

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the ORDA Convention Center, Lake Placid, New York.

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

Others Present: Larry Straight, George Earl, Steve Short

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 May 10, 2011 and Public Hearing Minutes on May 10, 2011.

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

Supervisor Politi – Dean Dietrich was on the agenda to be here tonight but he had a conflict and sent a draft which you all have. We will discuss the amendments and modifications when we get to Old Business.

RESOLUTION – CAPITAL PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION & DEBRIS CELL.

Supervisor Politi – Cathy gave me a copy of a resolution establishing a capital project for the construction and debris cell at the North Elba Transfer Station. Ron Briggs could not be here because of a medical procedure but is available by phone if we need him. This resolution is to approve moving money to pay for the Tisdale work to date. The money will come from the General Fund to a new Capital Improvement Fund. Basically, it is a budget adjustment which requires a resolution because it involves Bonding.

Supervisor Politi read the resolution Establishing Capital Project for The Expansion of Construction and Debris Cell at the North Elba Transfer Station which is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Politi – Tisdale's bill for engineering was \$19,000. Since the cost was to have been born via the statutory bond, which is not established yet, we need to lend from Peter to pay Paul and then pay back Peter.

Councilman Doty – Will the \$19,000 get us through the year and the balance is for oversight once we start digging?

Supervisor Politi – I am hoping so. Jay talked to them.

Councilman Rand – I told them to summarize the cost and put it in an email. I was concerned with the schedule. I would like to get a good feel for that with Larry here in particular. He asked when they could allow contractors on site and they would schedule the bidding to match that.

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Councilman Doty – We haven't talked about the length of time we want to bond this project for. We probably won't really know. Anything over five years would be practical. We really need to assess the Landfill cash flow.

Supervisor Politi – We are talking about a Statutory Bond which is probably 30 years.

Councilman Doty – There are limits to a Statutory?

Supervisor Politi – There are limits, but my guess is on this particular type of project they would try and project how long before that cell would be completely full. My guess would be 15 to 30 years. What would you say Larry. I believe in vacant land you can go out farther..

Superintendent Straight – That is probably right.

Supervisor Politi - The bond amortization schedule on the proposed wells and water system in Ray Brook is up to 40 years. That is the longest I have ever found out.

Councilman Miller – I would think you would want to bond for the life of the cell.

Supervisor Politi – That's right. You want the users of the cell to be paying for the cost. To do it in 5 years would mean that it would burden the people here for 5 years and the cell might take another 15 years to fill. That would not be fare to everybody. That is my thought. Jay sent you everything else.

Councilman Rand – The project was \$66,000 or so. If they do it, of course they are going to want more money.

Councilman Miller – But that is not until next year.

Councilman Rand – Is this project going to be done this fall?

Superintendent Straight – We talked about doing it for next year.

Supervisor Politi – If we bond it 2012, we don't have to start paying until 2013. It would make sense for us, given the fact that it is almost July, that we take our time and start in 2012.

Councilman Rand – I better make that clear to him because he indicated they were talking about this fall.

Councilman Doty – We are going through all the bid documents.

Supervisor Politi – I think you need to ask him if he does any work in the fall can he bill us after January 1st so that we can make it a part of the bond.

Councilman Rand – Maybe I took him wrong, but he indicated on the phone that the fall is when they wanted to start. I'll email him and confirm the conversation.

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Supervisor Politi – We need to move the resolution. And we have a copy of the APA permit and we are waiting on the approval from the DEC. Cathy would like us to establish this resolution so she can form a capital project for this new C&D expansion and also agree to allow an advance of \$19,000 from the General Fund Balance to cover these initial engineering fees for the project.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the resolution for the C&D expansion project as well as the approval for the advanced payment of \$19,000 as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

SEQR OF PROPOSED TERMINAL RENOVATIONS & T HANGER

Supervisor Politi – We had to do a SEQR request for the proposed terminal renovations for the T-hanger. I received a letter from C&S Engineering whereby they state that the project should be classified as an unlisted action on a SEQR and they attached a letter for me to sign on behalf of the Board recommending that we execute a Negative Declaration so that we can move forward with the project at the airport terminal renovation and T-hanger construction.

Supervisor Politi read and completed the Negative Declaration and which is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Politi – Gentleman, if I could get a motion to declare this Negative Declaration, I will forward this short Environmental Assessment form to C&S for processing.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the Negative Declaration for the terminal renovations for the T-hanger. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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LAND USE CODE – RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Politi – The Land Use Code modifications are in front of you. George, I have one here for you. Dean noted the following adjustments:

1. Delete Section 7.3 (C)(5) which currently provides that all structures within a new Planning Development District approved by the Review Board “must comply with the height requirements as set forth for the planning district in which it is located”. Also delete the 40-foot height requirement for pre-existing planned developments in Section 1.7.2(D)(3)(b). These changes would allow flexibility of building height in PD Districts, wherein the Review Board has broad and comprehensive site plan review jurisdiction over all new land use and can carefully consider all relevant impact questions.

Supervisor Politi – The vision here was, no one wanted to see any development which exceeded four stories for a particular site but it allows the applicant the ability to go to the Review Board to create a Plan Development District. They would have to show where it is going to be located and how it is going to be located. They could look for and seek an approval for more than four stories but it would be subject to the review of the Planning Board. Basically, rather than us identifying locations, they would like to give any applicant the opportunity provided they meet the minimal requirements to go to the Review Board and request a Plan Development District for that particular site. If they are looking for more than four stories then they would go through a review process with the Review Board. Dean feels that some sites are more conducive to buildings of greater stories than others. Those sites out in the open and exposed above four stories have a visual impact. Whereas, some sites that have quite a bit of land and a lot of tree cover a 60 foot building might fit in. So, rather than identify particular projects for Plan Development, they would like to have a situation. For example, the Club property where the Lussi family wants to put portions of their property in Plan Development. They would go and seek a Plan Development District for certain areas. I know that the Review Board feels that some areas are conducive and other areas are not. They would like the ability to be able to discuss which areas should be Plan Development and which areas should be more controlled. A perfect example was where they are planning a hotel now would obviously be Plan Development and the where the old Club hotel is would be Plan Development. The issue is the other residential areas which join the club. Should they be Plan Development of not?

Councilman Doty – Is the area as a whole still protected as Plan Development? Is still City Center? So they want to leave it City Center and attach it in sections?

Supervisor Politi – To allow the Lussi’s or anyone else for whatever project to come in and say that they would like to have their property classified as Plan Development. That is what this modification is about. I am not telling you this has to be accepted by this board. I am just explaining what this modification is about.

Councilman Doty – Has the Village reacted to this yet?

Supervisor Politi – No. We will establish a Public Hearing with them. Dean will come to the hearing as will Bill Hurley and Chuck Findley to voice their opinions on the modifications.

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Supervisor Politi – Additional amendments include; the second modification was wording that was forgotten. The third was a change of wording. The fourth was a clarification on the definition on building height. The fifth was something that we discussed. The sixth was not having to provide certified notices to all fractional timeshare owners. In the situation the Lussi's had recently, they had to provide some 600+ letters to every individual owner of a fractional interest. That is the way the original Land Use Code was written. Now it would say only one letter had to be delivered to the association and the association would have the responsibility of advising fractional owners of the intent of a party. This makes all the sense in the world. It doesn't make any sense for one person to be burdened. If you had to go up to the Whiteface Lodge it would be terrible. The seventh was a clarification with regard to Agricultural Exempt uses. The eighth was the words "Village Center" was left off the map. As I told you, this will be an ongoing process numerous times throughout the year. They will be finding many different little areas that need to be clarified or adjusted. We are going to set up a Public Hearing with the Village and we will see what happens.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES- APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Politi – I have a number of seasonal employments. They apply to Craigwood, lifeguards or Youth Commission.

NAME	DEPT	POSITION	WAGE
JON FREMANTE	YOUTH	RECREATION DIRECTOR	\$18.25
MOLLY MCCONNEL	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.00
ALEXA ANGELOPOULUS	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.00
ANTHONY KORDZIEL	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.00
CADENCE RODDY	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.00
PETER NICHOLS	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.75
LAUREN SCARPELLI	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.75
MAGGIE SCHNECK	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.75
KELLY ANN O'REILLY	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$9.00
CATALINA DABY	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.25
JOHN MORRISON	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.50
EMILY DOYLE	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.50
BRODY PERKINS	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$8.50
RAMSEY MANNING	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$9.50
CHELSIE GEESLER	YOUTH	RECREATION ASST	\$9.75
ROBERT SHAW	HIGHWAY	MEO I SEASONAL	\$12.39
KYLE MORAN	PARK	PARK ATTENDANT	\$10.50
RICHARD PRESTON	PARK	PARK ATTENDANT	\$12.75
ROBERT STEPHENS	PARK	GOLF RANGER	\$9.50
CASEY MCDERMOTT	BEACH	HEAD LIFEGUARD	\$15.00
MATTHEW SAEHRIG	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.00
EMMA NYE	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.00
ELIZABETH LEFF	BEACH	LIFEGUARD-RELEIF	\$10.00
RHONWEN JONES	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.00

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MAGGIE TRACY	BEACH	LIFEGUARD-RELEIF	\$10.00
PETER MADDEN	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.25
CARTER CRUICKSHANK	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.50
OLIVIA GLANS	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.50
JOSEPH BURPOE	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$10.75
SHANNON FEGLEY	BEACH	LIFEGUARD	\$12.00

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the seasonal hire of the above mentioned at the wage listed. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

LUMP – SUM CONSULTATION AGREEMENT – AIRPORT TERMINAL

Supervisor Politi – on behalf of the Town I need to execute six copies of the Lake Placid Airport Lump Sum Consultant Engineering Agreement for the design phase part time construction and for the part time construction phases with C&S pursuant to a requirement by the State of New York. This consulting agreement reads, the sponsor, the Town of North Elba shall pay the consultant as full compensation for the performance of basic services a lump sum fee of \$28,919 for design phase, \$58,270 and \$26,812 for construction exterior and interior finish phases of the terminal building improvement. The project cannot proceed without having an engineer onboard approved by New York State.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Lump Sum Contract Engineering Agreement t with C&S Engineering. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Doty – Does “Lump Sum” suggest payment all at once?

Supervisor Politi – I don’t know why they call it that. They don’t bill us all at once. I think it is just a lump sum cost for phases and is just a title.

LOW – BID AWARDS – AIRPORT

Supervisor Politi – You received copies for the Airport bids which I will take one at a time.

The Terminal Renovation is part Federal and part State. We pay a 2.5% local share. The small expansion of the terminal is a State grant in that they pay 90% and we pay 10%.

General Construction bids of the terminal renovation: We received 5 bids ranging from \$654,200 to \$767,000. The low bidder was Mernane Building Contractors in the amount of \$654,200. It has been reviewed by C&S and has noted that they are the lowest responsible bidder. They have recommends that it be awarded to Mernane.

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Electrical bids of the terminal renovation: We received 4 bids ranging from \$119,400 to \$138,000. The low bidder was Harold R. Clune, Inc from Ballston Spa, NY in the amount of \$119,400.

Mechanical bids of the terminal renovation: We received 2 bids; one from Brockway in the amount of \$89,100 and one from LH LaPlante, Co. in the amount of \$104,000. Brockway Mechanical Inc from Plattsburgh was the low bidder.

Plumbing bids of the terminal renovation: We received 2 bids; Brockway in the amount of \$51,100 and LaPlante in the amount of \$49,000. LH LaPlante from Plattsburgh, NY was the low bidder.

Supervisor Politi – All bids have been reviewed by C&S and has noted that the lowest responsible bidders and advise that we move in this direction.

The Lake Placid Airport Five Bay T-Hanger: We received 6 bids ranging from \$270,000 to \$393,900. The low bidder was Brockway Mechanical Systems of Plattsburgh, NY in the amount of \$270,000. The bids were reviewed by C&S and they have recommended the bid be awarded to Brockway Mechanical Systems.

Lake Placid Airport Block Hanger Rehabilitation Project: We received 5 bids ranging from \$214,634 to \$288,000. The low bidder was JFP Enterprises of Plattsburgh, NY in the amount of \$214,634. The bids were reviewed by C&S and they have recommended the bid be awarded to JFP Enterprises.

Supervisor Politi – I thought it was interesting that all the bids came in under C&S estimates. The estimate on the Block Hanger was \$300,000 and the low bid was \$214,634.

Councilman Miller – They are a little hungrier than a few years ago.

Councilman Doty – Steve (Short), do you know what we built those originally T-hangers for?

Steve Short – It was the terminal building.

Supervisor Politi – Before we finalize the last two, do you (Steve Short) have any issues with theses or the Town Board approving the low bidders here?

Steve Short – I don't have any problems. Since Murnane is redoing the Terminal Building and since they didn't put the non-explosion electrical outlets they were supposed to put in back in 1978. Maybe they can put them in this time.

Supervisor Politi – They aren't doing the electrical.

Councilman Miller – I do not remember what the schedule was.

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Supervisor Politi – The list is in my office, but the only one behind schedule is the one we extended because we did not get enough bids. I need approval on the T-hanger and the Block Hanger low bidders.

Steve Short – Can we get a diagram of the electrical? I would like to see that sometime.

Supervisor Politi – They are in the Town Hall and Larry has one. I did drop off a complete set at the Airport with Kim.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the low bidders for the Terminal Renovation, T-Hanger and the Block Hanger Rehabilitation with the recommendation of C&S Engineering. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

CHAMBER CONTRACT – 2011

Supervisor Politi – The Chamber contract needs to be signed for this year. This is for the year January 1, 2011 and was budgeted for. It never got signed. It is for the same amount \$80,000. I have spoken with Jim about this going forward. I have expressed that the Town would not be in a position in 2012 to make the \$80,000 payment. I would like to propose for next year weaning the Town off of this payment. Given the fact that occupancy tax has not risen and 92% of occupancy tax revenue comes from Lake Placid, The concept would be \$80,00 for this year, \$50,000 for next year and the year after that it would go to a lower number. Within a short period of time we would be weaned off that cost. It is the same conversation that I have had with ORDA trying to establish a set payment the Town makes a reasonable amount as our contribution. I tell you all that because I thought it was necessary to start that conversation and I don't think it is wise to continue to pay. We have talked about it in our workshop meetings. He understands the position that we as a board would take. I think going forward in the next Budget year we would want to make a reduction to that payment. Now that you know that, I would like to approve this contract. We have already been paying on it, we just never signed it. It is in the Budget.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the signing of the 2011 Chamber contract. Discussion continued.

Councilman Doty – Certainly we should not throw out any numbers until next year because there are so many different ideas floating out there on how marketing is going to happen.

Councilman Miller – It was a good conversation to start and I am glad that you did. But I think when we do the budget every year we will have to evaluate and see where they are.

Supervisor Politi – I think that it is going to require that we get together with Jim and negotiate a number. There is nothing set in stone. I'm just stating what I think it should be done.

Councilman Doty – Isn't bed tax hovering around a million dollars?

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Supervisor Politi – Town of north Elba does have the Lion share. Other towns are paying. We are just paying more.

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

USOC – REQUEST FOR USE – TRANSFER STATION ROAD

Supervisor Politi – The USOC has requested use of the Transfer Station road. Jack, do you want to talk about that?

Councilman Favro – The Transfer Station Road is closed on Thursdays and the US Luge would like to use the road for wheel training for local kids. They want to reach out to the communities around us and try to get more local kids involved. It is a good spot. US Luge has already given Cathy the Certificate of Insurance. I talked to Larry about not opening the gate so nobody will drive down on them. They are pretty excited.

Supervisor Politi – The only thing I worry about is to make sure the Youth Commission Lacrosse is not on Thursday night going into the fields and utilizing that at the same time. It is no problem because we are closed, but sometimes they do have an event at night.

Councilman Favro – We can work that out so they start earlier and get off before it is used.

Supervisor Politi – I don't have any problem with it.

Councilman Doty – How about access to the gate in case there is an accident and you need rescue?

Councilman Favro – We can work that out.

Supervisor Politi – If that's the case then we don't have to worry about anybody using the lacrosse fields. Tonight I noticed that when I drove by to go to the Loj Rd the gate was open. There was traffic going down the road at 5:30 at night. There must have been a Pee Wee Association function.

Larry Straight – I don't see a problem leaving the gate open because we can lock the gate up the hill.

Supervisor Politi – I think their worry is if the gate were open somebody could drive in there and potentially poses a hazard. You could put a half open hasp on it so someone could get in if they had to. They have proper insurance.

Councilman Doty – Is it a successful venture?

Councilman Favro – Oh Yeah! Luge will get kids. They would have it at the Ski Jumps but the road will be all tore up so we can't have it there.

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Supervisor Politi – Can I have a motion to approve their use of the Land Fill Road?

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to allow US Luge to use the Transfer station road. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried. Councilman Favro abstained due to his position with the USOC.

OUT OF DARKNESS REQUEST

Supervisor Politi – We got a request from the Out of Darkness community walk group requesting permission to use the Oval on Sunday October 2, 2011 for the 3rd Annual North Country Out of the Darkness Walk. They already have approval from ORDA and the Lake Placid Central School District. Because a portion of that Oval is owned by the Town of North Elba, they would like approval from us.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Out of the Darkness Walk on Sunday October 2, 2011. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

PARK DISTRICT EQUIPMENT REPAIR – MOWING TRACTOR

Supervisor Politi – I got a note from Butch saying he currently has a mowing tractor down. He said, Of Course we did not expect this to happen and I don't have any Budgeted funds. I spoke with Cathy and she said that we do have a contingency funds in the Park District. The Contingency Fund presently has \$5,000 in it. Butch said it will cost \$4,000 to fix the mower. Some of the gears that run the front wheels have ceased up. We need to replace them. Jeff Jacques and the School District are helping us out with labor at the present time. The tractor is used constantly to do the lacrosse field and others. Without it being fixed it is worth nothing but when it is fixed it is worth around \$15,000. He would like to request that the Board give him approval to fix that John Deere machine from the Park District Contingency Fund which is presently budgeted and had not been touched.

Councilman Doty – There is not much choice. The grass is growing. Are we going to get it fixed in house?

Councilman Favro – I think Jeff is going to help repair it.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the John Deere tractor repair cost to come from the Park District Contingency Fund. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Doty – Where do we keep in? Is it undercover?

Superintendent Straight – It is in my garage?

Councilman Rand – Larry, what is a new machine cost? It's pretty expensive, right?

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Superintendent Straight – It is probably in the neighborhood of \$50 - \$60 thousand dollars.

Councilman Doty – Is there a 60 “mowing deck on it? It’s between the tires under the cab.

Superintendent Straight – No. They tow it. It’s similar to a farm tractor mower.

SPIEGEL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Councilman Doty - Can you bring us up to date on the Spiegel deal? We all read it and it come back overnight. I thought we made this same decision before.

Supervisor Politi – I don’t know anything about it. I read it in the newspaper.

Councilman Miller – I was kind of surprised to see that Jim said that he could not give them a demolition permit. I didn’t know if that was something this Board decided before I got here.

Councilman Doty – That same thing was said I swear a year ago.

Councilman Miller – Did you have this discussion before I came?

Supervisor Politi – I never had one.

Councilman Miller – Where did that come from? Is that what we want?

Supervisor Politi – The decision was made by Jim based upon I would hope something in the ordinance, but I am not familiar with it. I was going to ask Ron that tonight.

Councilman Miller – I was very surprised when I read that. Was the Board involved in this and if not should the board be involved? Should our attorney be talking to Jim?

Supervisor Politi – I think we should discuss it. However, I am not in a position to comment on it because I don’t know anything about it.

Councilman Doty – It is Town not Village?

Supervisor Politi – It is Town and not Village but there are a lot of decisions Jim makes as Code Enforcement Officer that none of us are privy to. It would not necessarily be unusual that he make a decision that involve us. At the present time it may not involve us. There is no litigation involving the Town so quite frankly I think that he can choose to shut someone down if he decides it is based upon the ordinance. We had that situation at Grimditch. The point is, if the Town is brought into it by litigation then we would be privy to those discussions.

Councilman Miller – The way I read the article was that Jim was concerned about us becoming a party in litigation. I just thought that was something the Town Attorney would be involved in.

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Supervisor Politi – I wasn't there. I did not write the article and I don't know what was said. A lot of things are written in the newspaper that is based upon conversations that might not necessarily be the way they actually happened.

Councilman Miller – I would like to know what is going on.

Councilman Doty – I'll run into him. Usually I see him every couple of days.

Supervisor Politi – My guess is that the issue would be that he issues the building permits and he issued one for that house. That house had been approved by the Homeowners Association. It was within the setbacks. I have to tell you, I sold the property there years and years ago. Nobody ever asked me an opinion nor was I subpoenaed on it and I know more about it than anybody. I know that there wasn't one tree on that hill when I sold it. Jay knows that too because it was the Fawn Ridge Ski Center. The only place that there trees there was up the lift line. There were only blueberry bushes. You could look right down the lake. I have to laugh inside when I hear all these people who report to be experts on it and was maybe up there in the last five years. They don't know what happened back in 1973. I do and Jay does. We skied there and we know there weren't any trees there.

Councilman Doty – Well they will be calling you tomorrow.

Councilman Miller – I just wanted to have the conversation so I could understand it.

Supervisor Politi – I was hopeful Ron would be here, but my guess is that Ron doesn't know about it either.

Councilman Miller – And he should.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: SET COMMITTEE – DISCUSS EMERGENCY SERVICES – FCI

Supervisor Politi – I need to establish a committee to discuss emergency services with the contract with FCI. Both of you (Councilman Favro and Councilman Miller) are involved with the Fire Department Emergency Service. I don't know this fellow, Travis Kaye with FCI. They are in the process of negotiating an agreement with the Saranac Lake Ambulance Service. For purposes of discussion, you should set up a meeting at some point with Travis to talk about the contract. They feel that are overpaying because they feel SL is doing all their emergency Service. The interesting thing about this is FCI Ray Brook is really in the Lake Placid District and not Saranac Lake. I don't know a lot about this so I am passing it onto the two of you to find out.

Councilman Doty – Sounds like the two rescue services will have to have a mutual agreement before you guys will be able to get involved.

Supervisor Politi – That is the problem. I don't think you can get it. I have not been able to find anybody in SL because a new person is doing it.

Councilman Favro – I know her name and have her email.

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Councilman Doty – Then maybe you can throw out the idea of the ladder truck.

Councilman Favro – I have more discussion here as well. Derek and I had talked. In my big picture, I would like to see all the fire departments in the whole area become more consolidated. Each would have certain trucks and specialize in certain things. They are about twenty years away from being there.

Councilman Doty – I'm just afraid of two communities ten miles apart each spending a million bucks for a ladder truck.

Councilman Favro – I don't think you'll see Saranac Lake buying it. The response time is huge. If you can't get there in a few minutes... if you bring it from Malone then it won't matter. There all a lot of things to look at. ISO insurance ratings, if we don't have that with the pump and ladder then out insurance rates go up.

Supervisor Politi – If we had a ladder truck here, could SL use it? Or are we too far away?

Councilman Favro – We could be there. Ours is tired and doesn't owe anybody anything. Brad has a plan for the years ahead. I will scan and send this chart to you. It basically comes down to looking for a truck now then 2012 or 2013 before it is here. That gets bonded and you don't have to pay for it until 2013 or 2014. In that time, a few other trucks will be paid for. The payment on the new truck would be \$68,000 for which we pay 70%. The other two trucks will be paid for thus the money can go there. It stays flat until you have to buy two more pumpers in a couple of years after that. It is a good plan. In 2015, 2016 and 2017 is when you buy the other pumpers. We have also been building a contingency up there. Currently there is \$300,000 in the contingency budget. They can pay cash on a rescue truck and reduce the payment on the ladder truck.

Councilman Doty – And reduce some of the debt load over time without taking into account future growth and other districts.

Councilman Favro – I talked to a few people in Pennsylvania that I know and there are different kinds of ladder trucks. There are those with buckets on the front and we call them platforms which are good for rescue and then there are "straight sticks" with just a ladder. I can tell you the one with the bucket stretched out 85 – 100 feet it gets very flimsy and scary as hell. A straight stick is even worse. The platform is the safest but you can save \$150,000 with the straight stick. Again, the big picture would be to have all the fire departments to get together to form a large fire district similar to Colonie and have teams that respond to a call. Now if they get a call like Spencer's Boat Works, and everybody takes tankers or pumper trucks. The idea is to not duplicate. So that is the game plan.

Supervisor Politi – It makes sense. It is nice to see a plan that doesn't increase taxpayer costs.

Councilman Favro – Fire tax per thousand is 0.41¢ which is extremely low compared to everyone else.

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Discussion continued regarding the tax rate elsewhere. In Plattsburgh they pay over \$1 per thousand.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: HANDICAP RAMP – TOWNHOUSE

Supervisor Politi – Derek and Larry, the handicap ramp at the Town House still needs to be added.

Councilman Doty – Oh Yeah! Larry can you squeeze it in or do we just bid it out? There was 3-4 inches on one side and only a couple on the other. You go in there with a machine to level it and then pour it and you are done.

Supervisor Politi – Who is going to do it?

Councilman Doty – I am wondering, do we call Stanton or Quire and get a couple of bids.

Supervisor Politi – Is that what you would rather do Larry? I don't care who gets it done. It just needs to get done soon.

Councilman Doty – I'll take care of that. The cost of that is small and will be a small bid. How many do you want me to get?

Supervisor Politi – If it is under \$1,000 then you only have to get two verbal.

COMMITTEE REPORT – SKATEBOARD PARK

Councilman Miller – I talked to Dmitry and Jon Fremante about the Skateboard Park. We sent \$7,000 and it is open 63 days. Kids showed up 38 of those and are only about 12 days that they were local kids. Peter Lynch said they can cover the park with just a camera and have the park only open when the Youth Center is open. Instead of the \$7,000 we can just get them a camera. I also talked to Teddy Blazer and there is some discussion over moving it to the Ski Jumps.

Supervisor Politi – Butch told me he went over there and came back to my office and said it is in terrible shape and asked if it was possible for the Town to get rid of it.

Councilman Miller – There has been some vandalism down there.

Supervisor Politi – There is an opportunity for ORDA to look out for it in a safe situation. He said he was going to talk to Jon about it tomorrow.

Councilman Miller – They are fine about it moving down there, but I think we are waiting for ORDA. I feel bad for Dan Left who spent all that money. To be respectful, somebody needs to get Dan involved.

Supervisor Politi – I think the announcement should be made by the Shipman Youth Center.

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Councilman Miller – I don’t think so. The Shipman Youth Center claim to not have any kind of stake in it.

Discussion Continued regarding the money the Town gives to the Shipman Youth Center for the Skate Park. The Youth Center does not take ownership of the Park but is a conduit to supervise it. The Park is actually owned by the School. Supervisor Politi believes Dan Left would be happy to see the Skateboard Park being used wherever it is.

Councilman Rand – If ORDA doesn’t want it, how about the North Elba section of Saranac Lake?

Councilman Doty – I’ll tell you what, they would beg for it.

Supervisor Politi – As you said Bob, skateboarding is out and long boarding is in. ORDA can utilize it as an attraction. I am more concerned with it being maintained.

Councilman Miller will talk to Jeff Burn at ORDA and will touch base with Randy Richards.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi – I need a motion on the audits please.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/14/11			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	114,294.14	141,846.22	256,140.36
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	223,342.77	15,236.93	238,579.70
H01 SECURITY/PERIMETER FENCE AIRPORT CAP. PROJECT	53,130.17	-	53,130.17
H02 -BLOCK HANGAR REHABILITATION AIRPORT CAP. PROJECT	7,052.82	-	7,052.82
H03 - 5 BAY T HANGAR	6,329.67	-	6,329.67
H04-C&D WASTE CELL	19,000.00	-	19,000.00
H43 2008 AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS	52.82	-	52.82
SP PARK DISTRICT	52,932.97	15,020.96	67,953.93
SS21 CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT	1,317.02	-	1,317.02
SW3 RAY BROOK	8,749.28	795.36	9,544.64
T TRUST & AGENCY	-	1,039.75	1,039.75
Batch 1118-1123	\$486,201.66	\$173,939.22	\$660,140.88
110183; 110430; 110757; 110902; 110904-110913; 110916-110941;110951-110952;			
110954-110956; 110978-110982; 110985-1110105; 111007-111052; 111054-111059;			
111080-111122; 111127-111247;111260-111261; 111280; 111283			
Batch 999 (Payroll)	\$ -	\$ 66,550.33	\$ 66,550.33
110957-110977; 111060-111079; 111204-111223			

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Batch - HELD	\$ -	\$ -	\$64,138.25
110338; 110391; 110535; 111006; 111102; 111174;			

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

CONFERENCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

Supervisor Politi – Just to remind you the Conference Center Grand Opening is at 4:00-6:30 on Tuesday June 21st. Their meeting is at 2:30 and will go right into the grand opening. It is quite a facility here.

COMMITTEE REPORT – UNION CONTRACT UPDATE

Councilman Miller – We haven’t heard anything on the union contract.

Supervisor Politi – I have had three calls from Dan McKillip. Bob Owns has called him. I have made it very clear to Dan that my instructions are to him that all communication regarding any union position are to be directed to you and Derek. He said it may go to Fact Finding.

Councilman Doty – I hope Dan doesn’t feel any animosity toward him. It has nothing to do with him. We are at a stalemate. And we don’t want to spend money.

Supervisor Politi – I made it clear to Dan that maybe we would be going in a different direction. He understands that.

PRESS QUESTIONS

George Earl – You mentioned Grimditch. Has the Judge issued a decision?

Supervisor Politi – We are waiting for a decision from Judge Meyer on the arguments that were made in the last month. No decision has been rendered.

George Earl – Can I get a copy of the latter from Art Lussi? When is that Public Hearing?

Supervisor Politi – I still have to schedule that Public Hearing...

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – LAND USE CODE AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Politi – The Village has told me the date for the proposed Land Use Code amendments is June 28th at 4:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk