

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

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

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

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Tony Olivero

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 of January 12, 2016.

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.

AWARD SERVICE AGREEMENT- REASSESSMENT PROJECT

Supervisor Politi – We talked about the proposals for the commercial reassessment of timeshare and condominium parcels at the workshop session. We received two proposals. It was recommended by Todd Anthony that we approve the contract agreement with GAR Associates who is located in Amherst, NY. There are approximately 346 Commercial properties, 9 Industrial, 179 Condominium and 132 Timeshare units. The compensation is at fixed price \$35,000 to be paid in two payments of \$17,500. They have provided us with insurance. The other bid was substantially higher. I am looking for approval this evening to allow the Supervisor to sign the service agreement subject to the review of the Town Attorney.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Service Agreement with GAR Associates for the Commercial Reassessment Project.

Councilman Doty – Once this data collection project is done, how often will we have to reassess? Our residential Parcels are on a one year plan.

Supervisor Politi – We don't reassess yearly. He does it by neighborhood every five years. All residential assessments could change on an annual basis because the State may say that the Equalization Rate is not at 100% and therefore they make us increase or decrease across the board to stay within the rate.

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

Attorney Briggs reviewed and approved the contract.

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT- NYSDOT

Supervisor Politi – I shared with Larry the proposed Shared Service Agreement with the State of New York. They met with the County a couple of weeks ago and it is meant for better

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community relations. The term is for one year. It is for utilization of equipment if need be. Larry has told me that it is unlikely that we would be sharing services with the State of NY. The State is asking for agreements with all the Towns saying we will work with you and you will work with us.

Superintendent Straight – The agreement may be terminated at anytime.

Supervisor Politi – The County passed it and I am sure all the Towns have agreed to it.

Councilman Doty – How would it work?

Superintendent Straight – They might want to borrow a piece of equipment if it is available.

Attorney Briggs – It is basic terminology. I am fine with it.

Councilman Favro moved and Council Miller seconded the motion to approve the NYS DOT Shared Service Agreement. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

BID PROPOSAL- TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Politi – Larry, do you want to move forward on the Transfer Station renovations?

Superintendent Straight – Yes. We have two bids.

Supervisor Politi – One bid was from Beaney Construction for \$7,245 and the other was from Bill Stanton (Wood Wizard) in the amount of \$6,640. We all had a chance to review these at the Workshop Session. Will the work be done now or waiting?

Superintendent Straight would like the bids to be approved today and recommends the low bid from Wood Wizard which is to install two 36” Thermatruer doors and remove the fiberglass roof panels and install an 18 gauge brown metal roof.

Councilman Doty – I was going to add the other day but forgot; it would be nice if Bill would upgrade the entrance door to a 40” or 42” door because with a handful of recyclables it is difficult to get through the door.

Supervisor Politi – As long as the changes doesn’t exceed \$7,245.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve Wood Wizard as the low bidder for the renovations at the Transfer Station. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION - LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING SOLICITATION ON TOWN PROPERTY

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Supervisor Politi – I put on the agenda the discussion of a new Local Law prohibiting solicitation on Town Property which would also include political solicitations. It was a result of an inquiry I had made due to several solicitations at the Transfer Station and the front and back here at the Town Hall. I personally think that we need to have a generalized law that says, no solicitations that is not approved by the Town Board. Workers are walking outside to try selling other workers this or that. I don't want it happening on Town property. The law says that it has to be generalized and cannot be specific in nature.

Attorney Briggs – Otherwise it could be interpreted as a violation of the Constitution guarantee of freedom of expression. If you sited specifics then you would have a problem.

Councilman Miller – It cannot be discriminatory.

Supervisor Politi – Town property is specifically being utilized for a political nature. I see it all the time. It is not the place. I don't want people to come and meet with employees in the town garage, park district or here. Scheduled meetings are fine. We are talking about soliciting employees of the Town or utilizing Town property for the benefit of one individual or one cause. I have been looking into this for a longtime. I thought about putting it in the Policy Manual but it would be better to make it a local law.

Attorney Briggs – Do you want it to be a standalone local law or put in the revisions of the Land Use Code?

Supervisor Politi – I think it should be a standalone law.

Councilman Miller – If solicitation includes political signs or business signs on Town property, who has the authority to remove those signs?

Attorney Briggs – Any Town officers you list can.

Supervisor Politi – We had a lot of political signs at the Horseshow and in front of the Highway Garage. The roadway has been recognized as a right-a-way and political signs are allowed in the right-of-way.

Councilman Doty –Does it include the Chamber soliciting at the Town House?

Supervisor Politi – That would be approved by the Board. We have had people out front selling tickets. They need to be subject to the approval of the Town Board. I remember very distinctly the Tail O' the Pup signs down by the lacrosse fields. Jim has taken them down. The Horse Sleigh Rides signs are out at the sky jump entrance to the parking lot on wheels.

Councilman Miller – The real crux is people setting up tables to solicit people for one purpose or another.

Supervisor Politi – I can't say this enough, it's general in nature. It is not specific. It includes any number of items. It is the only way it can be written.

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Councilman Miller – We still need to have a public hearing on the Dog Law changes and the Land Use Code.

Supervisor Politi - We have four Public Hearings; Solicitation Law, Games of Chance Law, Dog Law and Land Use Code.

Attorney Briggs - We can have one Public Hearing for all. The Games of Chance law has to be at the time of election.

Supervisor Politi – The County has a Law permitting Games of Chance. Is there a way we can piggyback the Games of Chance Law with the County for approval? What do we care if the Rotary Club is selling tickets? Can you ask Dan Manning?

Attorney Briggs – We can send them to the County or do we want to be the ones issuing the approval?

Councilman Doty – With the Solicitation Law, how do we view the Arena and the venues that we own?

Supervisor Politi – Those properties are subject to other agreements.

Attorney Briggs – I would think the law would trump that. We have to add an exception of the ORDA facilities.

Councilman Mill – Can you do that? It's then not general.

Attorney Briggs – It is general until some court says it is not.

DISCUSSION - TOBOGGAN SLIDE STRUCTURAL REPORT

Supervisor Politi – We had a structural inspection of the Toboggan Slide. Jay initiated it. Derek, you were there with Butch.

Councilman Doty – There are four major deficiencies. Water has eroded the steel. The 20ft. eyebeam in the middle of the ramp that is close to the lake is rusted away. It leaves the wooden part of the ramp bowing. There are a couple places where the steel needs to be re-welded with new pieces. There is a recommendation to replace the concrete sonotubes and put new missionary material at a taper so it can shed water. They did say they are sill in good condition. There are long lateral pieces of steel that are bent from stress over the years. Even though it doesn't give a lot of sway, the engineer didn't like them and wants them replaced. The most serious issue is the walkway that participants use to get to the top. The fence system is failing. The new code requires fences and railings to be 40" or 42" high. The main concern is kids pushing back and forth and clowning around on their way up.

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Supervisor Politi – I will read the report for the press. The report was done by North Woods Engineering. They noted the tower leg deterioration, legs at the base of the town have experienced excessive rusting and delaminating which must be replaced, shoot stringer deterioration, support of the decking connecting to the towers need to be replaced, the cross diagonals in the tower need to be replaced and as Derek said the railing and guard assembly is in an unsafe condition. The decking is weakened and has been compromised. They recommend that the toboggan slide be closed to the public until proper repairs can be conducted.

Councilman Rand – They spelled it out and the repairs are very clear.

Supervisor Politi – It is very unfortunate for the Town and the visitors. The Visitors Bureau feels that Toboggan Slide is such an important non-Olympic venue which probably gets used more than most of our venues. Derek, what do you think is the best time to repair this? The summer?

Councilman Doty – Certainly, but not letting people slide right now. Have the appropriate people look at the steel, measure it up, know what our materials are. There is no reason not to start the bid process now.

Councilman Rand – I would have North Woods Engineering put together a bid proposal.

Supervisor Politi – I think we all recognize the importance of the amenity for the people.

Councilman Doty – The structure will be fine once we rebuild it. We talked to the engineer about wrapping it as we talked about.

Supervisor Politi – We can make it so much more attractive. It's going to cost some money. Unfortunately, it has already cost us \$30,000 in budgeted revenue. We have an opportunity to make this better than it ever was.

Councilman Doty – When we rebuild this, we have the opportunity to bring back one more lane for sliders. We have lost revenue because we are down to two shoots. There used to be four. We have the opportunity with the new design to skinny-up the walkway. Our insurance mandates that no one can be let go until the people walk off the ice. You could let three go at once.

Councilman Favro – Right now there is only an egress. Somehow another set of stairs down needs to be added for the workers or the tourists that might not want to slide down when they get to the top. Right now the staff goes down on a shovel which a liability.

Councilman Rand – Sliding down on a shovel breaks quite a few rules.

Councilman Doty – I know we are not a bottomless pit but we should incorporate pecks with holes or some kind of snowmaking so it can be easily frozen. It would save tons of labor. The manpower it takes to slush in the tracks and then possibly lose it after one warm day.

Councilman Rand – Those are some good points. We should get with Butch and the people who work there to meet with the engineer when they come up with a proposal.

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Supervisor Politi – We said it would be neat is we could use it in the winter and summer. With a plastic that could shoot out and onto the lake.

Councilman Doty – Butch and I were laughing having the same discussion. The material could be made for tubes could slide.

Councilman Miller – After the water-ski event, they left the ramp in and all the kids were climbing up and sliding down. Wouldn't it be cool if we could have a slide? Those kids would eat it up.

Councilman Doty – Putting water at the top would be a huge slip and slide.

Supervisor Politi – The structure could have one large chute in the middle for a tube and two on the outside for the toboggan. We could still put a toboggan down the center too. I am sure they could find a plastic wrap for it.

Councilman Doty – It could be incorporated onto the side so it is its own shoot.

James Morganson – What about a set of stairs to a viewing platform so people could look at the view. Fire tower style.

Supervisor Politi – Is there a view? I don't think there is.

Councilman Rand – This is the perfect year that we couldn't open it. The Town has its monies worth out of it. It was built for the Village in the early 1970's.

The Toboggan Shute was the Ski Jump at the Club which Councilman Rand used many times.

James Morganson – It would be great to highlight the history with a plaque to let people know that is part of the old ski jump.

Councilman Doty – Do we need a resolution tonight to let North Woods Engineering begin anything?

Councilman Rand – I think we should first ask him to get a few estimates and a proposal.

Supervisor Politi – I think you can get solicited estimates. It's for professional services. We do not have to RFP it.

Councilman Rand – I still suggest to get input from Butch and his crew about what the problems are and how can we make it better.

NYSDOT- NYS Rt. 73 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Attorney Briggs – I met with Larry briefly to go over what the NYS DOT is proposing to acquire 1.26 acres from the Town for the bridge replacement. Larry had no problem with it. They have to require the property to do the bridge. (Attorney Briggs showed Supervisor Politi the map) There highest appraisal came in at \$12,500 which is what they are offering to pay us.

Supervisor Politi – I was hoping it would be \$30,000!

Attorney Briggs - Tonight you could adopt a resolution ratifying the agreement for advance payment and accepting their proposal to pay \$12,500.

James Morganson – Will there be any other discussion on the bridge project tonight? I am here as a private citizen to address the board on the bridge.

Supervisor Politi – We will do this first. This area also includes where the Greene Memorial is. I will have to notify the family.

Attorney Briggs – They already filed a notice of appropriation. They already own the property. The issue is how much we get paid. That is the way it works.

Councilman Doty – They took it and now they are just being gracious.

Attorney Briggs – If you decide to go with this, do you want the money to Park District account or into the Town account? It is Park District land. There is a form here by which the Park District assigns its claim to the Town. You have to decide that.

There would be a restriction of the money that would have to belong to the Park District if the land was being sold. This however is a condemnation and the Board is given the choice to have the money deposited to Park District or Town General Funds.

Attorney Briggs - The only issue in this condemnation is disputing the amount that they say is owed.

Supervisor Politi – Does somebody want to make a motion to accept the \$12,500 in payments to the Park District?

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the agreement for advance payment and accepting their proposal to pay \$12,500 for the land acquired for the new bridge on NYS Route 73. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi – Jim, did you want to say something?

James Morganson – I have the APA permit for the bridge. I put in the public comment section, but was not able to go to the actual meeting; there is no consideration for a bike lane whatsoever. As I understand it, it has a 5 ft walkway on either side but no bike lane.

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Supervisor Politi – I never saw the plan.

James Morganson – I have it right here. After all that was said and done, there is no consideration for a bike path?

Supervisor Politi – They said to me that they have an area set aside where there could be no vehicle traffic. With 5ft on each side, why can't one side be a bike lane?

James Morganson – These are planned as sidewalks outside the road surface.

Attorney Briggs – I ride my bike on the sidewalk.

James Morganson – This is the Ironman circuit. The other thing it says in the APA report is that it is consistent with our Local Master Plan. I don't know who would have told them that it was consistent.

Supervisor Politi – I didn't know we had a Master Plan.

James Morganson – Our Master Plan yells out, bike lane! In our early discussions, I thought there was going to be a bike lane. It seems that if we have to give land to the state then we should get something.

Attorney Briggs – They have the right to take the land.

James Morganson – Who is "they"? It is the same thing on several other roads. It comes down to "someone else" is in charge.

Attorney Briggs – NYS DOT makes that call.

James Morganson – Again, saying it is consistent with our plan for the future. We didn't plan for bike lanes?

Supervisor Politi – They never sent me any plans.

James Morganson – I got a copy of this from the Park Agency because I filed comments.

Supervisor Politi - They gave me the information that they were replacing the bridge, when and who our contact is.

Councilman Doty – Why wouldn't it be in our best interest to send a letter that states because we do host ironman? What are the provisions for a bike lane?

Supervisor Politi – During the Ironman the roads are closed. Ironman is not an issue. Is there any reason bikes can't cross over a 5 ft sidewalk if it were ramped?

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James Morganson – The Bridge looks to be quite tilted. It doesn't seem flat. It seems to be canted at least like the one down at the firehouse. I don't know if the grates were considered.

Supervisor Politi – What is happening with the old bridge?

James Morganson – I asked in a letter to keep that bridge. You had a concern about who will maintain it?

Councilman Rand – We would constantly have to work on that.

James Morganson – There is always confusion on the bridge when people stop to look at the jumps.

Councilman Miller – What are you asking us to do?

James Morganson – You have always been supportive of bike lanes. I ask that they go back to the design phase and get the bike paths on it. Let them know that our Master Plan calls for bike lanes. Can they reassess this project?

Attorney Briggs – Would that initial widening the surface of the bridge, all the steel and a redesign?

James Morganson – We have been on record for a very long time including the scenic prevision.

Councilman Miller – Is it unreasonable for us to ask that we would like a bike path.

Supervisor Politi – It is not unreasonable. I would guess it would cost them \$250,000.

James Morganson – On Old Military Rd they put us off and we hoped to get it.

Councilman Miller – They told us they would and they didn't deliver.

Councilman Rand – The sidewalks are 5ft but the side of the road to the bridge and after the bridge are maybe 4ft wide. Is it going to be that big of an asset to have a bike lane on the bridge when there is not one on the rest of the road?

Discussion continued regarding the tourists that pull over to look at the ski jumps. Many people park on the bridge even though there are signs that say, "No Stopping". The trees were planted to deter people from stopping due to the many accidents. The 5 ft sidewalk could allow bikes to pass if the end of the path tapered on either end.

Supervisor Politi – Bikers can stay in the road when they cross the bridge and go back to the side of the road or use the sidewalk. I highly doubt they would spend \$250,000 more when they have a hard time getting the money to do these projects.

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The Board has not seen the design and James Morganson gave Councilman Doty his copy which shows the walkways 5’5” wide on both sides.

James Morganson – Maybe if you see the plans, you can formulate an opinion.

Supervisor Politi – I have the head engineer’s phone number. I will give him a call. If I can give his number out then you can call and talk to him.

LETTER OF SUPPORT- LPV SMART GROWTH GRANT

Supervisor Politi – I received a request from Jeremy Evans who is working with the Village of Lake Placid for letter of support for an Adirondack Parks Smart Growth implementation program for Mirror Lake Drive. The area between the Tennis Court and the Boat Launch. It is to protect water quality in the Adirondacks. They are looking for our support. It is similar to the grant we are looking at for the other end of Mirror Lake which is in the Town side. I called Mike Mascarenas as to whether we should be getting a letter of support from the Village. I asked Ivan Zhadral is our support of this grant would affect our seeking money. He said no.

Councilman Doty – What is the support for?

Supervisor Politi – It’s for sand, salt and pollutants for winter storm water runoff.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded to approve the letter of Support for the Lake Placid Village Smart Growth Grant. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Politi – Cathy sent you one budget adjustment for putting back the money for the Tri-Lakes Humane Society.

Feb 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2/9/2016 for 2016

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A3510.0473	DOG CONTROL PET CARE	2,500.00	VCHR 160156	TRI LAKE HUMANE SOCIETY NOT ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR IN 2016
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.1110.0470	JCAP COURT CLERK OFFICE GRANT EXPENDITURES	123.61	PO 28971	YOUNG LYON (ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OVER GRANT FOR CARPETING & COVE MOLDING)
APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE	A..909	TOWN GENERAL FUND BALANCE	<u>2,623.61</u>		

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Supervisor Politi – Laurie do you want to talk about the senior lunch program?

Laurie Dudley –Tomorrow will be the seniors last day. They are moving to the New Hope Church until the beach house is ready.

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Supervisor Politi – The Shipman Youth Center and the American Legion did not work out. The third one we talked about was the New Hope Church. Andy Borden talked to me some time ago about their wanting to get more involved with community functions. The church is on one level with a big kitchen. Now we are able to utilize this area. The Village is working on the Beach House. The \$160 per month that we received will be transferred to them.

Councilman Doty – Do we have to help at all with maintenance or plowing?

Supervisor Politi – We will help them out if they need it.

The church has offered to move their evening meetings to different room to allow for evening meals. They are very accommodating.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - SL YOUTH PROGRAM

Councilman Doty – Harrietstown is in the process of getting information from the Village of Saranac Lake as to what their participation will be. I told them when we meet in February that there is a lot to get done. Letters went out last week.

Supervisor Politi – The Town of North Elba is in. The Town of Harrietstown is in. The Town of St. Armand is in. Town of Brighton is in. Village of Saranac Lake is wavering.

Councilman Doty – There are so many questions on their participation regarding the beach and the lifeguards. If they can't go from \$5,000 to helping us out with the beach. 52% of the 205 kids are from the Village. Based on what we all contribute, it leaves the village to pony-up \$10,000. They are not going to do that. We already have a plan to raise registration fees to help compensate. We are going to \$100 which is \$20 per week for breakfast, lunch, crafts, trips and the whole bit. The community still gives us \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year.

Councilman Miller – I hope the Village steps up to the plate.

Councilman Doty – If it doesn't, the program is in jeopardy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - CRAIG WOOD

Supervisor Politi – Have they made progress with the Craig Wood bridge?

Councilman Doty – It is all set and ready for the decking. They took the new backhoe and trimmed up along the new footers. The water flows beautifully down there now. They cleaned up the brooks in front of green #1. It looks unbelievable now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Councilman Rand – Dean had an events meeting which was open to the public for the purpose of giving their opinion as to what events are working and what are not. I was surprised there was a

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big turnout. There were some good comments. They talked about showcase vs. participatory events and how they affect the quality of life. They brought up the water ski event which was good a few years back but with everything else going on it is not likely going to happen, but I can't say for sure. Basically, we need to go out and come up with a long term plan on the events that match what we can handle. Jeff Edwards was there. Brought up the events we run have to have backing from the Town and ORDA as well as volunteers. The community events are to benefit residents. What I came out of the meeting with is that planning has to be done to pick the events that we want to have here and are they worthwhile.

Supervisor Politi – Dean has requested that we get together to talk about a vacation rentals proposal. Craig and I are going to meet with him. We will discuss it and decide whether we meet or not.

Councilman Doty – One major question; do we want to create another level of government and impose such a stringent fee structure that turns into overregulation too quick. When we first met, we recognized fire safety, parking and garbage removal. These are problems that can be taken care of. I am having trouble understanding the fee structure per room. I don't get that.

Supervisor Politi – I have heard from many people and I think it is dead in the water. I have heard from every one of you and it's not going anywhere.

Councilman Miller – They should propose something that we can have a discussion on. As the proposal stands right now, it's not going anywhere. Why are they going forward with it?

Supervisor Politi – I told Craig that there just isn't any support being able to charge commercial water rates.

Councilman Doty – We need a system to keep track of the data collection. We need to have an inventory.

Councilman Miller – Didn't we end the meeting saying we should charge a \$20 filing fee and move on. You said we can build on that later on if we have to.

Councilman Doty – We are going over the top way too quick.

Attorney Briggs – It's a solution in search of a problem.

Supervisor Politi – I have looked online. South Lake Tahoe and Aspen have permit fee for filing of smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, floor plan of the building and so forth. They never went as far as treating them any differently. Jack said to me, why do vacation rentals have to provide information when the homeowners don't? The homeowner could go out of town for 6 months and they don't have to provide a contact. Our discussion is always about safety. It was never about competition. In the early discussion they wanted to provide bed tax. Now they have bed tax.

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Councilman Miller – Steve Detwiler said, “Why do you want to know who the caretaker is or how to contact the owner?” I said if there is a flood we would need to get a hold of them. He said, “Do I have to give you my cell phone number if I go out of town for the weekend?”

Supervisor Politi – The Vacation Rental by Owner will not file forms with us. People just rent their place out. It’s more government. I can understand Jim wanting to have information for a safety standpoint. These things can be zoned out. You don’t want parking in your yard, change the zoning.

James Morganson – I am with you on your opinion, but not on the zoning issue it is not happening. You fought that from day one.

Supervisor Politi – Maybe people can park in their yards. I guess I park in my yard.

Councilman Miller – This whole thing has been a nonstarter from the beginning.

James Morganson – That is not fair to the committee. There is no reason you want to engage in all that work for \$20 a head.

Supervisor Politi – I don’t think the committee listened.

Councilman Miller – We left the meeting saying we were considering data collection and a filing fee. That is it. Instead we got handed something that we were pretty explicit saying there was little or no support for.

James Morganson – That is unfair to them.

Attorney Briggs – This is a legislative body. They are all elected officials. They represent the constituents and that is a recommendation. It is not unfair to them if this Board doesn’t agree with them.

James Morganson – I didn’t realize they were so far apart. Don’t take on the burden for \$20 because it’s going to cost more than \$20 to do all that. Why would you do that? Perhaps this is the wrong time wrong place.

Councilman Favro – Because when we get the information and it is sitting up in a computer and it is not doing the Ambulance Service or the Police Department any good. Somehow you have to make it work for a reason. Other than that, nobody is going to do it.

Supervisor Politi – We are not in the business to reduce competition. I agree with Bob, this community is about business and every resort struggles with the same issue. If you are going to charge that kind of money for vacation rental then we are going to charge you for a hotel. I will tell you it has little chance of ever going anywhere.

Councilman Miller – Not only that but I am not in favor of creating more government than we already have. No way.

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James Morganson – Again, wrong time wrong place. The hotels already pay fees.

Supervisor Politi – This is all for the purpose discussion. How do hotels pay?

James Morganson – They pay the Department of Health for annual inspections.

Councilman Favro – Those inspections are \$250. I just paid it.

Supervisor Politi – It is just one recommendation that is dead in the water.

COMMITTEE REPORT – AMBULANCE MEETING

Councilman Favro – On February 22nd we are meeting with the Village regarding ambulance funding.

Supervisor Politi –Randy Preston mentioned to me that they had a meeting with the State people and that our people said none of the issues effecting ambulance entities in the Adirondack Region are affecting us. I was told the other night that the ambulance call went out and had a mystery medic. That means there is nobody on.

Councilman Favro – If it's Sunday, don't get sick because nobody is there. They have the same problem everybody else has without question. Technically, it is a little worse.

Supervisor Politi – According to Randy, everybody was telling them what their problem was and our guy said we have no problems in Lake Placid. Our problems are like everybody; we don't have coverage.

Councilman Favro – I will give you an example, Malone just closed the Malone Branch. That leaves a group of critical care paramedics looking for jobs. Did anybody reach out to them? Other people around us did. We did not. We definitely have the same problem as everybody else.

Supervisor Politi – I know it is a big issue in terms of certification for EMTs and proper coverage. It concerns me that we said we don't have the same problems.

Councilman Favro – I will have to ask that question.

Councilman Miller – Why aren't local police officers EMT? When my mom was dying we called an ambulance for her. It got there pretty quick with the police. I thought that was wonderful. They said you have four EMTs here because to be a Suffolk County police officer you have to be an EMT. Maybe we have to start looking at paying people and not rely on volunteers.

Councilman Favro – Our ambulance service is paid. We have a couple of volunteers driving. The paramedics and critical cares are 98% paid. The problem always comes down to management either here, Wilmington, Tupper Lake or Saranac Lake. It is all about management.

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Supervisor Politi – I don’t know how the small communities like Minerva or Newcomb do it.

Councilman Favro – They don’t. Somebody paid might be in Malone and work a few days in Tupper Lake or Saranac Lake. One of our guys works in Tupper Lake, Saranac Lake and Ausable. Wilmington may work in Lake Placid. They are doing per diem. It will be an interesting conversation; February 22nd at 2:00.

COMMITTEE REPORT – VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE WATER AGREEMENT

Councilman Doty – Ron, has there been any further discussion with the Village of Saranac Lake on our water agreements?

Attorney Briggs – No; I have a copy so I could type it in and revise it. Chuck Noth’s proposal to us was onerous and burdensome. New meets and bounds survey of the district would cost a fortune.

Councilman Doty – Us taking over equipment with no revenue.

Attorney Briggs – I will tell Chuck Noth that I will revise slightly the existing agreement in a way that is fair to both communities then you decide if you will accept it.

COMMENT REGARDING TERRY SNYDER

James Morganson – I would like to make a positive comment sitting here in this room; the staff has done a wonderful Job. He is tremendous.

Supervisor Politi – We do not disagree. Someone wanted him to go to the Park District and he never made it. We need him. He does a tremendous job.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #’S

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 02/9/16			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	175,623.00	35,325.23	210,948.23
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	154.25		154.25
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	100,509.89	96,440.42	196,950.31
H12- OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL	5,977.94		5,977.94
H42 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	1,333.79		1,333.79
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	136,304.49	37,387.02	173,691.51
SW3 RAY BROOK	474.23	73.80	548.03
1602-1605	\$ 420,377.59	\$ 169,226.47	\$ 589,604.06
160126-160149; 160151-160159; 160161; 160163-160202; 160229-160281;			
160284-160334; 160360-160362			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement)	\$ -	\$ 50,118.22	\$ 50,118.22
160050;160066;160102-160125; 160150; 160162; 160203-160228; 160282-			
160283			
Batch - HELD		\$ (45.00)	\$ (45.00)
152376			
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
152565; 152682; 160006-160009			

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie C. Dudley, Town Clerk