

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 in the Meeting Room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York.

Members Present: Supervisor Politi, Councilman Favro, Councilman Miller, Councilman Doty, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Dudley

Others Present: Larry Straight, Anthony Olivero

Supervisor Politi opened the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion for the minutes of the Board meeting of July 12, 2016.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried. Councilman Miller abstained as he was absent.

Approve Out of Darkness Walk use of Oval

Supervisor Politi – We received a request from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to hold its annual North Country Out of the Darkness Walk on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Oval from 11:30 to 4:30 pm. This is something we have done each year.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Out of the Darkness Walk for Sunday, October 2, 2016. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Approve Relay for Life use of Oval

Supervisor Politi – We also received a request from Tri-Lakes Relay For Life who is seeking permission to use the Oval on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10:00 am-8:30 pm. They received permission from the Lake Placid Central School and support from ORDA.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the use of the Oval for Relay for Life on Saturday, September 17, 2016. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Approve Bond Resolution Toboggan Slide

Supervisor Politi – Cathy Edman gave me a Serial Bond Resolution for the new toboggan chute which is not to exceed \$300,000 for the construction of a new toboggan slide.

Councilman Doty explained that Jeffords Steel estimated the rebuild at \$250,000 and Marcel Bruce from Harlow Excavating will remove the steel for \$6,000. It will never have to be fixed again.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of August, 2016, the Town Board of the Town of North Elba, Essex County, New York duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds, and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used for the specific purpose of financing the construction of a new toboggan chute located on Parkside Drive. The estimated maximum cost of said purpose is \$300,000. The period of probable usefulness of said purpose is fifteen (15) years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk located at the North Elba Town Hall in the Village of Lake Placid, New York.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of a serial bond not to exceed \$300,000 for the construction of the toboggan chute. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi asked for a Roll Call Vote: Councilman Doty; Aye, Councilman Favro; Aye, Councilman Miller; Aye, Councilman Rand; Aye, Supervisor Politi; Aye.

Budget Adjustments

Supervisor Politi – The budget adjustments include the insurance for the 2015 loader, the payment to Ironwood for the trees at the Pine Ridge Cemetery, Northwoods Engineering for the inspection of the toboggan slide, 50 % payment for the greens roller and Ivan’s fee for the engineering report for Ray Brook tank.

AUG 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 8/9/2016

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A 1910 0431	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	98.10	VCHR 161725	ADDING 2015 JD LOADER TO INLAND MARINE
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A 8910 0416	CEMETERY GROUNDS REPAIR	3,000.00	PO 29381	IRONWOOD TREE SERVICE PINE RIDGE CEMETERY
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	A 4068 0102	BLACK FLY CONTROL PERSONAL SERVICE	(3,098.10)		
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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP 1347.0415	T/S BUILDING REPAIRS	3,508.84	VOUCHER 161780	NORTHWOODS ENGINEERING FOR INSPECTION OF TOB. SLIDE
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP 1350.0200	CRAIGWOOD EQUIPMENT	7,806.87	VOUCHER 161673	50% PAYMENT ON LEASE FOR NEW RIDING GREENS ROLLER
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	SP 1347.0102	T/S PERSONAL SERVICES	(3,506.64)		
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	SP 1990.0400	CONTINGENCY	(7,806.57)		
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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SW3.8320.0459	RAY BROOK WATER DISTRICT OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,420.00	VOUCHER 161779	IVAN ZUKHAL ENGINEERING REPORT FOR RAY BROOK TANK FOR GRANT APPLICATION
APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE	SW3.0909	APPROPRIATE RAY BROOK WATER DISTRICT FUND BALANCE	1,420.00		

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the budget adjustments as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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DOH. Water Test

Supervisor Politi – I am proud to announce Ray Brook water received the highest award for the quality of water in the Northern New York. Lake Placid was #2. Potsdam #3, Crow Point #4, Raquette Lake #5 and Saranac Lake was #6. Ray Brook has been invited to compete in the State finals. Congratulations Derek!

Recognition of Saranac Lake Fire District Anniversary

Councilman Favro – Saranac Lake Fire Department is celebrating 125 of service. They are a huge help to Lake Placid and North Elba. I would like to give them a \$1,000 donation.

Supervisor Politi – It is against the law for us to give them a gift. We can give them money for their parade celebration.

The Board thanked Councilman Favro for the great idea.

Committee Reports - Biodigester

Councilman Miller informed the Board that Casella has a very limited interest in running the biodigester, and would prefer to be advisors. He is concerned that North Elba may not have the expertise to run the biodigester, and the possible costs of paying someone to do it for the town. He suggested the Town put together an RFP for an organization to run the biodigester. Mike Mascarenas can write the RFP.

Councilman Miller - If we commit, we have to run it for four years. It has to be viable. Casella is nervous and quite frankly, so am I.

Supervisor Politi – We have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of North Elba.

There is a meeting with Jen from NYSERDA August 15th.

Committee Reports – OSG Agreement

Councilman Doty - The initial agreement with the prisons to supply them water costs \$28,000 with hydro at \$3,000.

Supervisor Politi – The issue is the cost; it has to come out of Ray Brook Water District. I will ask Cathy what effect it will have on the district and to move cost to 2017.

Councilman Doty – We should have Ivan Zdrahal and Brad Hathaway come to discuss the changing from an 8” Main to a 12” Main. 1.6 Miles is very expensive.

Committee Reports – Employee Manual Update

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Councilman Miller – I sent a copy of the Employee Manual to be updated. If an employee gets arrested with a DWI or a criminal charge the employee’s jobs may be in jeopardy.

Supervisor Politi – Is the Union going to have anything to say about changing a policy that effects them? Ron should reword how it is stated in the Manual.

Committee Reports - Lacrosse

Councilman Rand – The Lacrosse is amazing! Businesses in Town said it is the best event we have.

Councilman Miller – There are too many teams and it ruins the experience.

Supervisor Politi – George Lavelle is aware of it. He is planning larger numbers next year. Larry, we will have to expand the parking area to offer 70-80 more parking spots.

Committee Reports – Community Development Committee

Councilman Rand reported Dean’s committee now has younger members; Emily Kilburn Politi and Jennifer Jubin. They discussed the defeated new Judge reduction, rental permits and Craig Randall invited participation in the parking garage.

The Board discussed the vacation rental problems. The County wants to enter into a contract with Airbnb on its vacation rentals. It is really a zoning issue. The only way to control it is to change the community’s zoning.

Approve Audits as per Audit #'s

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits.

	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 08/09/16			
A FUND GENERAL FUND	102279.71	22912.58	125192.29
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	473.26	45.41	518.67
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	18268.64	8679.04	26947.68
H12- OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL	624.86		624.86
H14-TAXIWAY LIGHTING	13000		13000
H16-5 BAY THANGAR	7685		7685
H42-HIGHWAY MACHINERY PURCHASE	6499.09		6499.09
H44-SOCCER FIELDS	0	16845.02	16845.02
SP PARK DISTRICT	52652.77	19335.2	71987.97
SW3 RAY BROOK	1420	73.8	1493.8
Batch 1628-1631	\$202,903.33	\$67,891.05	\$270,794.38

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161435; 161618-161632; 161636-161643; 161646-161674; 161699-161701;			
161703-161730; 161734-161813			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement)	\$0.00	\$63,262.31	\$63,262.31
161570; 161593-161616; 161644-161645; 161675-161698; 161702; 161731-			
161733			
Batch - HELD		\$1,023.65	\$1,023.65
161808			
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
161096-161098; 161103; 161434; 161633-161635; 161838			

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Audits as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Press Questions

Anthony Olivera ask for more information regarding the toboggan chute.

Supervisor Politi explained that the toboggan slide could not open regardless of the integrity issue due to this past winter conditions. North Woods Engineering said it was dangerous and the decision was made for a total reconstruction. Demolition began yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk