



**SLPID Meeting Minutes
Malta Town Hall
September 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Chair Kathy Simmonds, 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call Commissioners present: Simmonds, Scalici, Baker, Borisenok **Excused:** Mazzotti.

Staff present: Cristina Connolly, Lake District Administrator. Lonnie Van Buren, Harvesting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Secretary Report (SLPID Chair)

***Present August 17, 2023, Public Hearing meeting minutes.**

Discussion: No Comments.

Motion to accept August 17, 2023, Public Hearing minutes.

First: Scalici Second: Simmonds All Commissioners present voted: YEAH

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Treasurer report (Commissioner Simmonds)

***Present August 2023 Financial Report:** Year-to-date income is \$465,260.33. Which includes \$462,154.40 from the tax levies, \$3,000.00 from the Global Foundries grant, and \$105.93 from interest income. Year-to-date expenses total \$224,441.36. The remaining budget for expenses is \$221,758.64. This includes \$403,034.95 in the bank accounts, two certificates of deposits, and the checking account. Additionally, the budgeted surplus for the year is \$16,320.61. Discussion: None

Motion to accept the August 2023 Treasurer's Report

First: Baker Second: Scalici All Commissioners present voted: YEAH.

Motion to accept the August 2023 paid bills. Invoices were emailed to the commissioners. **First: Simmonds Second: Borisenok All Commissioners present voted: YEAH.**

Weed Harvesting (Lonnie)

Discussion: Commissioner Simmonds began by saying Lonnie was asked to attend today's meeting to give an end-of-season report. The harvesting employee's last day is October 19. Lonnie reported that the harvesting season began June 1 and ended September 12. The year-to-date loads are 357. Four of those were water chestnut removal on August 1 and 2.

New fuel tanks have been installed.

Lonnie noted that the fuel filter module was damaged by our own employees, and I fixed that.

On 9/15, the navigation and water testing buoys were removed.

On 9/19, the harvesters were taken out.

On 9/20, the pontoon boat and the last conveyor were removed. We are currently working in the shop doing maintenance.

***Lake Administrator Report: (Cristina Connolly)**

Discussion: Lake stewards are finished for the season. The last day was Sunday, September 17, due to no more available employees.

Yesterday, after the SLPID boat was washed, the building was cleaned and locked up for the season.

Over the next few months, Cristina will go through and edit the lake steward data for the DEC Arcgis and submit it to the state for the yearly lake steward survey report.

Cristina said the Coast Guard did come on August 5 to the launch and conducted boater safety checks. It was well received by boaters.

This coming Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday is the DEC expo. Cristina will be attending. On Sunday, she will be representing SLPID with a table, and on the other days, she will participate in the professional educational portion.

Cristina said Solitude came, and we surveyed the lake for milfoil spots. Glenn with Solitude saw the same as what is in Larry's interim report and what she and Dean have been observing.

Commissioner Scalici asked where the DEC event is being held.

Cristina said at the Saratoga State Park in front of the Lincoln Bathhouse.

Commissioner Baker asked if it is open to the public.

Cristina said Sunday is something new they are doing, and it will be a tabling event for the public. The other days are closed to the public. It is educational for the professionals.

Cristina then reported a moderate patch of Eurasian Water Milfoil on the southeast side of the lake, south of Snake Hill to Browns Beach. We are now waiting for Solitude to send SLPID a proposal for treatment in 2024.

Commissioner Baker asked if that was the only place it was found.

Cristina said of a sizeable amount. There is a plant here and there, but not enough to treat in other locations.

The Biobase program is back up. SLPID's current subscription is good until January. This was extended so SLPID does not have to pay a subscription fee for this year.

Dean and Cristina met with Ezra at Adirondack Research, and Ezra will be going through the current mapping uploaded from the previous years and giving SLPID a quote to manage the data to streamline the weed harvesting program.

Cristina has continued to check and pull any pop-up water chestnuts until a week ago. As soon as the drone photos come in from Dustin with the county, she will pass them on so the commissioners can see the difference from year to year using the Weedoo.

She has also been monitoring for harmful algae blooms and using the fluoroprobe to compare and record the numbers at specific locations. Blooms typically have always been shoreline blooms on the east and south sides of the lake, and fluoroprobe numbers show this, too. We hope this will give some insight when comparing Dean's thermistor sting recordings.

There was a shoreline bloom on 9/12 on the east shore; she watched it that day and took two catch samples to send to UFI.

The last CSLAP sample will be on Monday.

At some point next week, Cristina and Dean will go out to the water testing buoys. Dean will download the information so far and reset the loggers for the winter.

Cristina has filled and submitted the insurance application with an updated vehicle and equipment schedule to NY municipal insurance. Met with the insurance rep to review, and they will get back with next year's quote.

Commissioner Scalici asked if the new boat is included in that.

Cristina said yes, the new premium increase is under \$30.00.

After a second, more in-depth look by the planners on the stormwater sheets, there are more edits, comments, and concerns. They would still like them to be even more simplified. Sarah and I will sit down to go through the changes.

Commissioner Simmonds asked if the comments were positive.

Cristina said yes, they were mostly to simplify it more.

Commissioner Simmonds and Borisenok said they felt what we already had was pretty simple and said to use discretion on changes.

At last month's meeting, Commissioner Mazzotti had asked for a report on dock and boat permits. Cristina spoke again to the town supervisors about this. They said we would plan to discuss it next year after the stormwater materials are finalized, and everyone catches up on end-of-the-year business. It can then be addressed if there is a need to pursue either.

Ralph Pascucci maintains the SLPID Weather station. Ralph has said he is more than happy to continue maintaining and paying for the weather station to continue running it if this is ok with the commissioners. He said disassembling is complicated and is happy to leave it up and pay for the operation himself.

Cristina said she will be completing the ARC GIS data on lake steward surveys, work with Sarah on the stormwater guidance and website updates, begin a 2024 proposed plan, and has several webinars lined up for insurance on battery disconnect switches, workplace violence, state invasive species, NAISMA and PRISM.

Questions for the commissioners are:

- Two certificates of deposits came due. To renew, there is a 6-month at 3.02% or a 13-month at 3.05%.

Commissioners agreed to the 6-month certificate of deposit at 3.02%.

- The tri-fold was sent out with an estimate of about \$1,500 to spend to mail it out. Do the commissioners want this to be mailed out to all in the SLPID District?

Commissioners agreed to send the tri-fold out as a mailer.

- A photo of the proposed boat graphics was sent out to the commissioners. Any input on this?

Commissioner Scalici asked if the "Protection and Improvement District" words could be a little darker or outline the wording.

Cristina said she would ask for a new color design.

- Political events to attend. All currently listed are for the Malta Supervisor next week and Stillwater this Sunday. Cristina cannot participate on Sunday; she will be at the DEC event. Commissioner Baker will be attending Sunday's event.

Commissioner Scalici asked if we should attend.

Cristina said yes, it is for a public purpose in furtherance of the SLPID mandate to network with the other municipalities and county.

Commissioner Borisenok said it is essential to network and has greatly helped SLPID.

Cristina said she keeps looking and has not seen any other events. The commissioners said to use her discretion on how much time she has available to attend and what is most important.

Cristina said one last item is that Rob Davies with Saratoga Plan had called her this morning. To apply for state funding for Snake Hill, they need to show that purchasing Snake Hill will be better for Saratoga Lake quality. He needs to submit a letter by 5:00 p.m. today. Cristina said she did not have time and asked Dean. Dean will write something up right away for them.

New Business: Commissioners Simmonds and Borisenok attended the SLA annual meeting. The SLA treasurer presented a brief financial report but did not explain where the money was disbursed. They are looking to do a new logo and expect to have a deficit in 2023.

Commissioner Scalici asked how the other meeting went that SLA requested with SLPID. Commissioner Simmonds said yes, we met. Everyone knows and understands where SLPID stands and that there is no partnership with SLPID.

Old Business: None Discussion:

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #32-2023

Whereas the Commissioners approved to contract with MovinAds Wrap Kingz, with their main address at 213 Fellows Road, Mechanicville, NY, to wrap the SLPID pontoon boat with the approved boat graphics of the SLPID name and logo at a cost of \$975.00. The Lake District Administrator will approve and sign the final contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners direct the action to contract with MovinAds Wrap Kings, and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First: Baker Second: Simmonds All Commissioners present voted:

Commissioner Simmonds motioned to set the next SLPID regular meeting on October 19, 2023, at the Malta town hall.

First: Simmonds Second: Baker All Commissioners present voted: YEAH.

Commissioner Simmonds made a Motion to suspend the meeting at 3:26 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss employees.

First: Simmonds Second: Scalici All Commissioners present voted: YEAH.

Commissioner Simmonds motioned to reenter the public meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Simmonds said at one time, SLPID was part of the NYS retirement system for employees. Past commissioners did not continue to offer this. Employees having the option to join the state retirement system could benefit SLPID by hiring employees. The commissioners requested Cristina to obtain the cost to reenter the NYSLRS.

Commissioner Simmonds made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 3:33 p.m.

First: Simmonds Second: Borisenok All Commissioners present voted: YEAH.