

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011

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 Miller, Councilman Favro, Councilman Doty, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Curtis Dudley

**Others Present:** Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Jon Alexander, Nathan Brown, Gene Gengel

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 to approve the minutes of the Board meetings on December 14, 2010 and the Organizational meeting of January 4, 2011.

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 by those present.

**APPROVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT – CRAIG WOOD PROFESSIONAL**

Supervisor Politi stated I need approval to sign this contract with the Town of North Elba and Jim Wasson. It is a one year contract and the same as before. Insurance is provided in the amount of \$28,685 over a year. It is paid monthly; April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. He also gets a percentage of the Craig Wood Tournament. I reviewed the financial information with regard to Craig wood. We are operating at a breakeven point. We would have been ahead this year except we had \$39,859 in equipment repairs. One of the reasons we are doing this tonight. We would have been ahead about \$4,000. We could make more money if we wanted to charge higher rates to locals but we have always maintained the theory that the golf course is for locals.

Councilman Doty stated we are breaking even. Compared to seven or eight years ago we lost quite a bit of money.

Supervisor Politi stated Jim has provided me with insurance and I did go over it with Chuck Damp. It is acceptable. It's for \$2 Million in the aggregate for coverage and \$1 Million for each occurrence. Chuck says it meets our requirements. Probably going next year we might want to test the market for a Club Pro. Every once in a while it keeps somebody honest. This is the second year and has really done a good job out there.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the independent contract agreement with the Town of North Elba and Jim Wasson. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Doty stated as long as we are talking about Craig Wood, did we approve our contract with Beardsley?

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Supervisor Politi stated we did not. I was going to set up for him to come to the next meeting. We were going through the budget process. We might want to discuss the cost and oversight. We are still in the design stage.

### **FUND BALANCE UPDATES**

Supervisor Politi stated right now we are caring a Fund Balance in the general Fund in the amount of \$1,856,000. The Park District is caring a Fund Balance of \$311,600. This is before closing out the 2010 books. We are financially in pretty good shape in both of those areas. We are obviously in better shape in the General Fund.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES LAW**

Supervisor Politi asked Councilman Miller for the details.

Councilman Miller stated Derik and I met with the representative of the Lake Placid Shore Owners Association...

Councilman Doty stated do you see one that stands out in front of the other one?

Supervisor Politi stated Ronnie did. He reviewed it and felt one was better than the other.

Attorney Briggs stated one was more detailed in terms of the exemptions and things.

Councilman Doty stated the Lake Pleasant one?

Attorney Briggs stated yeah. I drafted the Harriestown one just like it is. I would like to incorporate some of the Mt. Pleasant stuff into it. And give it to you to review it.

Councilman Miller stated anyway... we don't want to have a problem like we did last year when a boat pulled up with the zebra mussels and we couldn't stop them. We want to pass a law saying it is illegal to introduce invasive species into our lake.

Supervisor Politi stated it is a great idea. Both of these have a fine up to \$250 which is by law.

Attorney Briggs stated by the next day I will have a draft for all of you to review.

Supervisor Politi stated are we all in agreement that when we have a draft we can take it to Public Hearing?

The Board agreed that it is something they should absolutely do.

### **BOTTLE REDEMPTION GUIDELINES**

Supervisor Politi stated the bottle redemption guidelines are something Bob and Jack worked on.

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Councilman Miller stated I think we should first acknowledge that there were some non profits that came in and really rescued us down at the recycling center. We were piled mile high with thirty-four 4x4x4 crates of returnable's. I spoke at Rotary and asked them to come please help us and they did. The Shipman Youth Center also came down and helped us out. We owe a debt of gratitude to those folks for coming down and moving those bottles. They were able to take the money and use it for community services here as well the Nichols place in Saranac Lake. It was a win, win all the way around. He stated we want to make sure we have guidelines in place that everyone is going to follow so we are fair and equitable for any nonprofit that came in.

Supervisor Politi stated this is something Larry Straight worked on with Shannon and it is a policy you want to adopt by resolution or just a policy to adopt.

Superintendent Straight confirmed that it was discussed.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adopt the Bottle Redemption Guidelines at the North Elba Recycling Center as written and presented. There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

Superintendent Straight stated you had also mentioned, Roby, putting this on the Town website.

Supervisor Politi stated I will make a note to either Cathy or Jessica to put it on our website.

### **NORTH ELBA CEMETERY**

Supervisor Politi stated Courtney Conway has resigned his position and is moving on. Councilman Favro and Councilman Doty were working on finding a replacement.

Councilman Favro stated we are going to try contracting out the digging for the winter. Ben Lawrence is going to help us with that. We will see how that goes throughout the winter and see whether we need to go back to where we were. This is going to help the highway out a lot. The grave digging is a day's notice which is very difficult. It is going to be good. He stated I talked to Roby today about it, if we decided to go through the summer, then we are going to have to plan out how we do it so that we make sure to still give good service. People need to know where the lots are and the whole show.

Supervisor Politi stated I talked in length with Laurie. She is really the front person on this. I think it is a great idea and a way to save money but having an independent person do this I am very concerned in the summertime about having some type of representative available. We also have to make the cemetery more user friendly. Courtney made it very easy to buy a burial site. If no one is there, they will come into Laurie's office and she will have a map to show them. The map will do them no good if they don't know what section to go to. If we are going to do this, I do think that it is imperative going forward that we identify the sections of the cemetery so that someone could come in to Laurie and to buy a plot. When you drive down there, those sections are identified by signs so that people will know where to go. Cemeteries and dealing with people looking for loved ones is really no different than dealing with the senior citizens on the bus trips.

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It is really troubling to a lot of people if they can't get the information. It is a great idea, but if we are going to do that we have to figure out a way to make it work.

Superintendent Straight stated I will help Laurie and Kenny Porter started at the Cemetery. We can come in through the rest of winter to go over what we need to do to get it marked out so people will know.

Supervisor Politi stated you have to put yourself in the position that you've never been there before. You are driving in and how do you want it to be. At the Catholic Cemetery, there is no one there on a regular basis. If you want to buy a plot or find someone you go up to the rectory to get the information. There is no problem doing that here, but I do think we need to be a little more organized.

Laurie Curtis Dudley stated Dave Coursen is the contact person for the Catholic Cemetery. He will meet somebody down there to show them where the grave site is. That is something I would like to see. If we are going to sell the graves, they are a money maker for us, I would like to have somebody show them there options instead of looking on a map. Being out there you would not know if it is a 10 grave lot or a 2 grave.

Superintendent Straight stated that is not the way we meant to come across. We are still going to take people down and show them where their grave site is.

Supervisor Politi stated my concern was if we had an independent person that was going to do it, then it might potentially become a problem. If they are working on a job up the lake and somebody calls and wants to see a gravesite then they aren't going to do it. We are going to have to do it.

Superintendent Straight stated I don't have a problem with it.

Supervisor Politi it makes sense. It potentially a way to save a salary, save benefits and save the tax payers money. Even if we had to pay someone a little more as we were talking about, like a Kenny Porter, to go up there as an additional add on to his job then it makes sense.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Supervisor Politi stated there are quite a few budget adjustments. You have copies. They are the closeouts and are all housekeeping. There is no additional cost on any.

Insert Cathy's email

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN HIGHWAY PURCHASES**

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Supervisor Politi stated I have a resolution before me authorizing the Town's purchase of a Volvo VHD plow truck. We have to pass the resolution first before we go to the bonding. This was a State Contract Bid.

Superintendent Straight stated we did receive one other that was also State Contract but the bid was higher than this one.

Councilman Favro stated it was a State Contract and it was the lowest bid. We are replacing a truck in the fleet that is at the point where it will cost us a lot of money to maintain. We have been working on a plan for the replacement of vehicles so we don't get stuck having to do three or four at once.

Councilman Doty stated we are also replacing them with the same brand so the service is the same on each truck.

Councilman Favro stated we can also stock some parts. It is basically the same truck that we have down there now.

Supervisor Politi stated the low bid on this was \$196,948.84. These are expensive trucks! We have to pass a resolution authorizing the purchase of the equipment and then we will talk about the payment of it.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the resolution to purchase a Volvo VHD plow truck from the lowest state contract bid. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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

**GENE GENDEL –**

Supervisor Politi welcomed Mr. Gengel who just arrived for the meeting and introduced him to the Board.

Councilman Miller stated we had discussed the returnable policy. We wanted to thank you, Gene, for coming down and cleaning out the recycling center for us. A lot of your members devoted a lot of time not only for the work you did but the preparation for the work. You had someone build a wooden table and built frames to hold plastic bags. Many people dusted off their trailers and pick-up trucks and did run after run to Saranac Lake. We want you to know we really appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Gengel stated thank you very much for the opportunity. We enjoyed it. It was a good fellowship opportunity for us and we look forward to working with the Town in any way that we can.

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Supervisor Politi stated we did the kudos already and unfortunately you weren't here. It was a topic we already went over. I'm glad Bob brought it up. It is always nice to get those accolades from a Kiwanian!

**BOND RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Politi stated we requested a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$338,000 to cover the following:

- Highway Department's Volvo tandem truck, \$196,948.84
- A fairway mower for the Park District at an estimated cost of \$47,000
- A rough mower for the Park District at Craig wood at an estimated cost of \$39,000
- A greens mower for the Park District at Craig wood at an estimated cost of \$26,000
- The purchase of two used work vehicles for the park District at an estimated cost of \$8,000
- The purchase of a sand trap rake for Craig Wood at an estimated cost of \$10,000

Supervisor Politi asked Councilman Doty to give a brief description of the golf course equipment.

Councilman Doty stated basically, our decision to spend \$130,000 was due to all the equipment was in excess of 20 years old. The guys have been putting more effort into maintaining and buying parts. It became very feasible for use to buy new equipment. We did consider used equipment vs. new; the pricing because of the economy and this application it made more sense to purchase new. Craig Wood is a golf course that has the lion share of clientele. They are very busy. When equipment is down it works against us.

Supervisor Politi stated to give you an idea, this year we spent \$39,859 in just repairing equipment which would be more than the cost of the bond. It is necessary for us to maintain this important revenue generating asset that this community has. We have decided to move forward. We are going to Bond for this. I believe the rate is 2.99% for 5 years.

Councilman Doty stated I think it was 2.99% for five years. That was our decision point right there.

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the Bond Resolution dated 1/11/11 in the amount of \$300,000.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Bond Resolution in the amount of \$300,000. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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

**COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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Supervisor Politi stated Cathy brought up the rental agreement for the Code Enforcement Office at the workshop. It is a new color copier. It is necessary to upgrade the existing equipment because of the new Land Use Code. The monthly cost is \$160.79 which includes toner. It is 60 payments of \$160.79

Councilman Miller asked if it is available to other offices as well.

Supervisor Politi confirmed that it is. Cathy wrote to offset the cost of implementing and enforcing the new Code additional 2011 amendments to the Building Department may be necessary such as software upgrades and so forth. The Building and Planning Department is projecting for 2010 budgetary return to Fund Balance in excess of \$12,000.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the Copier lease agreement for the Building Department. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

**SEQR – LAKE PLACID AIRPORT – APRON EXPANSION**

Supervisor Politi asked Attorney Briggs to look at a letter with regard to the expansion of the apron at the airport. He stated C&S has provided the information regarding a SEQR Negative Declaration.

Attorney Briggs reviewed the document and stated it is all here and is an unlisted action. I have no problem with it.

Supervisor Politi stated I am going to ask the Town Board for approval to sign the contract to provide the Neg. Dec. and notice of determination of our findings pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act for this particular project; the expansion of the airport runway apron which would start this year.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the signing of the above mentioned contract for the Lake Placid Airport runway project. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

**APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF TOWN ATTORNEY - PURCHASE P.D. VEHICLE**

Supervisor Politi stated we discussed at the workshop the purchase of a Park district vehicle that was put out to bid for a 4WD, ¾ ton work truck. We received receive three bids.

Attorney Briggs stated we received only two bids. One was by fax which is not permitted.

Supervisor Politi stated the fax was the high bid. The bids were received on December the 30, 2010. The low bidder was Capital Land Motors in the amount of \$27,750. It is my understanding that you have reviewed these Ron and that bid represents the lowest and best bid for that particular item.

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Attorney Briggs stated it does.

Supervisor asked for approval of the recommendation of the Town Attorney to move forward with that.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the lowest bid of Capital land Motors in the amount of \$27,750 for the purchase of a truck for the Park District. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

**APPROVE USE OF P.D. FUND BALANCE FOR VEHICLES PURCHASE (2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT)**

Supervisor Politi stated we need to approve the use of Park District Fund Balance monies for the purchase of this vehicle. It is a 2011 budget amendment. We wanted to buy it in 2010 and held over in 2011 so it will come out of the \$311,600 Fund Balance for the Park District.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the previously approved vehicle from the 2010 Park District Fund Balance. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Doty stated that truck they are winding down needs a good place in the shade somewhere!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – AIRPORT PROJECT**

Supervisor Politi asked Mr. Gengel if he had anything he wanted to share with the Board or is here just to share in the comradely!

Supervisor Politi stated Derek you had asked me about an update on the Airport projects. I did provide every one of the schedules for every project to take place at the Airport; Block Hanger Rehabilitation; Due for bids on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the T-Hanger development bids are due about April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Terminal Building Complete Renovation bids are due April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Rehabilitation of the Runway Apron is April 6<sup>th</sup>. Does that give you a better idea?

Councilman Doty stated yes of course. We have that meeting coming up to redefine the master plan.

Supervisor Politi stated the meeting will be on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 10:00 am. We are going to do it here because they are going to put out all our maps. Laurie, I would like you to advertise that as a public meeting because we are going to have at least three Board members.

Discussion continued regarding the runway in respect to sealing the cracks or milling the entire runway. Superintendent straight confirmed the whole runway will be milled. They are taking it off and the Town is keeping the millings for future projects. Councilman Rand said it was “Black Gold!”

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Supervisor Politi reiterated the meeting is at 10 am in the meeting room on January 21<sup>st</sup>. They will put out all the maps to make sure everyone is up to date. He stated we have a lot of projects at the airport and we are talking about a substantial amount of money, \$1.5 Million or more. Nate and Chris are also welcome.

Jon Alexander said well I'm Jon. Supervisor Politi replied at my age stuff happens.

**TOBOGGAN SLIDE**

Supervisor Politi stated they are plowing the ice today and are opening this weekend.

**TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT – BEVERLY REID**

Supervisor Politi stated I want to offer special thanks on behalf of the Board to Beverly Reid for her historical Report. It is really fun to read. It includes everything that happened this year and everybody who asked their questions and the information she found out. It is extremely interesting. We appreciate her work.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – C&D PILE**

Councilman Rand stated I have one, but I am a week older than you and I can't remember!

Supervisor Politi stated how about talking about the C&D pile?

Councilman Rand stated oh yes... I spoke with Aaron Jarvis from Tysdale. I did not receive anything in writing, but he did promise to send me copies of the application plan that are going out to the APA and the DEC by the end of the week. The design plan is 95% done. That will go in and it needs comments back from the APA and DEC and then they can finalize it and put it out for bid. The bid package is scheduled to go out at the beginning of May. The reward will be made about three weeks after so construction could begin early June. It should take about 45 days. I will send him another email to be sure they copy us on all the applications and plans.

Superintendent Straight stated it will be a busy summer!

Councilman Miller stated is the plan to start tearing down the mountain and moving it.

Supervisor Politi stated didn't they say, tear that mountain down, or was it a wall?

Councilman Miller stated Mr. Politi, Take that mountain down!

Discussion continued regarding the different options for the "Mountain" materials. They may put it in the other cell, hire someone to grind it to reduce the volume or hire someone to grind it and transport it out. They discussed grinding it and selling it as fuel. Supervisor Politi is worried about buying a chipper and having to hire a mechanic to run it as well as the maintenance and upkeep.

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Supervisor Politi stated it will be cheaper for us to transport the C&D to Franklin County; they are taking all of it and the tipping fees are so low. I would love to start at ground zero.

Councilman Favro stated maybe they would make a deal with us.

Councilman Doty stated it can help them balance their budget!

Supervisor Politi stated it is such an eyesore out there. One of the things that we can proclaim is that we have one of the most beautiful Dumps in the world! When you see that Little Whiteface mound, it really is a detraction from our Dump. I would personally like to get rid of that.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Doty stated I have been put on another committee, which I think is very exciting. I had offered Jeremy Evans to serve on Saranac Lake committees. There is an upcoming grant that the Village is using to research a possible bike/recreation path in the Lake Placid direction. As we all know, we are in gear to finish our section of the bike path with termination in the Ray Brook area. Together it might fit into a real nice loop. Along with our plans to link into the Lake Placid Club and the young group that appealed to us to cut trail at Craig Wood. We could really develop a great system without ripping out the tracks! I had to get that in there!

Supervisor Politi asked Councilman Doty to deliver a Proclamation to the Saranac Lake football team from Essex County for congratulations... for beating Moriah!

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS – YOULINE VS. NORTH ELBA**

Attorney Briggs stated the case Youline vs. the Town of North Elba has to do with the water line under the house in Liberty Hills. The insurance company has declined indemnification and a defense. I fought with them a little bit because the duty to defend is much broader than the duty to indemnify. One of the cases of action in the complaint was damages for a continuing trespass. That is an occurrence, a term of art under insurance policy. I believe they should have defended and they didn't. They declined. In any event, I talked with the lawyer for the plaintiff and asked for an adjournment of time to answer. He granted that and asked to try and settle the case. I said we would like to. Brad Hathaway has made an offer that is reasonable and he said he did not hear of any such offer. This is a new attorney who is a senior partner. He said are you willing to meet at the site with Brad Hathaway and the owners. So, tomorrow at 11:00 we meet at the site and the owner is going to talk to Brad. Hopefully we can get rid of the thing.

Councilman Miller stated we are not going to offer him any more than we have already offered him?

Attorney Briggs stated Brad is going to say I will jog the line.

Supervisor Politi stated if Brad Hathaway wants to modify, he will do so on his cost and with his material and so forth. It will be a decision that won't necessarily financially affect us.

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Attorney Briggs stated I think the attorney has softened him, the client.

Supervisor Politi stated there are water and sewer lines under probably 50 to 100 buildings in this community.

Councilman Rand stated you felt that the insurance company should have defended?

Attorney Briggs stated I really do. I duty to defend is a real problem in a case like this is the cost of defending. The merits if this case are weak so they will lose. The insurance company is in Austin Texas.

Councilman Miller stated should we be looking at other insurance companies?

Attorney Briggs stated I am very unhappy with the way we were handled in this case. They should have defended.

Councilman Miller stated should we have Cathy look into alternatives?

Supervisor Politi stated we had an alternative which was Nimer and Rose & Kernan

Attorney Briggs stated if you had to pay to defend this yourself the number adds up pretty fast.

Supervisor Politi and Attorney Briggs agreed that they were both amazed that this wasn't a slam dunk. There was no case for continuing trespass.

Supervisor Politi stated this is something to remember when the insurance comes time to expire.

Councilman Miller stated are we required to stay for the time of the insurance or will they prorate our premium? I will call Cathy tomorrow and ask her.

Supervisor Politi stated Lechmere just gave us the policy and I am sure he would be nervous about it.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS – YOULEN VS. NORTH ELBA**

Attorney Briggs stated Hacker & Murphy appeared for the Town for a tax assessment case Lake Placid Group, LLC vs. the Town. Cathy Drobny became aware after appearing that their firm, Hacker & Murphy has represented a petitioner in other places around the state so they are bowing out.

Supervisor Politi stated it is the shopping center. They represented Bob Miller and Windsor Group in Albany.

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Attorney Briggs stated here is a form of consent to have Hacker & Murphy out and put me in for the Town on this. I think Cathy Drobny spoke to you some time ago on this? This is the paperwork to finalize it.

Supervisor Politi stated they have a conflict. It has only happened once in four years.

Attorney Briggs stated this really comes down to an appraisal. I don't think they have one but at the end of the day that is what it will be.

Councilman Doty stated is their client a better paying client than the Town?

Supervisor Politi explained that they have representing these people for a lot longer period of time than they have been representing the Town. They are not representing them in this case. They have only represented them in the past.

Attorney Briggs stated no they are not representing them. They feel they have a conflict and just want to stay out.

Councilman Doty stated what phase are we in with this?

Attorney Briggs stated nothing has happened. The petitioner has to get an appraisal and until they get an appraisal we don't have to do anything. Once they get an appraisal then we have to get an appraisal. Then we negotiate.

Councilman Doty stated other than getting an appraisal and representing us, that's all there is to it?

Supervisor Politi stated the most important thing now is that they want a waiver allowing them out. They have filed a grievance and now they have filed an Article 7.

Councilman Doty stated Ron have you looked at it to see if this is a reasonable case for you to represent or do we need the people that are in that business?

Attorney Briggs stated I think that we see their appraisal and Roby as an AMI we are well situated to settle this case without a whole lot of...

Councilman Doty stated if it gets as complicated as Whiteface Lodge was...

Attorney Briggs stated then we will get somebody in.

Supervisor Politi stated it is a ground lease situation and I think they paid \$11 million for the ground lease. Now they want to say it is worth \$5 million. I know these people pretty well, it would be like saying all of a sudden we have gotten dumb and it is worth half of what we paid for it. I don't have any problem with Hacker & Murphy being out. We will discuss it. Sometimes they are easy and sometimes they are not easy.

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

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the audits

Insert the audits

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

**PRESS QUESTIONS – INVASIVE SPECIES**

Jon Alexander asked for clarity on the Bond information; The Bond is for \$300,000 and the rate is believed to be 2.99% but should contact Cathy Gregory to be sure.

Jon Alexander asked for clarity on the cost of the Plow Truck; the plow truck will cost \$196,000.

Jon Alexander asked Councilman Miller to give the *impetus* for the endangered species law; Supervisor Politi stated he wants you to spell “impetus”!

Councilman Miller stated we are trying to protect one of the most important resources that we have here. It is not only important recreationally and economically for this community but it is our drinking water. We want to do all that we can to protect our watershed.

Can you explain the Grant?

Councilman Miller stated Derek and I met with a man from an organization that received a \$10,000 grant to buy a camera to put down at the state launch. It will be at the height of a boat trailer. They want to put up a sign saying that it is illegal to introduce any unapproved living creature into our lake. You can bring bait fish as long it comes from a certified source, like the Blue Line. They are going to film the boats going in. They want to be able to go back and check the tape to see what happened. They can call DEC and tell them what happened and this is the plate number on his boat.

Is that in lieu of somebody sitting there?

Councilman Miller stated no. That is in addition to having a steward. The agreement was to have a law in place that says it is illegal to introduce it and then they would be willing to spend the \$10,000 on a camera. They did get an approval from the DEC to put a camera down there. After the one year they will review it and make a decision to move forward.

Supervisor Politi stated we did talk about passing an invasive species law. When Harrietstown passed it, it was an incentive. We have also had other people in the community who have encouraged us to do this. Bob and Derek met with this group who had received a grant it made sense that now is the time to do it.

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Councilman Doty suggested giving Jon the statistics on the traffic flow from Lake Flower.

Councilman Miller stated they did a study on the boats that go into the DEC launch. They said that 25% of all the boats are arriving there from Saranac Lake, which right now has a real problem with milfoil. They are looking at us as a test base. We are a deep water lake and the alkalinity and temperature would hinder invasive species coming into our lake and we only have two access points. Lake George spends \$500,000 a year just dealing with their invasive species problem. It is a lot cheaper to prevent the problem then dealing with the problem.

Supervisor Politi stated it is the right thing to do.

Councilman Miller will email the name of the group that has the grant for the camera to Jon Alexander.

Supervisor Politi stated that's it. That is all you guys are going to hit us for tonight? Nothing else? We must be the most boring meeting you go to.

Gene Gengel said even I may not come back again!

Supervisor Politi stated we finally get somebody in the audience and he's bored to death! What does the Village have that we don't have?

Jon Alexander stated don't go there.

**TIDBIT FOR THE PRESS**

Councilman Rand stated we have the St. Lawrence University Carnival Races in both alpine and Nordic this Friday and Saturday. You are looking at a Hall of Famer there (Roby) from past days. On Friday and Saturday the GS and Slalom is at Whiteface. I brought that up in particular because it is his old alma mater.

Attorney Briggs asked if Roby was going to run the race. He replied saying well, his glasses fall off! I could probably for-run it but it would be embarrassing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley  
Town Clerk