

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

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, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Dudley

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Antonio Olivera, Dean Dietrich, Emily Dennin, Bob Hanna

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 December 13, 2016

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

ACCEPT THE YEAR-END REPORT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR 2016

Dean Dietrich- Thank you for agreeing to see me. I am here to give a yearly report. I don't think its communication. I think Jay does a wonderful job keeping you up to speed. This is more just to keep it on the record and gives you an opportunity to add anything you would like to say. I am not going to go over everything. One thing we are most excited about it that we just did a data test with Lake Placid Insider. I am not sure if you are familiar with it's a subscription service that pops up on your phone and a nonprofit can use it for one day sale events. We happen to have slightly different rules and have been dealing with Andy Flynn and Lake Placid News. It's a bulletin board that tells you everything that is happening in town. A sale at a wine shop or chocolate shop or a game here in town and you will get a notification.

Councilman Miller- I was just in the Cape and they have a similar set up. The Police Department uses it to send out emails when storms are coming to tell people to stay off the roads.

Dean Dietrich- This is something that comes to you and you can get it on your phone. It will come out every Tuesday and Friday. Right now its run by volunteers if it goes up we will try and figure out how to pay for an administrator. ROOST has been very cooperative they have helped us set up the platform and handling subscription list. They say they will do that as long as volunteers from the community to all the editing. We will have to check everything before it is put up.

Attorney Briggs- So if I am posting something I would do it myself. Is there a way to encourage people to do this?

Dean Dietrich- Yes, it will build. You can do it with your phone. One thing we are doing with ROOST is developing a parameter; you post a PDF no longer than 50 words. Everything has to be looked at before it goes up we don't want any political statement or negative statements. We

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would like eventually to encourage acts of kindness. We need someone to edit everything. The great minds behind this are Jen Jubin and Emily Dennin. Emily would you like to say something?

Emily Dennin- It's easy to send out an email talking about asking people to submit items. Also we will try and personally reach out and get two or three quorums going so we can outline the value. Also we like the personal approach rather than just email where it could just sit in there inbox and it doesn't register how we want this to be successful. I met with ROOST this morning and worked out some final designs. They are working on those now and I am hoping to have them done by the end of this week. Once we have a few things to show we can set a presentation for people to come and see. It will take some time on our end to reach out to major players. Once you get the bigger events on their people are going to start and see the value and see it has a legitimate way to promote their business.

Councilman Miller- Is there a way to engage social media?

Emily Dennin- Yes and Mr. Dietrich clarified about ROOST how they host the subscriber part of it. I mean obviously there is way to tie it into social media with posting. That's a huge challenge I am just not sure what platforms are out there. I am not sure what source there would be. If it were to catch on people would be sharing it.

Supervisor Politi- Is it just community related? One of the things I can't stand is facebook and its endless advertising. Events are one thing and I can see people miss using. My worry is that people will start using it for the wrong reasons.

Dean Dietrich- I think that's part of our guidelines. There wouldn't be items for sale. It would be like the bulletin board you use to see at the old grand union. We will see what happens. Lake Placid has never tried this and it came out of the comprehensive plan and development group. Our thought is to subscribe locals and store owners.

Attorney Briggs- Is there a search function?

Emily Dennin- No there is not. The format is going to be very clean you won't be bogged down with a lot of scrolling. It's in the final run.

Dean Dietrich- Another things I would like to highlight is rental agreements. I met with you and the Village Board and both seem to be on board for affidavit kind of system to check out registration for a \$100.00 a year. Our board doesn't meet in December so we didn't make a lot of progress but we are going to start on that and basically write perhaps what a law may look like and then have a joint meeting to see about moving forward. We have some other things going. I just got word last week that Cornell School is coming on board again they are very excited about the consumer map for the trail system.

Supervisor Politi- I will tell you that the County has made pretty good progress with DEC.

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Dean Dietrich- That's good. That is something we have left with the watershed people the Town and Village. We have been keeping our eye on it.

Supervisor Politi- We are working with DOT to change things.

Dean Dietrich- I would like for the Town Board to accept this report.

Supervisor Politi- I would like to ask about modification to land use code. Have you spoke with Tim Smith?

Dean Dietrich- I have heard rumbles.

Supervisor Politi- There is five or six things I would like to see modified and brought to the board in the very near future.

Dean Dietrich- The Village and business associates have talked about cleanliness, sandwich boards and looking forward to bigger sidewalks. We have things up on our website about moving forward.

Supervisor Politi- We want to be able to go after contractors along with residence with cease and desist orders.

Dean Dietrich- I believe that is part of the uniform fire code. This is a good time to do this.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to accept the year-end report of the Community Development Commission for 2016. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS- DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Supervisor Politi- We need to reappoint expired terms.

Re-appoint Expired Terms:

Dean Dietrich
Georgia Jones
Pat Gallagher
Kelly Kennedy

New Appointments:

Emily Dennin
Mike Butler

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Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to appoint and re-appoint members of the Development Commission Board. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY TREE BOARD OFFICIALLY ACT ON BEHALF OF TNE

Supervisor Politi- We need approve a resolution authorizing the appointments of the tree board to act on behalf of the Town of North Elba.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion authorizing a resolution of appointment for the Community Tree Board to officially act on behalf of the Town of North Elba. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZING THE TREE BOARD TO SUBMIT A GRANT TO DEC ON BEHALF OF THE TNE

Supervisor Politi- We need the Town Board to authorize the tree board to submit a grant to DEC on behalf of the Town of North Elba. We have to sponsor the grant. It has to go through the Town or Village. The Town has always acted as the leader where the tree board is concerned.

Bob Hanna- We are taking inventory of all the trees in public owned land and we want to include the right-a-ways in the Village and the Town. It's an extensive list of right-a-ways. There is a way to plant trees on those right-a-ways.

Supervisor Politi-The tree inventory is no match for us. Tree planting has a 25% match from the Town.

Bob Hanna- Correct but we have to have a plan. We are going to write a grant for the inventory and we are going to do a planting plan that requires no match. The first part cost you nothing. You will know what we are going submit by the end of February.

Supervisor Politi- We would like to thank you. You don't get enough thanks for what you do.

Councilman Miller- Bob is also going to help us work on the park.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion authorizing the tree board to submit a grant to DEC on behalf of the Town of North Elba. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

STANDARD WORKDAY REPORTING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Politi- Cathy provided us with a standard workday reporting resolution. She sent it into the state of New York. We need to pass resolution approving what Cathy submitted.

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Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to accept the standard workday reporting resolution submitted to the State of New York. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE – LP MARATHON JUNE 11, 2017

Supervisor Politi- We need to approve the 13th annual Lake Placid Marathon on June 11, 2017 they are expecting over 1300 athletes.

Councilman Rand moved with a Unanimous second to the motion to approve the Lake Placid Marathon on June 11, 2017. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE - LAKE PLACID TRIATHLON –AND IRONMAN 70.3 TRIATHLON

Supervisor Politi- We also need to approve the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon for July 23, 2017 and the first Ironman 70.3 Triathlon on September 10, 2017 subject to insurance and other entities.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon on July 23, 2017 and the Ironman 70.3 Triathlon on September 10, 2017. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVE – FIRE CONTRACTS – SARANAC LAKE

Supervisor Politi- I would like to set a pubic hearing date for the Saranac Lake Fire Contract. This contact would be effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and our portion is \$42,524.11. Let’s set the date for February 14, 2017 at 6:45pm.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve public hearing date to discuss the Saranac Lake Fire Contract for February 14, 2017 at 6:45pm. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Supervisor Politi- You all received a copy of the budget adjustments.

Jan 2076 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 1/10/2017 for 2016 YEAR END EXPENDITURES TO BE approved at 1/10/2017 board meeting

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5142.0101	SNOW REMOVAL/SWEEPING PERSONNEL SERVICES	6,927.73	12/15/16 PAYROLL
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5110.0101	ROAD REPAIRS & ROAD MAINT. PERSONNEL SERVICES	(6,927.73)	

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INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1114.101	PARK GARAGE PERSONNEL SERVICES	
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1350.101	CRAIG WOOD PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,578.40
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1357.101	AIRPORT PERSONNEL SERVICES	2,121.64
DECREASE EXPENDITURE	SP.1347.101	TOBOGGAN SLIDE PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,109.96
			(4,810.00)
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Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the budget adjustments as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF NICK OSGOOD AS TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR.

Supervisor Politi- We need to approve Nick Osgood as transfer station operator at the rate of pay of \$12.21. I believe he started Friday.

Councilman Doty- I think he is going to be great, very personable. He is great for the public.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve Nick Osgood as new employee position of Transfer Station Operator at rate of pay of \$12.21. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

DEC APPROVAL – BOAT WASH STATION

Supervisor Politi- I did get a letter from Bob Stegman telling me that the boat wash station worked out so much better at the Lake Placid Water Treatment plant rather than at the airport and that DEC hereby approves the continued use of the wash station at that location.

APPROVE ANNUAL CONTRACT PUBLIC HEALTH – GAS PURCHASES

Supervisor Politi- We need to approve the contract with the Essex County Public Health Department. This contract is for the Town allowing the public health nurses to get gas at our facility and then reimbursing us. The term is for one year.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve annual contract with Essex County Public Health. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – TOBOGGAN SLIDE

Councilman Doty- I don't know whether I should say we are on or off schedule but tomorrow we are expected to have the last of the steel done. The roof is ready and I think Marcell was going to bring his big crane to set that. They had a pretty good meeting Monday morning. I don't have a final day of completion. The planks were made and additional welding was done to support

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them. Jim has been really good he has been down there every day. I don't know the little things like getting with the Village to get the lights set.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - BIODIGESTER

Councilman Miller- We are still moving forward. Cathy has been helpful. We have been going over the contract. I have not seen a response from Kristeen at Biofirm yet. I will reach out to her again tomorrow. The folks from Clarkson University have been working with the business school to help write a contract and they rejected it and said we need to come up with better language that's all delayed getting it to the Schickley Center.

Attorney Briggs- You remembered the clause protecting the Town from having to pay anything out of pocket. When it states Town it means from the grant.

Councilman Miller- We are in pretty shape. Derek and I are meeting with Bill Meyers next Thursday to talk with him about BioDigester and what they may be able to do for us.

Councilman Doty- The key is pricing to make it impressive for restaurants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Miller- I did communicate with the union they asked if we could begin negotiations sooner than later for the 2018 to 2021 term. They want to do this because we are so busy in the summer and fall. We are going to try and knock this out in the Spring. There are a couple things and I spoke with Cathy about a few things we need to clarify. I was going to ask the board for direction for Jack and I on other issues that you have seen that need to be addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- CODE ENFORCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Councilman Favro- We have about 12 applicants for the building code office. Three are codes officers and two are from the area.

Councilman Rand- Jack, Jim and I are going to get together and go over them.

Supervisor Politi- I think also we need to have the Mayor give us who he is going appoint. Cathy should also be there.

PRESS QUESTIONS

Antonio Olivera- Since January 1st how much as Jim been involved with that office?

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Supervisor Politi- He is running it like normal no change. January 13th is the cut off for applications then we will do interviews.

ATTORNEY REPORTS

Attorney Briggs- There is an issue with a little house trailer in the village and I met with Jim the other day and spoke with the land owner. I think I should be able to work it out if not the board with have to pass a resolution.

Supervisor Politi- Why do we have to pass a resolution?

Attorney Briggs- If you recall in the Grimditch case when you go to court it needs to be authorized. I don't think we will need to do this. It's the latest thing these little homes well there is a little home trailer pulled on to a vacant lot in the Village and Jim Morganson is saying you can't do that. They are going back and forth and now it is in my hands. I told the land owner that I would send her a section on the land use code she has been asking for and has not received anything as of yet.

Councilman Miller- They received cease and desists and they have stopped?

Attorney Briggs—Yes they have. With the land use code you cannot park a trailer without a permit for more than 24 hours. She tried to apply for a permit to park it longer than 24 hours.

Supervisor Politi- They don't understand why they can't use it as a house and they can't because it doesn't meet the minimum requirement in terms of square footage of a house or minimum width. In addition to that you cannot have a mobile home on wheels in the Town or Village unless it is in a mobile home park.

Attorney Briggs--- You have two remedies. If someone violates the land use code you can charge them with a misdemeanor in justice court or you can launch civil action. The owner now recognizes that it can't be there. The current position is under out current land use code is says that if you park a trailer in this district for more than 24 hours you have to with a permit. There is not a standard in the code when to get a permit to park trailer.

Councilman Miller- Can Jim issue them a ticket because they are in violation of the land use code?

Attorney Briggs- Yes they received a cease and desist and if they fail to comply they would receive and appearance tickets. This is one way to get them in front of the justice court.

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APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 01/10/2017			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	167,782.87	26,416.12	194,198.99
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	4.99	45.33	50.32
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	6,737.33	57,259.17	63,996.50
H14-TAXIWAY LIGHTING	2,520.00		2,520.00
H17-TOBOGGAN SLIDE	63,288.00		63,288.00
SP PARK DISTRICT	30,342.92	32,953.08	63,296.00
SW3 RAY BROOK	488.74	6,050.85	6,539.59
T TRUST & AGENCY-FOR HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS	-	90,200.00	90,200.00
Batch 1650-1701	\$ 271,164.85	\$ 212,924.55	\$ 484,089.40
162734-162736; 162762-162771; 162774-162775; 162777-162780; 162785-			
162789; 162791; 162816-162824; 162826-162839; 170001-170075			
Batch 999 (Payroll & Health Reimbursement Arrangement)	\$ -	\$ 86,530.41	\$ 86,530.41
162586-162623; 162635; 162706-162707; 162737-162761; 162772-162773;			
162781-162784; 162790; 162792-162815; 162825			
Batch - HELD			
Rejected Vouchers:			
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
162334; 162347; 162364; 162371; 162396; 162402; 162404; 162406; 162408;	\$ (703.55)	\$ -	\$ (703.55)
162410; 162415; 162418; 162420; 162423; 162425; 162428; 162431; 162433;			
162535-162536; 162570; 162575-162585; 162714; 162722-162733			

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no business transacted during Executive Session and no further business to come before the Town Boards, Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Scriver
Deputy Town Clerk