

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

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 Doty, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Dudley

Members Absent: Councilman Miller

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Kari Fitzsimons, Ted Morgan

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 April 7, 2015.

Councilman Rand 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.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL- LP CLASSIC SEPTEMBER 12TH

Supervisor Politi – Kari is here to request approval of the LP Classic Half Marathon scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015. The race is the same as last year. She is requesting use of the Town of North Elba roads, sidewalks, tents at the Horseshow Grounds, bathroom facilities and so forth. We approve subject to receipt of proper liability insurance.

Kari Fitzsimons – This is the 45th year. Since the hospital has taken it over, we have been able to donate over \$18,000 to local youth programs.

Supervisor Politi – Would somebody like to move the use of our facilities for this event?

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the LP Classic Half Marathon for September 12, 2015. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi – There was talk that Princeton might be foregoing its Ironman which is on the same weekend which would probably be good for your event.

Kari – My understanding is that Ironman did not go forward with that for this year.

OMR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION- DENIED

Supervisor Politi – We got a letter from the Department of Transportation denying the speed limit reduction for Old Military Road. I don't remember who requested it. We might want that information on our website. Have Jessica put that we requested a speed zone reduction for Caroline Road because people were going so fast once the new road was paved. The DOT did not approve it.

HOST AGREEMENT- LACROSSE

Supervisor Politi – We talked about the Host agreement for Lacrosse at the Workshop. We are talking about a four year agreement from 2016 to 2019 with rental rates of \$22,500 for 2016 from July 27 – August 29 & August 1 – August 7, \$25,000 for 2017 from June 26 – June 28 & July 31 – August 6, \$27,500 for 2018 from June 25 – June 27 & August 6 – August 12, and \$30,000 for 2019 from June 24 – June 26 & August 5 – August 11. This is the same agreement that we have used in the past. Butch made a couple of modifications. They have to provide us with necessary liability insurance coverage. It is also subject to George Lavelle agreeing to this proposal which he hasn't seen.

Councilman Doty – We anticipate having another field but that is not written in this agreement. Should we have a clause that allows us to renegotiate should anything come up. For instance, fertilizers go through periods of high costs. We could go from \$22,000 to \$32,000 a year because

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of the price of the chemicals. Golf courses have been hit hard over the last ten years because of that.

Attorney Briggs – That is a very good point. What are the costs that we might not have control of?

Councilman Doty – Fertilizer costs and as we run events for an extra week each time it may need a separate time of maintenance that we don't currently pay for. If lacrosse goes from 2 weeks to 4 weeks we might have to re-sod the goal areas and that alone could be \$8,000 to \$10,000. These are all contracted costs to us. We can do it ourselves. We hope that the affluent from the new biodigester will help but I suspect it will be so high in nitrates that we can't use it.

Attorney Briggs – It is out of pocket maintenance costs; sod, seed and fertilizing.

Councilman Doty – Roby, I think you should find us more money and we can buy that property in Ray Brook for ten more fields.

Supervisor Politi – It was hard enough to find the \$250,000. I would like a motion to approve this Host agreement condition upon the necessary liability insurance, the terms and conditions noted and subject to the Town Attorney providing acceptable language with regard to flexibility as to the cost of the Host event assuming absorbent costs and their acceptance of the terms.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Host agreement for Lacrosse with the conditions noted. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

SHIPMAN YOUTH CENTER

Supervisor Politi – The Shipman Youth Center requested \$1,000 which we said we weren't going to give them more money because we thought we had money set aside in the budget. As it turns out there is nothing in the budget. I don't want to finance an event but do you want to consider giving them that money unspecified?

Councilman Doty – \$1,000 because we didn't do anything this year? It was \$7,000 last year.

Councilman Rand – They didn't ask for it.

Councilman Favro – I do not want to subsidize their BBQ. I am okay with the Youth Center using it.

Supervisor Politi – We can give them a donation unspecified and if they chose to use it for the BBQ then that is their choice. That is what Bob would like to do. It will have to come out of Fund Balance.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve a \$1,000 donation to the Shipman Youth Center. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

PROPOSAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Supervisor Politi – This is yours, Derek, a proposal for the Environmental Management Services agreement with Greystone Environmental Management to provide for oversight services.

Councilman Doty – It is to write an SPCC plan. That is the last thing that we will have for regulatory.

Supervisor Politi – What is a SPCC Plan?

Councilman Doty – It is a spill response plan and a way to educate workers.

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Supervisor Politi – It's an oil spill consistency plan. The cost is \$5,500 and is to be paid for by 50% from Town General Highway Fund and 50% from the Park District.

Superintendent Straight – We are also charging that back to the school and the Village. I have a meeting with Scott Bryant from Greystone for a site inspection on Thursday morning.

Supervisor Politi – Would someone like to move this and allowing the contract to be signed by the Supervisor?

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Environmental Service Management Contract with Greystone. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

LPCS FACILITY USE FEES

Supervisor Politi – You received a copy of the letter from the school about charging us for Youth Commission. The school has since backed off. They said they didn't mean to send the letter to any not-for-profit. They sent the letter to everybody. I think it would be smart of us to have Ron write a letter clearly stating our position as to the use of the oval. It is a venue that is in our opinion to be utilized by the general public and is for community use pursuant to the terms and conditions of the 1978 Lease Agreement with Lake Placid High School. I don't think they have a say on who can use the oval and who can't. We can use the oval provided that it does not interfere with any scheduled event such as winter carnival, gym class, etc. I think we need to clearly spell it out and have it on record. If you did not get a copy of the letter which was sent to Butch you can have mine.

Attorney Briggs – I think the letter should be mailed to the Superintendent and to the School Board.

Supervisor Politi – He denotes the policy. On the back it shows what they intend to charge everybody to use their facilities. Bill Kissel said they are out of their minds. I will have Jessica send you a copy of the 1978 lease agreement.

Attorney Briggs – They are misinformed. I will send them a letter.

Councilman Doty – This is the year that the youth are taking quite a hit!

PARTNERSHIP REQUEST- VILLAGE OF SL- BILINGUAL SIGNAGE

Supervisor Politi – You all got a copy of this letter from Saranac Lake. Clyde wrote the letter asking to seek a Consolidated Funding Application for bilingual signage. It says, our application will ask for \$12,000 for each of the participating municipality for four "gateway" signs at \$2,000 each and \$4,000 for general street and traffic signs. Have you read it Ron? I don't know what it means. Does it mean that when you get the grant that the amount is going to be allocated or does it mean that he is anticipating that each municipality will have to come up with \$12,000?

Attorney Briggs – The way that I read it is that it is a grant and that you will be receiving \$12,000.

Superintendent Straight – That is a State program.

Supervisor Politi – Either way they are seeking funding. We have applied for funding for the Horse Show and the Olympic venues. They are looking for a lot of money. \$40 million dollars or this kind or a sign program, if I were the state I would give the \$12,000 for the signs.

Councilman Doty – Does he think that with multiple sponsors it make them more desirable?

Supervisor Politi – Before we move forward, I would like to talk to Jim McKenna about what he thinks the chances are.

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BUILDING SAFETY PROCLAMATION- MAY 2015

Supervisor Politi – Jim forwarded the Proclamation for Building Safety Month. Can I have a motion approving the following proclamation?

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
Proclamation

Building Safety Month – May, 2015

Whereas, our Town's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

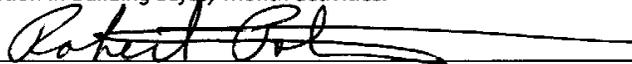
Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;

Whereas, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes" the theme for Building Safety Month 2015, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert T. Politi, Supervisor of the Town of North Elba, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.



Robert T. Politi

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the Proclamation denoting May 2015 as Building Safety Month. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION- 2015

Supervisor Politi – Arbor Day is tomorrow and I wrote a proclamation for our community proclaiming May 13, 2015 as Arbor Day. They have asked me to speak.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve May 13, 2015 as Arbor Day. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

TAIL O' THE PUP- LIVE MUSIC PERMIT

Supervisor Politi – I have a \$100 permit fee and \$1,000 live music deposit for Tail O' the Pup. It is the same terms and conditions as in the past. The schedule is May 9th – June 21; weekends only, June 21st – September 6th; Nightly, September 12th – October 20th weekends only.

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Councilman Doty – He has already started. I gave him permission. He filled it out and no action was taken for May 9th. He said he wrote the checks and nobody's number is in the phonebook. He said the girls' basketball team is here and the music is cranking. What time do I shut it down? I told him 9:30 and not to get me in trouble.

Councilman Favro – Everyone's number is in the book. He knows how to get us.

Councilman Doty – He built a new fence to deflect the sound. I'll let you know if it works!

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the life music permit with Tail O' the Pup for the dates and times presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE WORK ON THE LACROSSE FIELDS

Supervisor Politi – We received a notice today from Parks and Recreation for the necessary work and information provided with regard to the funding for the expansion of the lacrosse fields in Saranac Lake and in Lake Placid. They have authorized us to go ahead with an RFP for the work. I am asking this Board to approve a resolution authorizing the RFP and send the information out for bid. The specs are already written and approved by the State. It is subject to the State having the money available.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve a resolution in support of the expansion of the lacrosse fields and authorize an RFP for the work. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL HIRING- SEASONAL CEMETERY, CRAIG WOOD AND BLACK FLY

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the hiring of the following personnel.

ACCEPT RETURNING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF HIRE	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
JASON BEANEY	CRAIG WOOD	4/27/2015	N/A	13.35/HR	PARK ATTENDANT
RAY TEMPESTELLI	CRAIG WOOD	5/1/2015	N/A	13.85/HR	PARK ATTENDANT
CHUCK ST. JOHN	CRAIG WOOD	5/4/2015	N/A	13.35/HR	PARK ATTENDANT
Richard Strack	CRAIG WOOD	5/7/2015	N/A	\$14.00/HR	CLUB HOUSE ATTENDANT
Larry Gadwaw	CRAIG WOOD	5/7/2015	N/A	\$12.00/HR	CASHIER
James Colby	CRAIG WOOD	5/7/2015	N/A	\$11.75/HR	CASHIER
Don Mortenson	CRAIG WOOD	5/7/2015	N/A	\$12.00/HR	CASHIER
Robert Stephens	CRAIG WOOD	5/7/2015	N/A	\$10.50/HR	GOLF RANGER

* Recommendation made by: BUTCH MARTIN

ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF NEW HIRE:

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF HIRE	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
ERNEST WOOD	CEMETERY	5/4/2015	N/A	\$11.50/HR	LABOR

* Recommendation made by: LARRY STRAIGHT

ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF Increased wage rate

NAME	POSITION	effective date	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION
Andrew Seligmann	Black Fly Technician	5/1/2015	n/a	\$14.00/hr	non competitive (inc. of \$1.00/hr)
Dustin Ulrich	Black Fly Technician	5/1/2015	n/a	\$14.00/hr	non competitive (inc. of \$1.00/hr)

* Recommendation made by: John Reilly

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Supervisor Politi – There is a bill in the budget adjustments for \$24,116.84 which is for grounds repair at the lacrosse fields. It represents a bill from Jim Gerard Turf Management that he forgot to submit last year. How do you run a business like that?

Attorney Briggs – Is that in addition to what he billed last year?

Supervisor Politi – No, he forgot to bill us.

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Councilman Favro – We must be in the wrong business.

Supervisor Politi – That money will come from Fund Balance as will the cost for repairing under the refrigerator at the Craig wood bar. The other is the Greystone is divided 50/50 with the Highway and Airport/Park District.

MAY 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.7110.0416	PARK GROUNDS REPAIR	24,116.84	PO 28357	2014 ATHLETIC FIELD BILL FROM TURF MANAGEMENT THAT WASNT RECEIVED UNTIL MAY 2015
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.00200	CRAIG WOOD EQUIPMENT	1,767.35	VCHR 150796	UNDERBAR REFRIGERATOR FROM TOTAL REPAIR SERVICE
		APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE	<u>25,884.19</u>		
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.5132.444	HIGHWAY, CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS	2,750.00	GREYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT-PROPOSAL SIGNED. STILL	
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1357.444	AIRPORT CONTRACTS & AGREEMENTS	2,750.00	WAITING ON DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATION	
APPROPRIATE	A..0909	FUND BALANCE (50%)	<u>5,500.00</u>		
APPROPRIATE	SP..0909	FUND BALANCE (50%)			

Attorney Briggs – Is the \$24,000 consistent from year to year? I am thinking of a base amount for the lacrosse contract.

Councilman Doty – It was well into \$30,000 and we have discussed bringing in another bidder and Butch decided to talk to him and he backed it off a couple grand.

Supervisor Politi - It is a contract that we pay to maintain the fields. We also get money from lacrosse and rugby.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - FIBER OPTIC LINES FOR TOWN HALL

Councilman Favro – We met with the Development Authority of the North Country that is bringing the fiber line into the Town Hall. Cathy, Art Devlin and I met with them. There is a possibility of a grant and we may be able to run the line with grant funds. They bring a big line in and once it is here others can tap off on it. It will bring competition to Verizon, Time Warner and others.

Councilman Doty – We would have control of the line?

Councilman Favro – We would have control of our own dedicated line here. The rest of the pipe outside would be bigger. Another company could tap off it and go many other places. Right now we are paying \$450 for 10 gigs and we can get 800 gigs for \$900. It opens the market up. It is a much bigger thing than just bringing it to this building.

Attorney Briggs – Does gigs relate to band width?

Councilman Favro – Yes. At home you probably have 25 – 30 and they were going to set us up for 100 initially. I like the ability to tap off. Art was talking about having wireless cameras on Main Street or wireless for a couple of hotels in town. This could make that happen. The capabilities if it is huge.

Councilman Doty – ORDA already has optic.

Councilman Favro – They have it, they just have to connect. Uihlein Foundation is connected. The main hub is at Uihlein Mercy Center. For example, the little cable company in Keene Valley has it. People there have physical fiber lines that go to their homes.

Supervisor Politi – Is it faster down there?

Attorney Briggs – They charge you four levels of power or speed/bandwidth.

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Councilman Doty – Is there a way for us to re-contract that out if someone is to lease a quarter of the building? Can we charge them for that service?

Councilman Favro – Potentially, yes. We are going to spend money to bring it in the building but they can expand out it benefits the whole community.

Attorney Briggs – Is it enough to provide wireless for the Main St community?

Councilman Favro – You have to put antennas up which he said were about \$500 each. It actually goes to Albany. You can buy service out of New York and get better rates. You can buy whatever bandwidth you want.

Supervisor Politi did not understand bandwidth and councilman Favro explained that when phone gets slow or there are too many users on the internet programs are slow it is because there is not enough bandwidth. Time Warner only has so much bandwidth which is shared; it may have 25 coming in to load and maybe 10 going out. With the fiber lines it is very quick back and forth at 800 out and 800 in.

Councilman Favro – The Training Center is paying for 30 gigs, like many hotels, which is \$950/month. This is 800 gigs for the same price. When Anthony comes back in, I will have him explain it. Down through the Cascades there is a fiber line under the road, he said Roby helped him with that. You can buy a Tier 1 which is not so reliable but super cheap or up to Tier III and you never go down. In the end, you can scan the documents that Laurie is working on and store them in the cloud as well as video conferencing. There is a lot of infrastructure here already, it is just a matter of building it up. Primelink is from Plattsburgh and they would like to jump on with them. Keene Valley is using Primelink. They are based out of Syracuse and there are substations in Albany, Keeseville, Saranac Lake and Lake Placid We can hook all our locations up and everything will be connected. The line is at the Highway Garage and it is only \$250 to hook Larry up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –SL YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

Councilman Doty – You read in the paper about our latest youth meeting in Saranac Lake. It is going very well. Mac Rand is onboard. He is a substitute teacher who formerly owned a youth camp. He took over for Paul Leahy. He is going to be the director and the Administrator as well. He will be the center person that all the Towns will report to. Where we go in September is up in the air. I don't want to speak out of turn but the Village realized that we were much more organized and had a more solid program than they really knew. Since they appointed a representative to come to our meetings, he recognizes that we really have a good organization. Diane Fox from the high school came to our last meeting. Sylvie Nelson came and is doing research into the ACAP program to see what funding is available. We may use Harrietstown as the Administrator if in fact the Village does end things. Paul Ellis has been great about putting preliminary budgets together and telling us where we are from last year. Suzan Waters is actively writing a grant and has a good source for money. We have staff development starting and a stronger swimming program. We now have a Director that will be there day to day. It will help the councilors be stronger as well.

Supervisor Politi – What facilities do you use over there?

Councilman Doty – We use Patrova School facilities. The food program is reimbursed. Ruth Pino who is head of the food services volunteered to be on our committee. She is a great addition. The kids get breakfast and lunch and then they go home at 3pm. The school is as big as the administrator. We get the gym, the cafeteria and their workers.

Supervisor Politi – I think Essex County pays for the meals. How much does it cost you to use the school?

Councilman Doty – It doesn't cost a thing to use the school. They are really proud to be part of it.

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Supervisor Politi – They don't have that Section 1500 school policy?

Councilman Doty – There is no more ½ day summer school so we do need to work on money for transportation to the beach for swimming lessons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Rand – Dean's meeting is going on right now. There was a presentation of all the bike trails.

Councilman Favro – The lady that gave the presentation is staying at the Training Center. She said it was very well received. They are looking to connect all the bike trails and make a map so you can't get lost.

Councilman Rand – I will connect with dean this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – ORDA ADVISORY PANEL

Supervisor Politi – You have minutes of what happened at the first Advisory Panel meeting. Ted Blazer was there. All but two members of the Community Advisory Panel were in attendance which is a step in the right direction.

TOWN COURT

Councilman Rand – I wanted to share an observation about the court. I was here yesterday and there must have been 100 people out there. You couldn't get through.

Supervisor Politi – I don't know how they can do it.

Attorney Briggs – I don't think they can do it. It is overwhelming.

Supervisor Politi – When I walked by, the seats were full and they were lined all up and down the hallway.

Attorney Briggs – People were on the stairs and outside. It was Crazy.

Matt Turner – I was there yesterday and it was bad. I was covering Scott Waller and all the lawyers shared a desk and then they switch. At one point a layer got angry because his clients have been waiting.

Attorney Briggs – That was Mat Norfolk who went off on the Judge.

Councilman Rand - I have never seen it like that.

Councilman Doty – Our Town Court is a reflection of State Police activity.

Laurie Dudley – It also includes the Village of Saranac Lake. Right now Jennifer has her hands full. She is one person doing it all.

Supervisor Politi – Just wait until the Lake Placid Court closes. I can understand why people get pissed off. It is a several hour waiting.

Attorney Briggs – People get there an hour early to get in first and nobody knows who is first. There should be numbers. The lawyers got together unbeknownst to Matt and decided who got there first. That is why Matt went off on the Judge. He missed the meeting among the attorneys.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS

Attorney Briggs – I sent you an email. We know the oral argument on Grimditch is on June 5, 2015 at 9:30 am session. It is the 3rd case to be argued in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. I will be there.

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APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 5/12			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	110619.68	43741.37	154361.05
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	284.06		284.06
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	6765.9	14020.26	20786.16
H11-APRON EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION	10613.82		10613.82
H12-OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL	17351.65		17351.65
H13- JET FUEL	13627.41		13627.41
H42-EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY PURCHASE	0	12086.89	12086.89
RD04-TAHAWAS WAY	5070		5070
SF2-FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	0	33729.17	33729.17
SP PARK DISTRICT	427376.87	23312.03	450688.9
SW3 RAY BROOK	310.87	706.46	1017.33
Batch 1514-1518	592020.26	127596.18	719616.44
150645; 150673; 150731-150761; 150764-150796; 150820-150838; 150840-			
150886; 150910-150961; 150965-150966; 150999			
Batch 999 (Payroll)	0	97420.71	97420.71
150496-150518; 150568; 150581-150602; 150657; 150708- 150730;150762-			
150763; 150797-150819; 150962			
Batch - HELD		0	0
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
150527; 150540			

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.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Matt Turner asked for more clarification regarding the facility use fees for the oval property.

Supervisor Politi explained that the Town received a letter from the School District as did a number of not-for-profits advising us that they are starting to charge for the use of the oval and the school facilities.

Attorney Briggs – It is referred to as a Public School Use of School Facilities Policy. It is a new policy adopted by the School Board. They did not take into consideration the existing lease agreement which trumps anything until the end of the lease.

Supervisor Politi – The Town owns half of the oval and has a lease on the other half, which is owned by the school, for 50 years. The Town can utilize the Oval for any use at no cost provided that it does not interfere with any school event such as gym class. Other than that, anything that we approve for our use or another use can utilize it. In my opinion it was a misinformed mistake. They need to be informed on certain contractual agreements that exist. It is more important that we all recognize that we are all in this together; the school, the Town, the Village, ORDA. We are all partners. It makes no sense for us to start charging for the use of public facilities. I am not going to charge someone to use the conference room and I am not going to charge anyone for walking around the Oval. This community has always been a collaborative effort with the entities and I think any policies contrary to that are not in the best interest of Lake Placid.

Matt Turner – Will they be able to charge some people still?

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Attorney Briggs – No, the lease is pretty clear and does not expire until 2028.

Supervisor Politi – The purpose of the lease was for the expansion and development of the speed skating oval for the 1980 Olympic Games. The Town of North Elba would lease all of the lands from the oval from the school in exchange the Town of North Elba would lease to the school its land at he horse show grounds where the baseball fields, track and bathrooms are. All of that land is owned by the Town of North Elba. The school leases it. It was a reciprocal lease agreement. It was a lease swap.

Matt Turner – That clears up a lot because there are so many different things said.

Supervisor Politi – This was not only for the use of the oval but it was also a different charge for use of the school. I think they have agreed to drop it and not take it further.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie C. Dudley, Town Clerk