

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

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, , and Laurie Dudley

**Members Absent:** Councilman Rand

**Others Present:** Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Mike Orticelle, Todd Donovan, Kat Harlow, Ambie Garcenita

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

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 2, 2019.

Councilman Miller 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.

### **PERSONS PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Supervisor Politi asked if the visitors would like to address the Board which they replied, briefly. Supervisor Politi introduced them to the Town Board.

Todd Donovan – I live on Averyville Road and an employee of the Adirondack Mountain Club. We are here about the condition of the Adk Loj Road. It is beyond a joke. I just replaced the joists on my car. I have been working there for 5 years. I emailed Mr. Straight about the road. They take good care of the road in the winter and it is better to travel on because all the holes are filled.

Supervisor Politi – We know what condition it is in. The Road has been improved to the last residence. We have been in negotiations with the State of New York for the transfer of the Adk Loj Road along with the South Meadows Road and other properties for about 5 years. The proposal at hand is that we would transfer our interest in the South Meadows Rd to the NY State to meet their requirements of their Unit Management Plan and we would take over the John Brown Road. The State would either take over or agree to pay for the maintenance of the Adk Loj Rd. It is a deal that benefits everyone. The road beyond the Levitt's house is primarily used by the public going to the State wilderness lands. It is not used much by the residence of the community. The John Brown Road is.

Todd Donovan – I am a resident and I worked there for 5 years.

Supervisor Politi – Neil has been a part of these negotiations. A recent discussions with the Commissioner of State and DOT said the deal was imminent. It has not happened as of yet. The State of New York moves like a turtle. Not like a jackrabbit. It is on the table and would benefit the Adirondack Mountain Club, the State of New York and the Town of North Elba. It is a very long road that the taxpayers cannot afford to pay for it but the State can. 99% of the people who utilize it, other than yourselves who work there, are visitors. The taxpayer cannot bear that cost. We are not going to repave the road while there is a potential deal outstanding. Mr. Straight's directive from this Board was to patch it as best you can. If we get the John Brown Road it will be in the same shape. We can afford to pave that road which is several miles shorter. We understand your positions. I live there.

Todd Donovan – I understand what you are saying. We have heard all the people who you that road that are tourists and hikers. The rumor is that they are not doing anything because they do not spend money in town. I know that has nothing to do with it. My issue is the last ¼ mile from the bridge to the actual property. It is just awful.

Superintendent Straight has been out there to see how bad it is.

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Councilman Miller – Has the Adirondack Mountain Club contacted the State?

Supervisor Politi – Both Neil and I have been working on it. The County replaced the Bridges which are now brand new. The State of New York does not have that cost which saved them over \$1 million. The real problem is that DEC and DOT are not working together to accomplish this in a timely manner. The DEC is onboard and have requested the Town cooperation for a fiber optic line which we agreed to. The DOT is dragging their feet. I guess that between now and December 21<sup>st</sup> they will be racing to make a deal. This Board is interested in finalizing that transaction. After December 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a new Board with possibly new ideas. Commissioner Stagos is well aware of that. Every time I get an email from you, I send it to Commissioner Stagos as a light for them.

Todd Donovan – There is group website on Facebook call, “Fix the Loj Road”.

Supervisor Politi – All I can tell you is to get the attention of Neil Woodworth. He has a lot of power in Albany. As our collaborative partner, he can help get it done. I have not heard from Neil in 6 months. I talked with John Million about it. We are very aware of it. I have a home on the Adk Loj Rd so I am very aware of it too.

Todd Donovan – I would feel remiss if I didn’t come to you.

Supervisor Politi – Stegman and Stagos are aware of it but I think the State has so many problems with Budget and infrastructure that as more people complain that will address it. Neil is the guy to do that. I hope this is more informative than you may have seen on face book or read in Social Media because that is really the answer. The State also has a parking problem there. We agreed to parking on one side of the road. The state wanted to build a 300 car parking lot which is in their Unit Management Plan on the corner of South Meadows Rd and the Lodge Rd. They all think it needs to be done. It is the squeaky wheel. You need to get to Neil ? .

Todd Donovan – He was the push about no parking on both sides. The State should be embarrassed by state of the road. I’m embarrassed. From the last property to meadows land is bad but it’s patchable. The last 1/8 of a mile is craters apron craters.

Kat Harlow – We do not have the actual numbers but many thousands of cars from Victoria weekend through Labor Day come in on that road.

Supervisor Politi – We are hoping that those many thousand people react and bring the attention to the State.

Kat Harlow asked about the key players which Supervisor Politi explained are Sam Zhou, was the Regional Director is now is the commissioner of DEC. This was a proposal that he made to us.

Kat Harlow – Once this does happen, the Town will still be taking care of it but will be reimbursed by the State?

Supervisor Politi – That is correct. That was the Proposal the Dot made to us.

Kat Harlow and Todd Donovan thanked Supervisor Politi for the explanation.

### **GAME OF CHANCE LAW**

Supervisor Politi – You have a copy of the “Games of Chance” local law. North Elba does not have in place a Games of Chance law allowing for Bingo operations and sales of tickets outside the Village limits. The Village has a Games of Chance law. Adoption of this law requires an approval from this Board and must also be passed by the public at the general Election November 5<sup>th</sup>. Dan Manning said towns have been operating illegally because we didn’t know.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the adoption of Game of Chance local law. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

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**APPROVE – PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY SWEEPER**

Supervisor Politi – At the last workshop we talked about the purchase of highway sweeper from Anderson. The cost is \$16,000. We have a sweeper now which is rented and we are buying it. The used sweeper will include an extra set of brushes and brooms at no cost at a value of \$500. In addition, they will refund the first month rental of \$450.

Superintendent Straight – The \$450 will offset the cost of the \$16,000.

Supervisor Politi noted the other prices received included a new sweeper from Anderson at \$21,150 and Palliation \$25,000.

Superintendent Straight explained to the Board why we needed to buy a sweeper. The Highway has been renting this sweeper and this past year the company rented it out and they could not get the sweeper.

Superintendent Straight – I twisted arms because we do a lot of business with them. He came back and said they got it back for me. We were told to pick it up whenever. I asked if we could buy the sweeper that we have been renting. The \$16,000 is the used sweeper we have been using. It was a few sleepless night figuring out what we are going to do. It takes me 6 weeks to sweep and we have many places to do.

Councilman Doty asked if the barring is easy to change and Superintendent Straight explained that there are no barring and that it is all hydraulic drive.

Supervisor Politi – The Highway Fund balance is \$650,041,000. It costs us \$16,000.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the used sweeper from Anderson for \$16,000. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

**APPOINT AN INTERVIEW COMMITTEE**

Jessica’s last day is May 30<sup>th</sup>. She has received both Social security disability and is waiting on retirement. She will be dearly missed. We have to seek resumes to fill the position of Deputy Clerk, Secretary to the Supervisor, and Park District Clerk. We received eight applicants.

Supervisor Politi would like Laurie Dudley, Butch Martin and Jack Favro to interview potential candidates.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Supervisor Politi – Budget Adjustments include the Highway equipment, dump trailer power unit for Craig Wood, advertising for the position.

2019 BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
5/14/2019

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REF	ADDITIONAL INFO
Increase Expenditure	A000.1410.0445.0000	Town Clerk. Advertising/Legal Notices	268.04	po 31517	advertising for dep town clerk position
Appropriate Fund Balance	A000.0000.0917.0000	Unassigned Fund Balance	268.04		
Increase Expenditure	SP00.1350.0200.0000	Craig Wood Equipment	499.99	po 31510	dump trailer power unit
Decrease Expenditure	SP00.8310.0200.0000	Park Admin. Equipment	499.99		amount unspent from computer purchase
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Increase Expenditure	DB00.5142.0200.0000	Highway Equipment	16,000.00	po 31560	sweeper from Anderson Equipment
Appropriate Fund Balance	DB00.0000.0915.0000	Assigned unappropriated fund balance	16,000.00		current fund balance is \$640,894.396

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

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## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the seasonal employees for Craig Wood.

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### ACCEPT RETURNING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION	Date of reappointment	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	Appropriation account
Dale Barber	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$13.95/hr	labor-grounds	SP00.1350.0102
Jason Beaney	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$15.05/hr	labor-grounds	SP00.1350.0102
Larry Gadwaw	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$13.70/hr	labor-desk	SP00.1350.0102
James Colby	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$13.45/hr	labor-desk	SP00.1350.0102
Don Mortensen	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$13.70/hr	labor-desk	SP00.1350.0102
Glen Mullamey	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$14.45/hr	labor-grounds	SP00.1350.0102
William Kilburn	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$13.25/hr	labor-grounds	SP00.1350.0102
Richard Strack	Craig Wood	4/26/2019	n/a	\$15.70/hr	labor-grounds	SP00.1350.0102
Recommendation:	Jeff Estes					

### ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF NEW HIRES:

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF HIRE	UNION CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY	CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	Appropriation account
Anthony Carlino	Craig Wood	5/1/2019	n/a	\$11.10/hr	labor-desk	SP00.1350.0102
Drew Maiorca	Craig Wood	5/10/2019	n/a	\$11.10/hr	labor-desk	SP00.1350.0102
Recommendation:	Jeff Estes					

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - LACROSSE FIELDS

Councilman Doty – Butch has an estimate from Jim Gerard for \$40,000 for the irrigation. Butch talked to Harlow and he gave Jim Gerard the estimate of \$3,600. He will be out with the crew all day setting transits and molding the ground around it. It will be about 15-20 feet to make everything drain well. Now we will have safe electrical. We had a dangerous situation. The water was ankle deep and there were electric cords running to each vender. It was an accident waiting to happen. The Village put in all the new uprights.

Councilman Doty – The drywells are taken care of and will be ready in two weeks. That is going to be quite expensive which needs to be budgeted for. The plastic pipe is covered but it can't stay out in the weather much longer because it gets brittle and brakes. Norther Irrigation has done irrigation fields all over the country. He has a very detailed estimate. I asked how much to do the new practice field. There is no sense waiting. That bid will come in two to three weeks. Butch will put the estimate in my box after Jim Gerard makes it more detailed. I told Andrew said that Butch had a figure last fall that I didn't know the estimate was given. I do not want Jim to think I am against him.

Supervisor Politi – It was for consideration.

Councilman Doty – I asked him to call Jim and tell him I was out here and have initiated another bid, Not to bump him out but to fair to the taxpayers. It is well over \$20,000. I would be surprised if we can do it for \$40,000 because I think it is going to be more. Anyway, all the right questions were asked by Chris from Northern. I showed him about the field and where the hydrants were. He said he would take samples.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS – SARANAC LAKE YOUTH

Councilman Doty – Jordan has taken the program over and is in charge. She asked us our thoughts but does not want our input. The rates are doubling. Fundraising has been tough in the last few years. Businesses owners change and the core givers has dwindled. Most parents don't send their kids for the whole 6 weeks. They have the option to pick the weeks they want. The cost was \$120 to \$260.

Supervisor Politi – How can ours be so much less?





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1. Post Claims Transfer Journal Entry as listed above					
2. Post Amberly Rounds Withholding transfer of funds from Adk Claims to Adk Payroll for the amount of the FIT withholding listed above					
3. In open Payroll Batch and create Recurring Voucher for Amberly Rounds FIT withholding for claims paid					
4. transfer funds from Adk Cap Proj to Adk Claims					
5. transfer funds from Adk Claims to Adk Payroll (for FIT)					
6. log in to efts and pay withholding for 945					

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion 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 Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley  
Town Clerk