application – Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) – Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) which offers state grant funding for green infrastructure related projects and which requires local match; and
WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Economic Development (PED), the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance (Alliance), the Village of Lakewood, and the Town of Busti have successfully partnered to procure previous state funding in 2016 which has now delivered a DEC/EFC approved engineering study which identifies meaningful stormwater projects located within the Village and Town that can now be pursued for implementation funding that will have a positive impact on the environmental health of Chautauqua Lake; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Lakewood in partnership with the Town of Busti, County PED, and Alliance, have identified the Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit project for application to the 2018 GIGP grant program which provides reimbursement for up to 90% of total project costs; and

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WHEREAS, the Village, Town and the County are Members of the Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the County has committed \$ 11,099.00 in cash match; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood will act as the primary grant applicant and shall commit to providing in-kind services for operation and maintenance, clearing and grubbing, 50% of total estimated costs for excavation and disposal, and traffic control valued at \$ 66,625.00 toward required local match; and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Lakewood is in good financial standing and is willing to bond for the total project costs for the Chautauqua Avenue Green Street Retrofit if state grant funding is secured through this year's CFA process.

Adopted: 3 ayes, 2 nays, (Birritieri, McCague, Schutte), (Barnes, Holcomb)

RECESS

Motion by Trustee Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Barnes, to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:05 PM, so as to enter into executive session.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present at the executive session were Mayor Cara Birritieri, Trustee Ellen E. Barnes, Trustee Randall G. Holcomb, Trustee Edward J. McCague, Trustee Douglas L. Schutte, Village Attorney John I. LaMancuso and Village Clerk Joseph M. Johnson. Motion by Trustee McCague, seconded by Trustee Schutte, to adjourn the executive session at 9:24 PM and to reopen the regular meeting.

Adopted: 4 ayes, no nays (Barnes, Holcomb, McCague, Schutte)

Motion by Trustee Holcomb, seconded by Trustee Barnes, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Joseph M. Johnson
Village Clerk

