

**PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 8, 2017**

RAY BROOK WATER DISTRICT: WATER STORAGE TANK & FIRE HYDRANTS

Minutes of a Public Hearing held on the above date beginning at 6:45 pm in the meeting room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York.

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

Members Absent: Supervisor Politi

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Brad Hathaway, Larry Straight

Councilman Rand called the Public Hearing to order at 6:54 pm by reading the Public Notices which he stated we was properly published and posted.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of North Elba will conduct a public hearing on August 8, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York 12946 to consider certain water distribution system improvements in the Ray Brook Water District, including replacement of the existing 150,000 gallon water storage tank with a new 250,000 gallon reinforced concrete storage tank and replacement of all substandard distribution piping, and together with fire hydrants and reconnection of all existing water services, in order to elevate the entire District facilities into compliance with New York State Department of Health standards.

The estimated cost of the proposed improvements is \$2,212,600.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposed improvements. It is expected that following the public hearing the Town Board of the Town will consider a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of its general obligations in an amount not to exceed \$2,212,600 pursuant to the Local Finance Law to finance the cost of the proposed improvements. Funding for the proposed improvements, however, is expected to be provided by a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant to be received from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

An engineer's report describing the proposed improvements has been prepared by Ivan Zdrahal Associates, PLLC and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, located at the North Elba Town Hall in Lake Placid, New York.

Councilman Rand read the Bond Resolution and explained that over the 30 year term, the cost to the taxpayer is .43¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. A \$200,000 assessment is \$86 per year for 30 years.

Councilman Rand opened the floor to anyone who wanted to discuss the Ray Brook Water District water storage tank or fire hydrants

Larry Peryea – The vote that you will be passing tonight is contingent upon getting the grant. If you don't get the grant money, are you not going ahead with it?

Councilman Doty – We will have to search for other resources of money.

Attorney Briggs – This resolution just authorizes the Board to get the grant. If they do not get the grant, they are not committed to doing the project.

Larry Peryea – What provisions are you going to do to hook onto the prison?

Councilman Doty – There are no provision in this project to hookup the prison. That is not part of this Public hearing.

Larry Peryea – I understand that, but it seems to me that you would be looking down the road. As long as you were looking at a grant, you would think about where you would hookup, maybe at the fire hydrant on the hill.

Brad Hathaway – That is all being looked at and evaluated, but it is whole separate engineering study. The project that we are talking about today make provisions to have a line large enough where it crosses over through Pond's property and could potentially have the prison tie-on there. Right now it is not adequately sized.

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Attorney Briggs - The prison project is still going on and Ivan Zhadral is looking into it.

Larry Peryea – I thought the lines are being increased because of the prison.

Brad Hathaway – That is not why. The lines are being increased because everything over there is inadequate. We received a letter during our inspection from the Department of Health stating that they have to be looked at. The one section down 86 has been disconnected and is not fed from both directions anymore. There are so many deficiencies in that system and that is why this is being looked at.

Larry Peryea – I want you to look at our road. We have lots in the back and the people down there don't have the water pressure they should. Private ownership of those lots runs through our waterline. I wonder what the water department thought about that. Is it a possibility to include that in the project?

Councilman Doty – It is a logical time to do it.

Brad Hathaway – If it is something you want to add to this project, it would add only pennies but I don't believe you can do private work. It would have to be something that would have to be turned over to the Board.

Councilman Doty – I asked Roby how to go about doing it. In the existing map, we are currently 2 private roads now. You may need easements. There are 7 fulltime home on the line and 1 seasonal. The potential is to have 2 more homes on my side.

Larry Peryea – There are a total of 75 possible lots on Sherwood Forest property under the current APA regulations. I thought it would be a good time to talk about it.

Councilman Miller – Maybe it is something we should have a meeting with Brad and Ron to find out how we go about that.

Brad Hathaway – We have only gone as far as possible. It's private after that. Right now, if they have an issue they have to figure it out themselves.

Councilman Miller – How long is the line on Pendergrass?

Brad Hathaway – It is about a 600 ft. which is a 6 ½ in pipe that goes through the building and then down through the back. It was originally what Larry's father ran to feed the campground.

Larry Peryea – What I would like to do is put a new pipe right down the property line and make a right angle which will go to all the houses. We would then do away with the old line down there.

Councilman Miller – Should we be talking about it as part of this project or is it a different project?

Brad Hathaway – If this is something you would like to consider, I would add it to this project. It would add about \$30,000 - \$50,000 which is not expensive in the scheme of things. If it is something that will legally hold up the grant, we do it after the fact.

Councilman Doty – The cost isn't the pipe. It's the man hours to dig it.

Councilman Rand – Any further comments, Larry?

Larry Peryea – The area has grown enough to the point where I want to look at getting a new water line in there while we have grant money.

Brad Hathaway – Ivan would add it to the Grant. It is EFC that is ultimately the ones to decide. There is a list as to how things scores. This might be something he wants to look at.

Larry Peryea – Ron was saying that it would be right-a-way or ownership?

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Attorney Briggs – You would dedicate the line and an easement over your land so that they can maintain the line. We will do a survey and it's a standard easement.

Brad Hathaway – Hooking the houses to the main line would be their responsibility. All laterals would be the private individual cost from the shutoff in.

Attorney Briggs confirmed that Brad Hathaway recommends adding the additional line to the grant because it needs to be addressed. Ray Brook is having the same issues as Lake Placid. It keeps growing and everything is inadequate for the rate of growth.

Councilman Rand – As Roby says, we are a victim of our own success. When we get the Supervisor back we can certainly continue the conversation. Thank you, Larry.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion at this time, Councilman Rand closed the public hearing at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dudley, Town Clerk