

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET & 2016 Benefit Water and Sewer Assessment Rolls

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Minutes of a Public Hearing held on the above date beginning at 6:40 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, Laurie Dudley

Members Absent: Councilman Rand

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Superintendant Larry Straight

Supervisor Politi called the Public Hearing to order at 6:40 pm by reading the Public Notices for the 2016 Benefit Water and Sewer Assessment Rolls which he stated were properly published and posted.

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 - The 2016 Consolidated Sewer District benefit assessment rate is \$2.94 per \$1,000 based on a total of 2111 parcels and a total benefit assessment of \$6,210.00. Last year (2015) the Consolidated Sewer District benefit assessment rate was \$2.96 per \$1,000 based on a total of 2097 parcels and a total benefit assessment of \$6,207.12

Theianoguen Way is a special road district with a total benefit assessment rate of \$655.20 per parcel, there are 7 parcels with a benefit amount of \$4,586.40. Tahawus Way is a special road district with a total benefit assessment rate of \$415.98 and there are 10 parcels with a total benefit assessment of \$4,159.75.

Supervisor Politi opened the public hearing up for public comment.

Superintendent Straight informed the Board that the roads are now “Lanes” and not “Ways” for which Supervisor Politi so noted.

Supervisor Politi closed the public Hearing for the Benefit Water and Sewer Assessment Rolls and Benefit Districts at 6:45pm and opened the Public Hearing for the 2016 Preliminary Budget for the Town of North Elba.

Supervisor Politi called the Public Hearing for the 2016 Preliminary Budget to order at 6:45 pm by reading the Public Notices which he stated were properly published and posted.

2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

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Supervisor Politi reviewed the following 2016 Budget Town Budget stating the Town met the tax cap.

Tax Levy Limit met: \$4,212,722 represents 1.34%, \$55,887, increase over 2015 tax levy

Town wide taxable assessed value for 2016 tax roll decreased 1% (\$21,970,444)

General Fund budgeted revenues increased \$148,000

Transfer station revenues decreased \$22,400

Mortgage tax revenue increased \$15,000

Building Permit revenue increased \$15,000

Gas & Diesel sales revenue decreased \$117,000

Grant revenue from Senator Little member item increase \$250,000 (ORDA grant)

General Fund budgeted expenditures increased \$4,481

Share of ORDA expense increased \$75,000 (moved from park district)

Gas & Diesel purchases decreased \$117,000

Planned Commercial Real Property Reassessment increase of \$23,350 (2/3 of \$35,000)

Town Hall drainage repair increase \$30,000

No Audit expenditure in 2016 decrease of \$18,000

Health Insurance decrease of \$17,000

Personal Services increase of \$13,000

Addition of second Animal Control Officer increase of \$10,000

Reduction of Tri-Lakes Humane Society of \$2,500

Transfer Station expenditures decrease of \$10,000

Highway Fund budgeted revenues increased \$7,400

Rental of equipment increase of \$4,500

Sales & Use tax increase of \$1,500

Consolidated Highway Aid increase \$1,500

Highway Fund budgeted expenditures increased \$18,000

Paving decrease of \$6,000

Personal Services increase of \$18,700

Retirement decrease of \$7,400

Health insurance decrease of \$22,000

Debt services increase of \$34,000

Planned Debt service issuance of \$255,000 (Highway Capital Expenditures –Bonded)

Tandem dump truck net of trade-in: \$185,000

2 F250 Crew cab pickup trucks \$70,000

Park district budgeted revenues increased \$60,500

Represented by local share revenue for Jet Fuel Airport Capital project from FBO

Park district budgeted expenditures increased \$80,700

Planned equipment purchases for Craig Wood, Park Maintenance, and Show Grounds:

\$47,900, grounds mower, gator vehicles, top dresser, event tents, tire mounter, & tire balancer

New Sign for Craig Wood \$20,000

Personal Services increased \$12,000

State Retirement decrease of \$4,000

Decrease of airport maintenance expense of \$6,000

Debt service decrease of \$6,000

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Capital Project local share of airport projects increase of \$100,000
Decrease of ORDA expense of \$75,000 (moved to general fund)

ADJOURNMENT

No one came for the public hearing. Supervisor Politi closed the public hearing at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dudley, Town Clerk