

**PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

2019 SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLLS (4:45PM) AND 2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET (5:00 PM)

Minutes of a Public Hearing held on the above date beginning 4:45 pm 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, Laurie Dudley

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Superintendent Larry Straight, Roseland Dietz

CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER

Supervisor Politi opened the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk read the Public Notices for the 2019 Benefit Water and Sewer Assessment Rolls which was properly published and posted.

Pursuant to Section 239 of the Town Law, notice is hereby given of Public Hearings for the purpose of reviewing the assessment rolls of the Water and Sewer Districts in order that the Town Board of North Elba may hear and consider any objections. The hearings will be scheduled as follows in the Meeting Room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York on Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Benefit Water and Benefit Sewer Districts

4:45 p.m.

WATER DISTRICT #1 AND #2

Supervisor Politi – There are no budget appropriations for either of the water districts so therefore there is no tax levy.

CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT

Supervisor Politi – There are 2,157 parcels in the Consolidated Sewer District at \$ 2.84/per parcel. Total Benefit amount raised \$6,125.88. Last year there were 2,146 at \$2.88/per parcel and the benefit amount raised was \$6,180.48. This year is a drop of .04 cents per parcel.

RAY BROOK WATER DISTRICT

Cathy Edman – We have never included Ray Brook Water District and we should in the future. The tax rate for 2018 was \$0.49 /1,000 and 2019 is \$0.27/1,000. This represents a \$.02 /1,000 drop.

ADJOURNMENT

No one came for the public hearing in objection to the 2019 Benefit Water and Sewer Assessment Rolls. On the Supervisor Politi closed the public hearing at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laurie Dudley
Town Clerk

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Minutes of a Public Hearing held on the above date beginning at 5:05 pm in the meeting room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York.

Members Present: Supervisor Politi, Councilman Miller, Councilman Rand, Laurie Dudley

Members Absent: Councilman Favro, Councilman Doty

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Cathy Edman, Griffin Kelly

2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Politi called the Public Hearing for the 2019 Preliminary Budget to order at 5:05 pm and asked the Town Clerk to read the Public Notices which was properly published and posted.

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North Elba for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested parties during regular business hours.

Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of North Elba will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing in the Meeting Rooms of the North Elba Town Hall at 5:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or any item or items contained therein. Senior Citizens and minority groups are welcome to participate.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$30,000.10
Councilman-Each	\$ 7,609.01
Town Clerk/Collector	\$49,637.41
Superintendent of Highways	\$58,093.22

By Order of the Town Board

Supervisor Politi reviewed the 2019 Budget Summary provided by Cathy Edman.

Tax Levy Limit met: \$4,475,234.81 represents a 3.05% or \$132,480, increase over 2018 tax levy. Taxable assessed values for 2019 tax roll increased for all districts between 3.6% and 4.8%, subject to change

The following summary represents selected items from the budget and the change compared to the 2018 adopted budget.

GENERAL FUND

➤ General Fund budgeted revenues increased \$41,730

Highlights:

1. Tax levy decreased \$4,215.

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2. Transfer station revenues decreased \$18,400 this is mainly due to elimination of Town sponsorship of HHWD, which was budgeted for \$70,000 in 2018. Increase in fee schedule is budgeted as \$36,000 increase in revenues.
3. Interest & earnings increased \$17,000 based on current year interest income.
4. Building & Other Permits increased \$10,000
5. Gas & Diesel sales revenue increased \$35,000 based on current year transactions
6. Sharing of services for Building dept. 2nd Code Enforcement Official removed from 2019 budget for \$50,000
7. State aid decreased \$50,000 (one-time State aid of \$50,000 was recorded in 2018 budget)
8. Mortgage Tax increased \$100,000 based on Essex County report

- General Fund budgeted expenditures increased \$8,146 from 2018 amended budget

Highlights:

1. Personal Services increased \$47,000 (2.5% raise for (non-union) employees; added full time Assessor's Aide position approx. \$35k)
2. \$8,800 reduction of Budget Office expenditures (2018 new software, 2019 hosting and support fees)
3. \$5,000 reduction in Central Admin (2018 one-time budget for Planned Emergency Alert email notification system)
4. Gas & Diesel purchases increased \$35,000
5. \$110,000 Reduction in Park Equipment and Cap Outlay for Newman Park (planned 2018 expenditure)
6. \$36,000 increase in Transfer Station due to increase in hauling by Essex Co. (\$25/ton); planned offset with increase fee schedule mentioned earlier.
7. No planned debt service issuances; Debt service principal increased \$12,000 due to 2018 debt issue.

- General Fund appropriated fund balance to offset tax levy \$278,213.81 (\$4,668 more than 2018 adopted budget appropriation)

TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGES FUNDS

- TOV & Highway Fund budgeted revenues increased \$382,965

Highlights:

1. Tax levy increased \$131,260
2. Sales & Use tax increased \$55,800
3. Village share of Mirror Lake Beach operational expenses increased \$9,000
4. State aid increased \$153,700 related to Senator Little SAM grant for Mirror Lake Sidewalk
5. Chips state aid increased \$21,600 due to Emergency Winter and PAVE NY reimbursement programs
6. Interest & Earnings increased \$8,500

- TOV & Highway Fund budgeted expenditures increased \$246,800

Highlights:

1. Personal Services increased \$11,000 (decrease in beach \$10,500, increase in hwy \$21,500)
2. Planned hwy equipment purchases will be bonded.
3. Debt services increased \$165,000 due to 2018 hwy equipment bond and mirror lake sidewalk bond. Offset by state aid mentioned above.
4. Planned Debt service issuance of \$230,000 (tandem truck, 25-ton heavy equipment trailer, and water tank for sweeping)
5. Paving appropriations increased \$34,000 due to increase in material cost.
6. Employee Benefits increased \$29,000 (due to additional employee enrollment in health insurance).

- TOV & Highway Fund appropriated fund balance to offset tax levy \$40,000; decrease of \$136,150 from 2018 adopted budget

PARK DISTRICT FUND

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- Park district budgeted revenues decreased \$64,076 from 2018 adopted budget

Highlights:

1. Tax levy decreased \$24,866
2. Craig Wood Golf Course fees increased \$4,650
3. Toboggan Slide admission decreased \$20,000
4. State Aid decreased \$50,000 (one-time state grant of \$50,000 in 2018 budget)

- Park district budgeted expenditures decreased \$64,076 from 2018 adopted budget

Highlights:

1. Gas & Diesel appropriations increased \$5,600
2. Personal Services increased \$5,800
3. Planned new equipment purchases decreased \$33,000 from 2018 budget
4. Debt service decreased \$3,300 from 2018 budget
5. Capital Project local share of airport projects decreased \$34,000 from 2018 budget

COMMENTS

Supervisor Politi - The taxes rates all decreased and are as follows;
Village of Lake Placid; \$1.28/1,000 which is a decreased of .07¢,
Village of Saranac Lake;.46¢/ 1,000 which is a decreased of .03¢
Town Outside in Fire District #1; \$2.32/1,000 decreased .01¢
Town Outside Fire District #3; \$2.32/1,000 decreased .02¢
Ray Brook Fire District #2; \$3.02/1,000 decreased .041¢

ADJOURNMENT

No members of the public appeared. hearing in objection to the 2019 Budget. Supervisor Politi closed the public hearing on the 2019 Budget at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dudley, Town Clerk