

TOWN BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2017

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, James Morganson, Mike Orticelle, Darci LaFave

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 November 14, 2017

Councilman Favro 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.

APPOINT MICHAEL ORTICELLE- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

Supervisor Politi – Michael Orticelle, I want to congratulate your passing the civil service exam with an “A”, you’re a smart guy! We need to appoint Michael as our Code Enforcement Official, Building Inspector III Trainee.

Councilman Jay and Councilman Favro moved to appoint Michael Orticelle Code Enforcement Official, Building Inspector III Trainee. The Town Board unanimously seconded the motion.

The Town Board congratulated Michael Orticelle. He will be an appointment at the first of the year and will be sworn in.

PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION- JAMES MORGANSON

Supervisor Politi – Tonight is special because we want to recognize James Morganson and everything that you have done for the community and for the years of service. Your name has been submitted to Governor Cuomo for the State Code Enforcement Official Seat for Fire Service. We are hopeful that you secure that position.

Supervisor Politi reads the following Proclamation on behalf of the Town Board:

Proclamation of Appreciation to James E. Morganson

Whereas, James E. Morganson has served the Village of Lake Placid and the Town of North Elba for over 30 years with distinction and dedication as its Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector; and

Whereas, Jim’s oversight of code administration and enforcement has been instrumental in bettering the quality of life for Lake Placid’s residents; and

Whereas, Jim has made a commitment to and advocated for many essential community projects including the Empire State Games, The Olympic Torch lighting, the 4th of July parade and the Lake Placid Fire Department Banquet; and

Whereas, Jim has spearheaded the annual Northern Adirondack Code Conference in our community for 23 years as well as serving as a distinguished member of the International Code Council; and

Whereas, Jim has dedicated much of his life and efforts for the good of Lake Placid; and

Whereas, It has been said that “one’s success in life comes from hard work, dedication to your job and the determination to get things right”

Now Therefore, in recognition of his contributions to the Olympic Village, it is the honor of the North Elba Town Board to officially proclaim this special day December 12, 2017 as

James E. Morganson Day
throughout the Village of Lake Placid and Town of North Elba.

James Morganson received a round of applause. The Board expressed what an honor it has been.

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Supervisor Politi – It is not just the work you did here but the special things you have done. There are so many things that I could have said that I am sure I have forgotten things along the way like the paver stones around the lake. It may be tough walking away but you may be able to spend more time for yourself rather than always thinking of our community.

Councilman Rand – It was a couple of decade ago when you had an opportunity with the APA and we were honored that you decided to stay with the Town. We are honored and fortunate. It is appreciated Town wide.

DISCUSSION- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO JOIN THE LEED FOR COMMUNITY

FAMILY

Supervisor Politi – I understand, Jay, you are looking for a conceptual approval for the Board to move forward.

Councilman Rand –It all came up at our World FESU meetings. People from Clarkson were there. She and the people who are presenting this brought this information about different projects that would give us company contacts and expertise in many different areas. It is unclear how many we would use but we would have the option of determining what projects we want to do. When we apply we would be working with the contacts from Clarkson University. This would involve partnership with the ORDA, Lake Placid Village, the Town of North Elba and the LP school District. The contract would be for 5 years. The cost is \$1,000 per year for each entity. Overall, it is \$15,000 total which is inexpensive for what we could get. It is not 100% clear what we would use the money for. As we go along, we would determine the areas in need.

Councilman Doty – My impression is that it is an environmental sustainability. You bring on experts to pick a direction. The only time it LEED certification would have demands on us is if we were to build new buildings where we have to follow the protocols.

Supervisor Politi – It could be environmental. It could be affordable housing. They would do the studies for us to give us a direction for the particular issue in the community.

Councilman Doty – I believe our Biodigester project qualifies for this.

Councilman Rand – The green aspect has tons of advantages and more power to apply for grants. Cybersecurity is just one area they could be helpful in. Mike Pratt won awards at Gore Mountain for green projects.

Councilman Doty – It must be because of his electrical upgrades.

Councilman Rand – I think it would be a good venture for us. If it were a lot of money than that would be different but this is relatively easy to budget for.

Councilman Miller – I'm wondering if this can dovetailed with the paperwork we gave Darci. We can get \$50,000 from NYSETA. There are ten actions and if we can do four then we qualify. We have done the LED Streetlights, set up bench markings which Darci can set-up a plan on how we can become more "green", another is the electric cars and all we need to do is add a charging station. We need one more and we get \$50,000.

Supervisor Politi – We already have a charging station at the electric garage, the beach house and one here. If it is something that has to do right now, you should contact Anna Reynolds at the County. She can get a grant.

Councilman Miller gave the report to Councilman Rand to see if it fits in with what he is doing. The Village of Saranac Lake just received their \$50,000 grant.

Supervisor Politi stated the relationship of Clarkson, the community and the Municipalities is worth the \$1,000. We may need to do the study down at the Highway. We are looking for conceptual approval to move forward with this subject to the approval of Ron Briggs and bringing the school district in.

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Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to conceptually approve to move forward with Memorandum of Understanding to join the LEED. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor and Councilman Rand will reach out to the school district.

DISCUSSION- CABLE TV LEGAL ASSESSMENT

Supervisor Politi gave Ron Briggs a consultant form he received regarding Cable TV Assessment.

DISCUSSION- ROAD SALT/MIRROR LAKE

Superintendent Larry Straight – We started monitoring how much salt and sand we are putting on the roads. We are putting down 600 lbs. of sand which is 1/3 of what is normally done. 10% of that is salt. We are only sanding the intersections. If you drive the lake you can see the straight-a-ways are sanded but it is coming off the cars. We are not doing it.

Supervisor Politi – Averyville Road is fabulous. Did you order the plow?

Superintendent Larry Straight I received a PO for the plow and it was ordered. I do not know when it will be delivered. I brought this up for the press but when Antonio left we don't have press anymore.

DISCUSSION- AMENDMENT COLD WAR EXEMPTION

Supervisor Politi - September 12th the Governor signed legislation which would remove the 10 year limitation on the Cold War Exemption for veterans and opened it up. Since we moved the last Cold War exemption we would do the same thing. It has to be a local law. We will set the public hearing for January 2, 2018 at 2:35pm. Which is 10 minutes before the Organizational Meeting.

Jessica Scriver will give Attorney Briggs the local law.

REQUEST TO USE HORSE SHOW GROUNDS FOR SLEIGH RIDES

Supervisor Politi – Did you see this request from Mark Daby to use the Horseshow Grounds to offer mule sled rides to the public. He says he has insurance.

Councilman Miller – We need a lot more information.

Supervisor Politi – We need hours and days of operation, what path is he planning to use and what is his plan with the manure. He is afraid that the dogs that are walked there will cause a problem with his mules. He also says there is no water available and no restrooms.

The Board discussed the problems that would open up with mistreatment of animals. Are the mules in any condition to be pulling a sled full of people? Butch Martin will have to ask for more information. They discussed asking for a security deposit for use of the Horseshow Grounds.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the budget adjustments.

Nov 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS	12/12/2017				
ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.8810.0101	CEMETERY.PERSONAL SERVICES	814.71	PAYROLL 17-24	AMOUNT OVER BUDGET
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.9950.0900	INTERFUND TRANSFERS	40.00	PAYROLL 17-24	TRANSFER TO BIODIGESTER FOR TIME PAID TO D. LAFAVE AS CLERK OF PROJECT
INCREASE REVENUE	A.0000.2190	SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	854.71		

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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5130.0200	MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL OUTLAY	15795.00	PO. 30449	METALPLESS FOR 12' TRUCKMAXX FLEXIBLE PLOW
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5130.0417	PART TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	5276.26	SEE ATTACHED	excess over 2017 budgeted expenditures
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.9950.0900	INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1190.00	VCHR 172402 (FROM NOV CLAIMS)	MIRROR LAKE DRIVE & MIRROR LAKE SIDEWALK LOCAL SHARE OF ZDRAHAL ASSOCIATES INVOICE
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.1990.0400	PART TOWN HIGHWAY CONTINGENT	-6466.26		
APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE	DB.0000.0914	UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	15795.00		

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS = HIGHWAY TRUCK & TRACTOR ON BOND

Superintendent Straight asked if he could order the new truck and tractor now even though it is on the bond and Supervisor Politi said he should order them now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS =

Supervisor Politi - Ivan Zhadral called Supervisor Politi about Northwood School.

Attorney Briggs – He called me too. He talked to Tom Broderick who would not let Ivan talk and interrupted saying “we are not going to do that”.

Supervisor Politi – They are more opposed to there being an open brook at the lake. They feel they lose 20 ft. of shore line. Right now, the culvert goes underneath they have the lake frontage.

Attorney Briggs – I asked Ivan to meet with the Board and Broderick face to face to ask Ivan if he can accomplish the objectives any other way. He says it can’t be done and I think they need to hear that.

Councilman Miller - If we were doing this because it is environmentally sound, we could do it with underground culverts.

Superintendent Straight – You can’t because of the elevation. The lake is as high as the brook. When the lake is high, the water comes back up the brook.

Councilman Doty – I believe the culverts that go to Beach Hill has a natural dip that goes right to the lake? Could emanate domain come into play? We could flow it towards the culvert at Northwood Rd.

The Board discussed the elevation of the brook stating Ivan’s proposal is the only option. It was Northwoods new road that caused the problem. They will get a better buildable lot.

Supervisor Politi - There is a timeline on this grant. We have to meet with them soon. Ron, Ivan, Jay, Brooks and myself will meet with them. Jay and I are Northwood Alumni.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 12/13/17			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	93,618.43	3,783.20	97,401.63
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	131.24	45.40	176.64

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DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	23,014.85	2,687.62	25,702.47
H12-OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL	2,287.55	-	2,287.55
H17-TOBOGGAN SLIDE	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
H20-MIRROR LAKE DR WHITNEY RD DRAINAGE	5,190.00	-	5,190.00
H21-MIRROR LAKE SIDEWALK	425.00	0.00	425.00
H46-AUSABLE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANT WITH VIL. OF TUPPER LAKE	16504.91	0.00	16504.91
RD03-THEIANOQUEN ROAD DISTRICT	0.00	4393.20	4393.20
SP PARK DISTRICT	11744.55	1659.83	13404.38
SW3 RAY BROOK	4019.92	73.80	4093.72
T TRUST & AGENCY	0.00	35296.22	35296.22
Batch 1746-1749	\$ 156,936.45	\$ 55,939.27	\$212,875.72
172588-172610; 172612-172629; 172655-172670; 172675-172683; 172685-172701;			
172706-172777; 172805-172809			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement) (11/1/17-11/30/17)	\$ -	\$ 74,635.74	\$ 74,635.74
172438-172462; 172527; 172561-172586; 172611; 172630-172654; 172684			
Batch - HELD	\$ -		\$ -
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOTES:			
FIT WITHHOLDING FROM VCHRS 172598, 172599	(115.40)		
AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO CLAIMS CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR CHECK RUN:	\$ 156,821.05		

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to go into executive session at 7:45 pm for the purposes of discussing the Code Enforcement and Judge positions. The motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no business transacted during Executive Session and no further business to come before the Town or Village Boards, Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk