

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 PM 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, Emily Politi, Mike Orticelle, Jessica Kelly, and Elizabeth Izzo

Supervisor Politi opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion for the minutes of the Board meeting of October 8, 2019.

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

APPROVE THE 2020 TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Politi asked for motion to approve the Town Budget for 2020.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Town Budget. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Doty, Aye, Councilman Favro; Aye, Councilman Miller; Aye Councilman Rand; Aye Supervisor Politi; Aye

APPROVE THE SL EMERGENCY FIRE CONTRACT

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the SL Fire Contract.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Saranac Lake Fire and Rescue Contract as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE SL AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the SL Ambulance Contract in the amount of \$30, 975. This represents a 3% increase over last year.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Saranac Lake Ambulance Contract as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE 2020 BENEFIT WATER DISTRICT RATES

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Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the 2020 Benefit Water District Rates for Water Districts 1 & 2.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Benefit Water District rates. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE 2020 SEWER RATE

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the 2020 Benefit Sewer Rate as it decreased \$1.00.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2020 Sewer rates. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE CABLE TELEVISION AGREEMENT

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to conceptually approve based on the Town Attorneys review the contract between the Town of North Elba and time Warner Cable Northeast LLC.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to conceptually approve the contract between the Town of North Elba and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING/ CAMOIN ASSOCIATES

Supervisor Politi – We have received a contract for services with regard to the Community Housing Assessment. The contract is between the Town of North Elba and Camoin Associates.

Attorney Briggs – This is a proposal for the Community Housing Needs Assessment. This group was selected by the committee as the lowest and best responsible bidder and they came into a fixed price of \$24,397. There was some give and take on the content of the agreement. The initial draft they sent we made a number of suggested revisions and they accepted those revisions. What we have now is an agreement which is the result of those revisions. This has been signed by the consultants and they are set to go as soon as we sign and return.

Supervisor Politi asks Emily Politi if they have interviewed individuals from Camoin Associates. Emily Politi confirms they have and there will be an open house the following Tuesday which will be their only large public event and the public presentation will be in mid-January.

Supervisor Politi confirms the time for the open house to be 11:00AM Tuesday the 19th. Emily Politi requested Supervisor Politi and another member of the Board to be present at the open house to be interviewed by Camoin Associates. Councilman Rand has been participating with the housing committee and will represent the Town at the open house.

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Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the service agreement with Camoin Associates. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

TREE BOARD RESOLUTION

Supervisor Politi asks for a motion to approve the Tree Board Resolution. The Town of North Elba is the only municipal body which has a Tree Board. It calls for a Chairperson and the appointment of members for terms of three years and it defines their duties and responsibilities through that term.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Tree Board Resolution. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION ON HOSPITAL – MAINTENANCE & LEASING

Supervisor Politi – We have been approached by an entity that is interested in operating their facility and administrative operations out of the hospital. They are looking for 10,000 Sq. Ft and are talking about bringing in 35 employees. This would be a temporary use as they are planning the construction of a facility of their own. They were discussing the possibility of utilizing the Lab areas on the lower level.

Councilman Doty – We would like a fuel company to come in and asses the boiler to know what shape that is in. Along with that, I'm not sure we can provide an area with climate control which is critical with biological design.

Supervisor Politi – They were inquiring about the feasibility of using the building. I believe we would consider such a use. However, it is for them to decide whether it makes sense or not. They would need to go and inspect the building. If we are going to spend the money to maintain the building and we have the opportunity to have it occupied to help offset the cost of the maintenance and to have occupants who would be aware of any issues that are going on in the building, it is more beneficial to us than letting it sit there and have to check on it every several weeks.

Councilman Doty – I can follow up with the fuel company about our assessment of what the parameters are that we can give.

DISCUSSION ON BIODIGESTER

Councilman Doty – I have received an email from Jen Perry through NICERTA. They are at the timeline where the old Biodigester account needs to be closed or settled in the eyes of the state. The bottom line is there is still a million dollars on the table. I believe it would be beneficial to get the information and see what is going on. I had raised the idea of bringing this back. We have five years of deign build behind us. We are far in advance of anyone else in the state to be able to implement something like this. I don't know what future monies might be available through NICERTA, especially knowing that we have a game plan that has done all the research. There is

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a number of things that we were unable to satisfy and we came up short and were not going to pass it on to the tax payers. In this new scenario, having the design already and knowing what the price tag is it may be easier to obtain the money through NICERTA.

Supervisor Politi – I believe one of the key points is that we all believe it is a great idea but you have to have a trustworthy company to work with. We did not have a trustworthy company who would give us a commitment on a price who was aware of the physical conditions that exist here in February. We are all interested if there is such a company that exists that we can develop a collaborative relationship with.

Councilman Doty – It has been two years since we have been active in this, there could be changes that we don't know about. I will respond to Jen Perry about alternatives and we can go from there.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TOWN HALL GENERATOR

Supervisor Politi explained how the generator electric panel blew during the last storm when the three phase power went out. The transfer switch blew which will allow it to operate, but it will not operate if there is a three phase shut down. Terry Snyder is going to get an estimate of the cost from the company.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION- NIP ROGERS

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve a Resolution of Appreciation to Nip Rogers for the mural that he donated to the people of Lake Placid and North Elba. This mural highlights and exemplifies life in the Adirondacks.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Nip Rogers. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the Budget Amendments.

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2019 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

11/12/2019

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REF	ADDITIONAL INFO
Increase Expenditure	A000.9050.0800.0000	Unemployment Insurance	3,344.22	vchr 1957	Amount over 2019 budget; 3rd quarter 2019 onetime unbudgeted revenue
Increase Revenue	A000.0000.3040.0000	State Aid Real Prop Tax	<u>3,344.22</u>		
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Increase Expenditure	DB00.5110.0442.0000	Road Repairs & Maintenance	450.00	vchr 2081	Lake Placid Rental & Supply amount over budget
Increase Expenditure	DB00.5130.0414.0000	Machinery & Equipment Other Consumable Supplies	1,460.58	see attached listing	amount over budget
Increase Expenditure	DB00.5130.0417.0000	Machinery & Equipment- Equipment Repairs	1,728.69	see attached listing	amount over budget
Increase Expenditure	DB00.9700.0710.0000	Serial Bonds. Interest	2,743.67		amount over budget- due to incorrect calculation of amount owed for november 1 interest payment on sidewalk bond.
Decrease Expenditure	DB00.9950.0900.0000	Interfund Transfers	<u>(6,382.94)</u>		
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Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Budget Adjustments as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Politi asked about the SL Adult Center roof. Councilman Doty replied it is not finished yet.

Councilman Favro and Councilman Miller will be meeting with Mayor Randall about the Fire Contracts for the Village.

Councilman Rand stated there will be a Community Development Meeting on the Village Main Street Review. The following week there will be a meeting on another Main Street project, Cornell projects, and an STR update.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the Audits.

(Attached)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to go into executive session at 7:40 PM for the purposes of discussing Contractual Negotiations. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no business transacted during Executive Session and no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk