

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Antonio Olivera

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 October 11, 2016.

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

POLICY RESOLUTION-NORTH ELBA CEMETERY- VAULT RENTAL FEES

Supervisor Politi – It has been brought to our attention that funeral homes have been storing caskets in the vault at the cemetery without our knowledge. Many cemeteries charge for the use of their receiving vaults and we have not. We charge for the plots in the cemetery, burials and should be charging for use of the receiving vault. This came about because a woman wanted to ship a loved one to be stored in our vault. She was told it was free of charge. The winter burial charge is \$700 while postponing the burial until the summer is a convenience. The Town Clerk has recommended charging a rental fee of \$30/month for a burial in the North Elba and \$40/month for a burial in another cemetery. The caskets must be removed by June 15th. A Burial Transit Report needs be filed with the Town Clerk at the time of burial in the North Elba Cemetery receiving vault. This rental Fee should not apply to burials with reimbursement approval from Essex County Social Services.

Larry Straight – I knew about the bodies in the vault. Mark Meeks helps lowering the caskets. There are spaces for 20 caskets under the chapel.

Supervisor Politi – It is important the Town Clerk receive the proper paperwork on the people stored in the North Elba Cemetery.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the update to the cemetery regulations to include a rental fee for use of the receiving vault to the above mentioned. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE 2017 FIRE DISTRICT 1 & 3

Supervisor Politi – We had a public hearing on Fire District 1 & 3 at 6:30pm today. No one came to the public hearing to voice an objection.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve North Elba Fire Protection District No. 1 and 3 for the Year 2017. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE 2017 BUDGET BENEFIT WATER & SEWER

Supervisor Politi - We had a public hearing on the Benefit Water & Sewer Assessments at 6:40 pm today. No one came to the public hearing to voice an objection.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the 2017 assessment rolls of the Water and Sewer Districts. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE 2017 GENERAL BUDGET

Supervisor Politi- We had the public hearing on the 2017 General Budget at 6:45 pm today. Again, no one came to the public hearing to voice an objection.

Councilman Favro moved and the Town Board unanimously seconded the motion to approve the 2017 North Elba Town Budget.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Supervisor Politi – The only budget amendment is for the purchase of a set of fork for the Highway Department which is paid for out of the Highway Contingency Fund.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – TOBOGGAN SLIDE UPDATE

Councilman Doty – There is a meeting with Marcel (from Harlow’s), Jeff Leroy (designer from Jefford’s steel) and Stacy Allott, the surveyor, on Friday to layout the caissons to make sure they do not interfere with the Village Drainage project. They are on schedule and should be complete before Christmas.

ESSEX COUNTY UPDATE

Supervisor Politi - The Dog Tethering Law is something that the Ag & Markets law already addresses. It is a movement brought up by an animal activist group. Nobody is against the concept of safety. This law goes too far saying you can’t have your dog on a tether but a steak is okay as long as there is water and food available. The line cannot be more than 10% of the dog’s weight. That means our animal control will have to carry scales. The rule does not apply to vets, animal shelters & breeders, hunting dogs or sled dogs. The only people it applies to are you and me. The County is on the 4th rewrite of the law. They want to prosecute offender more severely than they do other cases. It doesn’t make sense.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 11/1/16			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	57898.83	21201.69	79100.52
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	4.99	0.00	4.99
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	25173.02	8954.26	34127.28
H12- OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL	891.80		891.80
H14-TAXIWAY LIGHTING	18480.00		18480.00
H44-SOCCER FIELDS	12232.14		12232.14
SP PARK DISTRICT	22812.05	12692.17	35504.22
SW3 RAY BROOK	73.80		73.80
Batch 1641-1643	\$ 137,566.63	\$ 42,848.12	\$ 180,414.75
162123, 162267-162286, 162288-162291, 162316-162330, 162333, 162337-			
162346, 162348-162363, 162365-162370, 162373-162380, 162382-162394			
162435-162454			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement)	\$ -		\$ -
162163-162287; 162292-162315; 162331-162332; 162335; 162381; 162426			
162429			
Batch - HELD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rejected Vouchers:			
162386	\$ 135.00		
DELETED VOUCHERS:			

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to go into executive session at 7:25 pm for the purposes of discussing a personnel issue. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 7:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no business transacted during Executive Session and no further business to come before the Town Boards, Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk