

TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 in the Meeting Room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York.

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

Members Absent: Councilman Rand

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Mike Orticelle

Supervisor Politi opened the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion for the minutes of the Board meeting on February 13, 2018.

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

BARKEATER TRAILS ALLIANCE – OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD

A gentleman came to the meeting in support of keeping motorized vehicles off the Old Mountain Road due to the court decision.

Supervisor Politi – The court can override the decision. It is not on the agenda because it is not an issue. There is no intention to put motorized vehicles on that road from North Elba or Keene. There never was. Josh Wilson started this with BETA. I contacted him and said, would you please stop!

NEW ROAD NAME- DEER RUN WAY (OFF AVERYVILLE)

Supervisor Politi – We received a road name request for the Heim Compound on Averyville Lane to be called “Deer Run Way”. The road has 4 lots owned by Tony Carleno, Chris Reynolds and 2 vacant lots. They will all have house #s. Fire Department and the County Emergency Services both approved the name.

Larry Straight was unaware of the name change. He will order the signs.

The Board discussed how many houses need to be on a road before you name it and Councilman Favro explained that there has to be a potential of three and a minimum of a 60ft road.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the road name “Deer Run Way” which is the Heim Compound on Averyville Lane. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

ZIP LINE REQUEST – ROOST (ECAC)

Supervisor Politi – I received an email today stating they are no longer requesting use of the zip line. It did not say why. Janet Bliss didn’t know why. Paul Ellis thought maybe it had to do with liability insurance.

Councilman Doty stated that he talked to Billy yesterday and he didn’t know what was going on.

Supervisor Politi – I told Jim McKenna a few weeks ago that we had no problem with it. The last time it wasn’t Billy. It was Tate Wortlaw and the organization was the Empire State Games who provided the insurance. This time they needed insurance from Billy and from ROOST.

Councilman Miller – If they had insurance then it wouldn’t be an issue?

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Supervisor Politi – We don't have a problem with them. They canceled. The initial request was to the Village and we own the property. Arthur Lussi made it very clear that he could do it provided it went through ROOST. Today he withdrew the request.

COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION MODIFICATION

Attorney Briggs – The easiest way to correct the clerical error for the Cold War Exemption is to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018 which amends Local Law #1 of 2018. We do not have to be a public hearing to amendment of a clerical error.

Supervisor Politi – The amendment changes the exemption to 27,000 t and 90,000. Essex County Real property caught the error.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Derek seconded the motion to approve the Local Law #2 modifying the Local Law #1 due to a clerical error. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – JOINT CODE MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor Politi – We need to set a public hearing date for the joint code modification for May 8, 2018 at 6:45 pm. The modification included zoning and sandwich board signs.

The regular board meeting is May 8th at 7pm. Supervisor Politi stated the Joint meeting will only take 10 minutes. Mike Orticelle stated there should not be opposition.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion hold a joint public hearing on May 8th at 6:45pm. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

CHANGE TOWN BOARD MEETING FROM 4/10/18 TO 4/3/18

Supervisor Politi – We need to change the April Board Meeting to April 3rd at 4:30 after the workshop due to spring vacations.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the April Board meeting to April 3, 2018. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE RAY BROOK WATER RATE CHANGE

Supervisor Politi – Based upon the public hearing we just had, I would like to approve the Ray Brook water rate changes:

1. Residential Flat Rate from \$71.80 per quarter to \$75.80 per quarter, and
2. Commercial Meter Rates to be increased as follows:

Step 1: Water usage less than or equal to 2,000 cubic ft. (14,961.04 gallons) a flat rate of \$75.80; and

Step 2: Water usage greater than 2,000 cubic ft. and less than or equal to 25,000 cubic ft. (187,012.95 gallons) a flat rate of \$47.10 per 1,000 cubic ft. or part thereof; and

Step 3: Water usage greater than 25,000 cubic ft. a flat rate of \$53.50 per 1,000 cubic ft. or part thereof.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the Ray Brook water rate change as presented at the public hearing. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion approving the budget adjustments which are offset by appropriate fund balance.

YEAR END 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS					
03/13/2018					
ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.9950.0900	HIGHWAY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	16,551.86	2017 AUD RECON.	FOR 2017 EXPENDITURES FOR MIRROR LAKE SIDEWALK ENGINEERING & MT. WHITNEY RD/MIRROR LAKE ENGINEERING
INCREASE REVENUE	DB..3501	CONSOLIDATED HIGHWAY AID	16,551.86		
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2018 BUDGET AMENDMENTS					
ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	160.00		NYS TURFGRASS ASSOC. CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS & CLARK
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	375.00		NYS TURFGRASS ASSOC. membership fee for Maritn, ST. LOUIS & CLARK
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	125.00		NYS RECREATION & PARK SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	420.00		PM COMPUTING FOR ONLINE BACK UP OF POS
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	30.00		Benefactor Funding for water testing at clubhouse
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	15.00		Craig Wood Domain Renewal
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	250.00		National golf foundation facility membership
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	500.00		NYSDEC permit fees and applicator renewal fees
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	2,000.00		NYS Golf Association handicap service
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	625.00		PGA of America 2018 membership
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	175.00		ets pci compliance for credit card acceptance
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	125.00		United States Golf Association Membership
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	250.00		POA tournament
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	300.00		ADK Golf Course Superintendent association
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.0463	CRAIG WOOD DUES & FEES	550.00		misc training seminars
appropriate fund balance			5,900.00		
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.8010.0445.8888	BLDG & CODE. ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	600.00		INCREASE 2018 BUDGET FOR ADV. FOR ZONING COORDINATOR POSITION
INCREASE REVENUE	A..2680	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	600.00		

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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5140.0450	BEAUTIFICATION	1,500.00	INCREASE 2018 BUDGET PER REQUEST FOR ONE TIME INCREASE TO HELP OFFSET INC. necessary capital improvements	
INCREASE REVENUE	DB..2680	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	1,500.00		
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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.1410.0444	TOWN CLERK CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS	328.33		AMBERLY ROUNDS ASSISTANCE WITH TAX COLLECTION MAIL RECEIPTS
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.8160.0415	TRANSFER STATION BUILDING REPAIRS	499.80		VCHR 180542 OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR OF BROKEN TENSION SPRING (AMT OVER ORIGINAL BUDGET)
INCREASE REVENUE	A..2680	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	828.13		
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Councilman Miller 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.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion approving the budget adjustments.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR BOARD MEETING		March 13, 2018			
ACCEPT RETURNING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS					
NAME	POSITION	Date of reappointment	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
Hannah Elmer	Black Fly Technician	04/02/2018	n/a	\$15.00/hr	non competitive
Shannon Fegley	Black Fly Technician	04/02/2018	n/a	\$18.50/hr	non competitive
Andrew Seligmann	Black Fly Technician	04/02/2018	n/a	\$16.50/hr	non competitive
Craig Wright	Black Fly Technician	04/02/2018	n/a	\$20.09/hr	non competitive
Zach Ford	Black Fly Technician	04/02/2018	n/a	\$19.06/hr	non competitive
* Recommendation made by: John Reilly					
ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF NEW HIRES:					
NAME	POSITION	DATE OF HIRE	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
Chris Burnem	Black Fly Technician	03/26/2018	n/a	\$10.40/hr training (30 hrs); 14.00/hr thereafter	non competitive
Reid Mourse	Black Fly Technician	03/26/2018	n/a	\$10.40/hr training (30 hrs); 14.00/hr thereafter	non competitive
Tyler Dezago	Black Fly Technician	03/26/2018	n/a	\$10.40/hr training (30 hrs); 14.00/hr thereafter	non competitive
* Recommendation made by: John Reilly					
ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF NEW HIRES:					
NAME	POSITION	DATE OF HIRE	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
Ellen Miller	Interim Dep. Town Clerk	03/07/2018	n/a	\$15.00/hr	non competitive part time

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS –REGIONAL ATHLETES PARADE

Supervisor Politi informed the Board of the regional athlete’s parade on March 21st at 5:30 pm in Saranac Lake. Councilmen Favro and Doty would like to go. Supervisor Politi I will call Karen Tylor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –PLAYGROUND

Councilman Miller asked if Teresa reached out to Saranac Lake about the playground. Attorney Briggs called Cindy Moody and she was talking with Diane Fox. She has not called me back.

Councilman Miller – I spoke to Roger Catania informally and he said they would have to put out for auction.

Supervisor Politi suggested they have an auction online and Councilman Doty said they might just pay less than they offered.

Attorney Briggs will contact Cindy Moody again and send an email of his findings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –FIRE INSPECTION

Councilman Favro asked Mike Orticelle about the progress of the fire inspections and Mike stated the letters will be mailed this week. People have been receptive and most of the fixes are very easy.

Mike Orticelle – They health inspectors all come in with guns blazing. They just have to lighten up.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion approving the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 3/13/18			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	66175.00	4466.16	70641.16
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	0.00	45.44	45.44
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	19024.51	4687.02	23711.53
H18 REPLACE RW 14 PAPI AND TW AB& LIGHT CNST	16224.59	0.00	16224.59
H21-MIRROR LAKE SIDEWALK	27.41	0.00	27.41
H42-EQUIPMENT BONDING FUND	27.02		27.02
SF1- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT1	10924.73		10924.73
SF2 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	0.00	39394.11	39394.11
SF3-FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3	4075.27		4075.27
SP PARK DISTRICT	42124.62	2009.50	44134.12
SW3 RAY BROOK	273.17	73.80	346.97
T TRUST & AGENCY	0.00	265.40	265.40
Batch 1807-1810	\$ 158,876.32	\$ 50,941.43	\$ 209,817.75
180384, 180414-180427, 180429-180458, 180460-180461, 180490-180566, 180568-180577			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement) (2/1/18-2/28/18)	\$ -	\$99,328.39	\$ 99,328.39
180300-180325, 180355, 180373, 180385-180413, 180428, 180459			
Batch - HELD	\$ -	\$ (510.00)	\$ -

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DELETED VOUCHERS:			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOTES:			
FIT WITHHOLDING FROM VCHRS 180521,180522, 180575	(184.45)		
AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO CLAIMS CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR CHECK RUN:	\$ 158,691.87		
AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO PAYROLL FOR FIT WITHHOLDING	\$(158,691.87)		

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

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS – ECHO POND DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Attorney Briggs – The meeting regarding the Northwood School and the Echo Brook drainage project is Friday at 1:30 right here.

NORTHWOOD MAIN STREET BUILDING

Mike Orticelle – I have been trying to contact the Northwood headmaster. Someone needs to tell me what is happening with the building on Main Street. I have been putting pressure on the hotdog guy to get the foundation in. We are in limbo because he says he is not doing anything because Northwood is talking about taking their building down.

Supervisor Politi – The buildings are so close, I would be concerned. They is only a few feet between them.

Attorney Briggs - \$2 Million later and it’s not even on the lake.

Mike Orticelle – It is my understanding that the architectural firm went bankrupt or left them and they have nothing right now. Jim said he would rather have it rehabbed but with the extent of that building condition, I do not believe it could be rehabbed.

Supervisor Politi – It was a foolish decision. No due diligence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to go into executive session at 7:22 pm for the purposes of discussing potential contract for the Biodigester. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 7:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no business transacted during Executive Session and no further business to come before the Town or Village Boards, Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk