

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010

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 House, 193 River Street, Saranac Lake, New York.

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

Members Absent: Councilman Miller

Others Present: Chris Knight, Jon Alexander, Larry Straight, and the SL Youth Center Treasurer, Diane Roberts

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 on the minutes of the Board meeting on June 8, 2010

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

**SARANAC LAKE YOUTH CENTER TREASURER, DIANE ROBERTS**

Supervisor Politi welcomed Diane Roberts who is representing the Saranac Lake Youth Center and introduced her to the Board. Diane was asked to make a presentation of the recent organizational changes.

Ms. Roberts stated I'm sure you are acutely aware of what transpired at the Center around January. The Youth Center was reopened in March and has been staffed Monday thru Friday 2:30 - 6:00 by two adult volunteers. Background checks are done on everyone. The kids are coming back in. Since the middle of March, we had approximately 1500 volunteer hours to keep the Center open. The lease on Broadway came to a close and the Youth Center moved to the old H & R Block space on Woodruff and Church Street. The old space was about 500 sq ft and the new space is about 1600 sq. ft.

Ms. Roberts brought pictures of the new space for the Board. She stated the new location is a very large space which has been painted. The carpet will be there on Thursday. Everything has been refurnished by donations and community volunteers. The warehouse in the back is also available and is a very large area. The 1600 sq. ft. offers a lot of room for the youth. We now have a computer room. A pool table, two ping pong tables, and foosball table donated by Saint Joseph's. We are trying to get our finances in order so we are able to hire an executive director. She stated the Center use to get about \$40,000 to \$45,000 of funding from State, Local and Counties. We are down to \$18,000 a year. Our expense is bare bones. It costs us a minimum of \$55,000 to run the Center which is the Executive Director salary and utilities. We are not even close to that with only \$35,000. We are applying for different grants, community appeal letter and bake sales and have raised a few thousand dollars. We are very serious to whatever it takes

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to get the funding to keep the Center open and to hire another Executive Director. She stated I am a new Treasurer and am unsure how to apply for help from this Board.

Supervisor Politi stated the Saranac Lake Youth Center has received money from the Town of North Elba in the past. A request is made prior to the budget year which is in October. No request was made last year. There was money set aside. Nobody asked for it this year. Unfortunately, some of the funds were distributed to the Saranac Lake swim program. I asked you to come in to put a face to the organization. How many kids are in the program on a regular basis?

Ms. Roberts stated on any given day there could be 6 to 15 kids. Because of the trouble with the Center we lost a core group of kids. We are hoping that the new space as a better centralized location that we will be able to get our numbers back up again. We use to have 20 to 25 kids a day.

Supervisor Politi stated as a result of the unfortunate circumstances of the past, I'm sure it has had real effect on the organization. Bob Miller asked me a question at our last Workshop that I could not answer; what has changed in the organization so such events can't happen again.

Ms. Roberts stated we have new Board members. Ray and Donna Dora are active volunteers. I too am new on the Board. I moved away for 25 years and have recently moved back to Saranac Lake. The way we to run the Center is very similar to how the Shipman Center is run. I have been over there to see that operation. She stated the SL Center is not a hangout for kids. It is a structured well supervised after school program. There are new rules and new contracts for the kids and parents to sign. We are developing a list of activities; arts and craft, kayaking, guest speakers to talk about carriers...etc. It will not be a place to hangout.

Supervisor Politi asked if everyone involved with the program is subject to a background check. He also added a background check would not necessarily catch everything.

Ms. Roberts stated absolutely. Background checks were always done. I don't know all the details, but the previous background check was done on one name and another name had been used somewhere else.

Councilman Doty asked if the background checks were done internally.

Ms. Roberts stated we use a company called Universal. We give them the information and they run the background check which goes through several states. This Universal Company is more comprehensive, not just the County or the State

Councilman Doty stated did you get references from the Universal Company because there are many who do background checks that are not good.

Ms. Roberts stated we do good background checks which cost about \$100 per check.

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Supervisor Politi suggested they may receive help from an investigator at the District Attorney's Office.

Councilman Rand stated are the kids there normally after school.

Ms. Roberts stated we are open at 2:30 until 6:00. It is after school. If we are open additional hours, it is for a special event and will be on an activity calendar. If we have a dance for example kids will not be able to come and go as they please. If they leave they are not allowed back in. Kids cannot tell parents they are going to the dance and then leave to a party somewhere else and expect to come back before the dance is over just in time for their parents to pick them up. We want it to be a respectable place for the kids.

Councilman Rand stated you said you visited the Shipman Youth Center. They have guitar lessons and more.

Ms. Roberts stated we have people in the community who are willing to come in as well.

Councilman Doty stated when you appeal to us in the fall, it is always helpful if you could show us your proposed budget and the number of kids you are serving. North Elba is a very active in supporting all youth. We have lots of organizations in front of us. The more information you provide the better.

Supervisor Politi stated we require you to sign a Public Service Agreement with the Town of North Elba. In that agreement it would include a budget and a report as to what the organization has done over the last year and what you intend to do in the year ahead. This is so we can be advised to the direction you are headed and what you have accomplished. We are giving you money and share a responsibility to the citizens to know that you are spending the money wisely regardless of how much it is.

Ms. Roberts asked about the necessary paperwork and Supervisor Politi recommended she contact Cathy Gregory, the Finance Officer. He suggested she make the trip and visit her. Supervisor Politi stated this year you have a \$20,000 shortfall which is hard to survive on each year. The Town of North Elba is not in a position to make up that shortfall, nor is any municipality given what is going on in the word today. What is your plan? Are you going to try to make your budget through fundraisers?

Ms Rogers stated our little bake sales have raised over \$1,000, and we received over \$5,000 from the community.

Supervisor Politi stated how much did the Town of Harrietstown and the Village of Saranac Lake fund you to date.

Ms. Rogers stated the proposed is about \$22,000. I have only been a treasurer for about a month, but I think that has been in the past. We were supposed to get \$5,000 and ended up with \$3,400.

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Supervisor Politi stated we had \$1,000 allocated but unfortunately part of that was spent on the SL Swim Program. Gentlemen, given what you have heard, do you have more confidence in the organization based upon what we have heard tonight. He stated I think I would have been disappointed had you told me it was the same Board of Directors. It is somewhat of a relief. From what you have expressed there are people who have a sincere interest given the amount of volunteer hours. We know the Dores and they are very nice people. We had \$500 that we didn't spend.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to allocate \$500 to the Saranac Lake Youth Center this year. There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi asked Ms. Roberts to contact Cathy Gregory to sign an Agreement for this year. He will verify the decision to advance the Saranac Lake Youth Center the remainder of that money.

Ms. Roberts invited the Board to a Block Party and Open House on August 5<sup>th</sup> and commented on the nice new location and space not being as nice as the Shipman Youth Center but nice just the same.

Supervisor Politi stated it is not how beautiful the building is the quality of the people to get the work done. We were very happy to have you with us. It would have been more difficult making this decision without knowing what the leadership of the organization is like today. That is a good reflection on you.

Ms. Roberts thanked the Board.

**DEC VIOLATION – ABOVE GROUND TANKS – UPDATE**

Supervisor Politi stated according to Larry, he has made two phone calls to DEC that the work has been completed. We have had no response from them.

Councilman Doty stated they have two workers and 1582 accounts; one guy in the field and one guy in the office. Russ who sat on the Wilmington Town Board is in the office and the other that did the inspection is covering six counties.

Supervisor Politi stated if there was a problem we would have heard.

**POLICE TARGET SHOOTING RANGE – UPDATE**

Supervisor Politi stated the Police Target Shooting Range has not moved forward because the Attorneys do not have an agreement on the Memorandum of Understanding. I spoke with Ron Briggs and he was under the impression that Janet Bliss was doing it, and she was under the impression that Briggs was doing it.

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Councilman Doty stated I spoke with Bill Moore about the area be surveyed so it is a defined piece of ground for liability insurance. He told me the Village will probably shut me down with that because they are broke. He stated I don't know if we would take care of the survey because it is our property, but I would hate for that to be the breaking point.

Supervisor Politi stated you saw the letter I received from Meredith. There was also a FOIL request. We have to have a Memorandum of Understanding. Nobody had gotten to it yet. If the Police want to have it done then they are going to have to push for it.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY – RAIL/BIKE CORRIDOR – UPDATE**

Supervisor Politi stated you have a copy of Ron Brigg's take on the corridor. I know you all have different feelings. I spoke with Serge Lussi this morning and he is anxious to get the study started. I spoke with Kate Fish who is concerned that we were going to spend the money without the donors' approval. I assured her that is not the case. He stated I spoke with Chuck Damp and told him that no money would be spent until such time that the donors approved the cost and expenditure of funds for that particular use. He had no problems with that. I understand Kate Fish's position because she has a fiduciary responsibility for ANKA to make sure the money is being spent the way it was intended or the way that people want it utilized. I don't see how we can move anywhere until such time as we get a response from Chuck Damp.

Councilman Doty and Supervisor Politi discussed the status of the DOT grant. The Grant is running out of time. The Town shut it down because there was not enough money in the grant. It was to cost \$1 Million more than what was anticipated. If the project began and did not get finished then the Town would have the responsibility of paying it back. The Board did not want to take that risk. The Engineering fees were exorbitant and the cost of circumventing the wetlands was too costly. The path had to go all the way around the wetland and could not go next to the rail. Councilman Doty hopes a new grant could help.

Supervisor Politi stated the Rail Road came and met with us. They said they would be on board pushing for additional grant monies to be used in conjunction with their use. Nothing came of it and we never heard from them again. We are now at a standstill.

Councilman Doty stated no money no path.

Supervisor Politi stated if money was available, the combination would work. The only way it will work is if the rail wasn't there. The path is already there and there is no additional cost. The reason we held off was because all five Board Members were not confident that the Rail Road would survive financially given what was going on. They have and I don't know how.

Councilman Doty stated I guess I'm outnumbered.

Councilman Favro stated yes you are but you're fun to watch!

**SWEETWOOD FARMS – RESOLUTION OF ROAD ACCEPTANCE**

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Supervisor Politi stated it is my understanding that the work has been done and the road is acceptable to the Town. When the Resolution is passed, a copy will be mailed along with a survey to Tony LaVigne at the County. The road will become part of inventory and will qualify for CHIPS funding.

Councilman Doty asked Superintendent Straight if there was an inspection after the work is done. Superintendent Straight explained that Ivan Zdrahal did the survey and they followed the specs. He did not feel that a follow up inspection was necessary.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to accept Sweetwood Farms off of Averyville Road to be dedicated to the Town of North Elba. There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

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**SENIOR BUS-- RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASE**

Councilman Favro stated the senior bus that we had was leased from ACAP and was in disrepair. The old bus is being turned back in. After investigating different routes, we decided that it was prudent to purchase a bus for the seniors. We bought a 14 passenger bus on an F30 chassis with a wheelchair lift. It will hold up to six wheelchairs; we did not have that option before. The seats fold up and down for wheelchair space or there is extra space for storage after shopping trips. He stated our intent is to expand what we do with the seniors. For example, if they want to go to the BBQ during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July then we want to make sure they can get there. Getting them a safe way to meals and shopping trips.

Councilman Doty stated this is an emergency purchase. In our attempt to get the old bus fixed, we were notified that the bus was not safe. We took it off the road right away.

Supervisor Politi stated it is important to note that the air conditioning system in the old bus was not working, the windows were locked shut and the breaks were extremely warn and dangerous. We thought we could trade it in, they told us it has to be taken off the road. It has no value. ACAP did not have a bus for us so we need to make an emergency purchase. The bus will cost \$50,000. We could get it for less but we would have to wait over three months. Right now Jack Faro has been kind enough to let us use a USOC bus to transport seniors. It has been a month and we can't wait to have a bus built.

Councilman Favro stated it is about \$4,000 to \$5,000 more. This bus is more conducive to seniors getting in and out. It will work very well.

Supervisor Politi stated when the bus was under ACAP we were restricted to how and when it could be used. It will now be owned by the Town of North Elba; we can not only use it for seniors, but we can use it for any use throughout the community. We can use it to help programs or other Town and Village departments.

Supervisor Politi called for a motion for the emergency purchase of a senior citizen bus in the amount of \$50,000.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the emergency purchase of a senior citizen bus in the amount of \$50,000. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

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

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Supervisor Politi explained the following budget adjustments:

\$831.36 to be transferred from Town Garage Building Repairs to Town Garage Equipment for the purchase of three pieces of equipment; Air Operated Oil Drainer for \$279, Battery Charger for \$285, Pneumatic Wheel Caser Swivels for \$496

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\$50,000 to be paid from the Fund Balance for the purchase of the Senior Bus which was previously approved

\$299.95 to be transferred from Administrative Personal Services to Parks Equipment for the purchase of a self propelled lawnmower (old mover would cost \$150 to fix)

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 by those present.

**GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING MEETING- HARRIETSTOWN TOWN HALL JULY 14TH AT 7PM**

Supervisor Politi stated the Government Restructuring Committee meeting is tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Harrietstown Town Hall Auditorium. Supervisor Politi and councilman Doty will attend.

**JOINT TOWN / VILLAGE LAND USE CODE MEETING**

Supervisor Politi stated the Land Use Code meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Laurie Curtis Dudley will send an email confirming the place and time.

**SENIOR CENTER REQUEST - TENT FOR 50/50 RAFFLE DURING IRONMAN**

Supervisor Politi stated the Senior citizens have requested the town Board allow them to place a tent for a 50/50 raffle during Ironman. They would like to use the grass area at the Town Hall. Last year the Rotary had the iron lung there and this year the seniors through ACAP would like to do the same.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the use of the front grass area by ACAP during the Ironman for the purpose of a 50/50 raffle. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**RETIREMENT—STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Politi read the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution which came from Attorney Briggs. The resolution is on file in the Clerk's office.

Discussion continued as to why some names are on the list and others are not as well as the data being determined by the calendars submitted.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the Standard Workday and Retirement Resolution. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**APPROVE HOURLY RAISE FOR JESSICA JOCKO**

Supervisor Politi stated Butch Martin has requested the hourly rate of pay change for Jessica Jocko because she is now doing Park District duties. We did agree in the past to hire a part-time

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employee for Butch. Rather than do that, we are melding Jessica's job as Deputy Clerk and Assistant to the Supervisor to also being the Assistant to the Park District to save money. Her pay increase is \$1.25 and her added duties include maintaining the data base for membership to the Craigwood Golf Course, reviewing daily deposits, keeping in close contact with the staff regarding their needs, scheduling and keeping track of the lifeguards, coordinates with Jon Fremante regarding summer Youth Commission, answers all Park District calls, and maintains the data base for the half-marathon entries. He stated Butch writes saying she does all of these things that I ask with a smile and in a timely manner. Jessica's current wage is \$14.25 and her new wage rate will be \$15.50 per hour.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve a pay increase for Jessica Jocko from \$14.25 to \$15.50 per hour. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**APPOINT MARGARET MARCHUK AS PERMANENT EMPLOYEE ASSESSOR**

Supervisor Politi stated we also have to appoint Margaret Marchuck from a provisional job classification to permanent job classification at the same rate of pay. Margret has passed the Civil Service Exam with one of the top three scores.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve a job classification change from Provisional to Permanent for Margret Marchuck at the same rate of pay. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE RENEWAL FOR THE ATHLETIC FIELDS**

Supervisor Politi stated Cathy Gregory has given me a Bond Anticipation Note renewal for the athletic fields. The renewal is in the amount of \$90,000. The interest rate change from last year to this year is 2.09% to 2.1%. This Bond Anticipation Note is renewed on an annual basis. There are three years left on the present note. It requires a resolution to be held on file to be signed by the supervisor.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman seconded the motion to approve the signing of the Bond Anticipation Note renewal. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Councilman Doty asked about the water for the fields and Supervisor Politi explained the water system and how well it works stating the fields look fabulous. Every year it is seeded.

The Tri-Lakes Youth Lacrosse used the fields this spring until a few weeks ago. The fields are phenomenal. Rugby does not use the fields but lacrosse will use them.

Supervisor Politi reads a letter he received from George Leveille regarding lacrosse; "as per the license agreement please find enclosed the check in the amount of \$7,500 for the 2010 use of the athletic fields. We will be bringing more than 140 teams to Lake Placid this year including 36

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scholastic teams who will begin playing on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. As always we appreciate the Town's support which makes this one of the very best lacrosse tournaments in the entire world. "

Supervisor Politi stated 140 teams with eleven on a team and by the time you add families there are probably 3,000 people.

**RAY BROOK WATER – RESOLUTION FOR NEW WELL**

Supervisor Politi asked Councilman Doty to report on the Ray Brook water situation.

Councilman Doty stated there are three ground wells that supply Ray Brook water district. We contract with the Village of Lake Placid to maintain that water district, Brad Hathaway does an outstanding job. The main well still produces very well, 50 to 70 gallons per minute. The 200 users in Ray Brook use approximately 70 to 100 gallons per day. However, the amount of pressure put on that one well had Brad Hathaway worried that the backup well won't keep up. We did have a backup well fail because the guts of it are tipped; one screen is pulling too much sand which causes a lot of problems. We want to drill another backup well in the same vicinity. We have Ivan Zdrahal helping us design where that well and hydraulic engineers to pick the best spot suitable. Our primary goal is to secure a good logical backup. He stated the tests that need to be done have to be done with the main well on and pumping the test well so that one does not affect the other. He stated beyond that, we have hopes of finding another source of groundwater to hopefully appeal to the State and Federal prisons to supply their needs for water. They currently take water from the watersheds off the mountains which is in a wilderness area that is no longer accessible. The prisons use a tremendous amount of water and it is our hope to help the prisons and create a new revenue source for the Town of North Elba. We have had preliminary talks with the Village of Saranac Lake in their effort to bring water out there. Those talks have stalled in the last few years due to budget constraints on the federal and state levels.

Supervisor Politi stated we have to pass a resolution to expend monies for an observation well. According to Brad Hathaway, it would cost approximately \$10,000. Cathy Gregory expressed the money would come from the Ray Brook Water District fund balance which has close to \$100,000.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the cost of a new well for the Ray brook water district. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – FIRE HEIGHTS HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Doty stated I sit on the Fire Heights Housing Committee which did an in-depth housing study of this whole area. They will present their report and send one to Laurie Curtis Dudley.

**COMMITTEE REPORT – SARANAC LAKE FIRE DISTRICT**

Supervisor Politi stated I put in your box the calculation effects of the Saranac Lake Fire district.

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Councilman Doty stated the parcels that were effected said tax would go up \$34 on a \$150,000 assessed value. That is nothing for first class fire protection.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS – CASCADE/MEISTER SEWER LINE – (MARK ROGERS)**

Supervisor Politi stated the attorney for Meister has requested that we sit down and talk about that sewer line. He would like to set up an appointment. We will work with Ron Briggs on that date.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS – GREENWOOD APARTMENTS PILOT AGREEMENT (WILKINS)**

Supervisor Politi stated the Greenwood Apartment Pilot Agreement meeting does not need to meet with the entire Board. This is something Ron Briggs, Kimball Daby and I can do.

**ESSEX COUNTY – BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONTRACT**

Supervisor Politi stated Essex County Board of Elections asked that we sign a contract for use of this building for elections. It has been a problem in the past. There is now a new election Commissioner. Sophie is happy and it looks like they can continue to utilize this building. I would like to have authorization on behalf of the Town to execute the contract that has always been signed for the board of Elections in consideration of \$1 for use of the facilities for primary and general elections. The agreement with the S.L. Visitors Bureau is such that they will close down if there is an election.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the signing of the Essex County Board of Elections contract for use of the LP Town Hall and the SL Town House for Primary and General elections. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**SL TOWN HOUSE - PAINTING UPDATE**

Councilman Doty stated Lou Conway won the bid for the outside. When he finishes a job on Lake Placid he will move over here and paint the outside.

Supervisor Politi asked Larry Straight to address the hole in the driveway. He said he would take care of it and that his road crew has other work to do in Saranac Lake.

**APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S**

Supervisor Politi stated we approve the audits as presented:

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA		
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 7/13/2010		
	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Prepaid</b>
A FUND	93191.32	285323.01
DA FUND	0	0

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DB FUND	37860.5	12704.73
H01 SECURITY/PERIMETER FENCE AIRPORT CAP. PROJECT	0	0
H31- CODE UPDATE	943.8	0
H43 2008 AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECT	0	0
SF1 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	0	0
SF2 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	0	0
SF3 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	0	0
SP PARK DISTRICT	89880.2	18275.68
SS21 CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT	0	1357.15
SW1 SEWER DISTRICT #1	0	0
SW2 MCKENZIE	0	73.8
SW3 RAY BROOK	383.66	560.79
T TRUST & AGENCY	0	379.1
TE PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST	0	0
	222259.48	318674.26
100170; 100902; 101289-101354; 101356-101383; 101404-101437; 101443-101476		
101497-101554; 101556-101558		

Councilman Favro 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.

**PRESS QUESTIONS – SHOOTING RANGE**

Chris Knight asked for an update on the shooting range because he excused himself to interview Ms. Roberts about the SL Youth Center. Supervisor Politi summarized the progress previously reported.

**PRESS QUESTIONS – SL YOUTH CENTER**

Chris Knight stated you had expressed some relief that the SL Youth Center has a new Board. After speaking with Diane Roberts outside, there is technically a new Board. It was four members and now there are eight members. The four that were on the Board are still on the Board. I'm not sure if that changes your mind, but the chair and the vice chair are still there.

Supervisor Politi stated we were all very satisfied with Diane Robert's response. In all honesty, Boards can change when just one person comes on board; look what Derek Doty has done to us! A Board is only as good as the people who come on. The Dores are outstanding community volunteers and good people, as well as Diane Roberts. They bring a lot of credibility to that foundation. They are doing it for the right reasons and deserve a second chance.

Councilman Rand stated sometimes when you get stung you become much more aware of what those problems are. The same board members will probably watch more carefully.

Supervisor Politi stated I am sure there was no one on that board who wanted that to ever happen and thought they were making the right decision. Unfortunately, at times there are not a lot to choose from and I am sure they thought they were picking a credible person.

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**PRESS QUESTION – WATER USAGE AT THE PRISONS**

John Alexander asked how much water was used by the State and Federal prisons.

Councilman Doty reported the Federal Prison uses approximately 3.5 million gallons a day. The State usage was unknown however years ago the plant capacity was between 300,000 and 500,000 gallons; they could be using close to 400,000 gallons per day.

Supervisor Rand stated the pool at the Jumps is 750,000 gallons which gives an idea of usage per day.

Jon Alexander asked how Ray Brook water is charged now.

Councilman Doty stated we pay \$62 per quarter and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is billing for actual usage. If you have gone over the minimal amount then you pay for the difference. This test well is not the only this we are looking at. We are in the process of pricing a new reservoir tank to replace one that is old and decrepit and in tough shape. That is a big ticket item.

Councilman Doty stated there all kinds of ways to make money. If Saranac Lake were to supply water from McKenzie Pond and the new State regulations call for filtration, then realistically Saranac Lake could get water to the prison systems with permission of North Elba to come across our property to get there. It would then still have to be filtered. The prison system would like to get water so they can close their filtration plant down. There have been numerous meeting with John Sweeney, myself, Shirley Seney, previous State and Federal wardens and others. We were excited about the possibility of not only bringing water to the prisons but an upgraded pipeline through the Ray Brook area. Now in our attempt to find another groundwater source, it could solve a couple of dilemmas. There is an undisclosed vein of water on the Bloomingdale Road that is unable to pump down. He stated this is all speculation because we are not there yet, but if we were able, the prison would be another user on the system.

Supervisor Politi said this is all speculation, but if we do find a big source of water in Ray Brook then we'll start our own water plant and call it "Doty Water"!

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a current employee at 8:21 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley, Town Clerk