

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 pm at the Lake Placid Beach House 49 Parkside Drive, Lake Placid, N.Y.

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

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Ted Morgan, Matt Turner

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 minutes of the Board meeting on August 12, 2014.

Councilman Favro 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.

SURPLUS VEHICLE ON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Politi – The Highway Department has a surplus 1999 Volvo single dump diesel truck in as-is condition. Larry talked to us about this. Cathy will list an ad in the paper to solicit bids for sale. She needs it to be declared surplus.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to declare the 1999 Volvo single dump diesel truck surplus. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

ACCEPT OFFER OF \$300.00 FROM ARNO'S SCRAP METAL-2004 CHEVROLET TRUCK

Supervisor Politi – We received an offer of \$300 from Arno's Scrap Metal for the 2004 Chevy Truck. We have to declare it surplus and then entertain the offer of \$300.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to declare the 2004 Chevrolet Truck surplus and accept the \$300 offer from Arno's Scrap Metal. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

WEDDING OFFICIANT – ROBERT T. POLITI

Supervisor Politi – I have been asked to do a few weddings for friends over the next year. For the record, I would like to be approved by this Board in my position as Town Supervisor to be an Officiant at weddings during the term of my leadership.

Attorney Briggs - Who's wedding?

Supervisor Politi – I have been asked to officiate for Lou Higgins' daughter and Scott McGraw's daughter who is getting married on the lawn at Nikki's.

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Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve Supervisor Politi as a Wedding Officiate during the term of his leadership. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Supervisor Politi – Cathy provided everyone with a copy of the Budget Adjustments. What is the \$1500 for the cemetery, Larry?

Superintendent Straight – A power line blew up. The panel box inside the building had to be rewired back to the maintenance shop and then come to find out the power line had deteriorated. We had to go all the way back to the pole.

AUGUST 2014 Board Meeting Budget Amendments

ACTION	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REFERENCE	ADDITIONAL INFO
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.1110.0200	COURT. EQUIPMENT	265.19		VILLAGE OF LAKE PLACID FOR CHAIRS FOR COURT ROOM
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.1110.413	COURT. OFFICE SUPPLIES	99.00	VCHR 141836	BUCK SUPPLY TONER
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.1625.415	SARANAC LAKE TOWN HOUSE. BLDG REPAIRS	554.92	VCHR 141885	HARLOW EXCAVATION FOR SEWER REPAIR
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.8810.0416	CEMETERY GROUNDS REPAIR	1,500.00	VCHR 141889	TROUBLE SHOOTERS (ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$4574 OVER BUDGET)
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	A.8810.0416	CEMETERY GROUNDS REPAIR	200.00	VCHR 141788	LAKE PLACID RENTAL AND SUPPLY TRENCHER RENTAL
	A.9089.0910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, MANDATORY PHYSICAL EX/	191.58	VCHR 141805	STANDARD MEDICAL SERVICES. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RANDOM QTRLY TESTING
APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND BAL	A..0909	UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	<u>(2,810.89)</u>		
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5130.0414	HIGHWAY FUND MACHINERY OTHER CONSUMABLI	166.00	VCHR 141786	WELLS COMMUNICATION FOR REPLACEMENT
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5130.0417	HIGHWAY MACHINERY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	3,765.26	VCHR 141797	BATTERY, ESSEX COUNTY FOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	DB.5130.445	HIGHWAY MACHINERY ADVERTISING AND LEGAL	93.70	PO 27798	SEE ATTACHED LISTING
APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE	DB..0909	HIGHWAY UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	<u>(4,024.96)</u>		ADK DAILY ENTERPRISE ADV SURPLUS TRUCK FOR SALE
INCREASE EXPENDITURE	SW3.8320.0414	RAY BROOK OTHER CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	27.15	VCHR 141875	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES NOT BUDGETED-LAST YEAR BUDGET SPENT WAS \$1401.21... CURRENT FUND BALANCE IS \$35,256.6
DECREASE FUND BALANCE	SW3..909	RAY BROOK UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	<u>(27.15)</u>		

Supervisor Politi – I believe the \$200 for the Court is the shipping charges for the chairs that were part of a grant. I don't see anything else other than general housekeeping.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – RAY BROOK WELL SIGNAL

Supervisor Politi – Brad Hathaway called me this morning regarding problems he is having in Ray Brook with the tank. The tank is wired to send out a signal to the guys when there is a problem. He said over the last month they have had to go there three times a day. Evidently goes off because it is not working properly. He asked if this Board had any problem with him installing a wireless remote signal. They have the same in Lake Placid. The cost is about \$2,200. I told him I didn't think we would have a problem.

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Councilman Doty – We have \$35,000 in Ray Brook Fund Balance. We can use that on whatever we need to use it on. It does not have to stay with the tank.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the request of Brad Hathaway to install a wireless remote signal for the Ray Brook tank. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Attorney Briggs – What does this do?

Councilman Doty – It tells you if there is a problem. We use about 40,000 gallons a day in Ray Brook. When it gets down to half of that amount it triggers one of our alternating pumps to come on to refill it so the pressure stays the same.

Supervisor Politi – He told me that the system there is antiquated and goes off a few times a day. It's sending a false signal.

Councilman Doty – It's such an old system. With this wireless system If we are able to do this project with the State, we can use this same system across the road where there is a lagoon type reservoir. It's a good investment.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve installing a wireless remote signal at the Ray Brook tank. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – BIODIGESTER

Councilman Doty – Tammy Morgan has a friend whose expertise is being able to take multiple contracts like this and review them so there are no loopholes or something missing.

Councilman Miller – He drove up from Long Island to see where we are doing this project on the landfill property so he could put it all in context.

Councilman Doty – He has offered to do this at no charge. It is having another professional onboard that is certainly welcome. Originally, we thought we would use Larry's salt shed for the biodigester. In retrospect, we are thinking down near the compost. It is more realistic because at times when volume is small the compost will fill in as a substitute to feed the biodigester. We looked at the site with Larry, Shannon, Bob, myself, Mike, Tammy and Doug Farris. It was a good meeting.

Councilman Miller – The site is down low so you won't see a building up high. It will be hidden by the bank. We were talking about using the affluent on the ball field and Derek suggested since we are only doing it twice a year we can truck it. We are continuing to move forward. We know the contract with Bioferm needs to be approved by this board and signed by the Supervisor. Does the County also have to approve and sign?

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Supervisor Politi - It's a Town of North Elba grant. Maybe Dan Manning does, but it is not going to be an issue.

Councilman Doty – Casella is on board with organic separation. You are working with the County to see where landfills are going in general.

Supervisor Politi – We just put an RFP out and got two bids. It is confusing and they haven't made a decision on what they are going to do.

Councilman Miller – We have questions on who is going to be running the biodigester. Our initial thought was to have a Town employee taking care of it, but it looks like Casella really is interested in this project. Since they are the ones hauling it, they could be the ones taking over to run the program.

Councilman Doty – That is where Mike's expertise comes in. Tammy does not want to stay involved as an operational entity. This small unit that we are putting in is a "test phase". Any growth can be done with new units that we would buy to couple on to what is there.

Councilman Miller – We went with smaller units for several reasons; if it is as successful as we think it may be, we are going to have more of a demand than we can possibly match so we can throw the duplicate system right next door. The advantage of that is if one is down you always have the other running while fixing the down machine.

Supervisor Politi – The landfill situation is becoming a big issue. There is a State Law that says no landfills in the Park. It will affect the County because the County gets paid by the State of New York to maintain transfer stations. That runs out in 2018 and it remains to be seen where we are headed. The real problem on the County level is Lake Placid can survive on its own but unfortunately the little Towns like Newcomb and Minerva could not survive if we weren't part of the system. It is a double edge sword. The decision you make might be good for you but it might really hurt other communities. It is something we are going to have to balance in the future.

Councilman Doty – I'm sure Franklin County will no longer be a destination as well.

Councilman Miller – It was Tammy's idea to use the biodigester for commercial use only until we get on our feet and understand how to operate it.

Supervisor Politi – You are going to have a lot of people who are all into this and want to bring their stuff.

Councilman Doty – It is the control aspect that we are really worried about. If there is any price forgiveness on organic waste, then people will say the pair of old shoes won't make a difference. That could put a wrench into it.

Councilman Miller – We are moving forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – UNION NEGOTIATIONS

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Councilman Miller – The Union negotiations are still waiting for the union to get back to us on terminology. That is the only thing.

Supervisor Politi – Is Ron on Board with that?

Attorney Briggs was unfamiliar what the terminology regarded.

Councilman Miller – We are only waiting on how to identify the High Deductible Healthcare Plan. They're proposal named a plan and for all we know that plan might not be around. We are trying to figure out a way to...

Attorney Briggs – They want to keep it vague so they can argue anything they want.

Councilman Miller – No actually they want to name a plan.

Attorney Briggs – If the plan is no longer there, it gives them a lot to argue about.

Councilman Miller - We will run it by you as we get there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – ORDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Doty – How do we move forward on the potential ORDA committee? Do we have to send out letters after we chose names?

Supervisor Politi – Before you announce the names, it might be a good idea to ask the people if they have any interest in being on the committee. We had discussed nine out of ten persons and when we come to that last person we will have to get the list to Joe who seems to want to take the lead on it.

Councilman Rand – Joe Lamb will be at the Development Committee meeting Thursday.

Councilman Miller – That is for the Advisory Board but we still have a term expiring on the Board of Directors. Do you want to begin a discussion?

Supervisor Politi – I think it would be appropriate to start discussing it in October. Last year we voted in November. The issue always is getting the name of whoever you choose into the Governor's Appointment Office for consideration and review because it has to go to Senate which sometimes takes a while.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Councilman Rand – For the summer months it seems that Art Devlin and I outnumbered the attendees at Dean's Development Board. I know a couple of people have resigned. If anyone has some good candidates with energy and for site, it would be great to get them involved.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS – REVIEW BOARD

Supervisor Politi – We have to fill Mike Orticelle’s position on the Planning Board. The Village will also have a position to fill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – AMBULANCE SERVICE

Councilman Favro – I met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Ambulance Service talking about coverage. Currently, if they need an extra driver the Fire Department is going down with the EMTs from the Ambulance Service. We discussed possible cost but because they can bill for services they get about 60% back. They are now in the process of giving us numbers to give us what they need to make something happen. Hopefully we will know more this month.

Supervisor Politi – Have we had any other issues since?

Councilman Favro – None. There has been adequate coverage as I can tell. They are still looking for members. They need drivers or business people to help with books or promotions. People can help in many different ways. It is a national problem and not just here. They are trying.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – AIRPORT CRACK REPAIR

Superintendent Straight reported the Taxiway Crack Repair project will start September 15th. The other projects are complete. The contracts have been signed by Supervisor Politi and Attorney Briggs.

Supervisor Politi – We will have to figure out the road going into the Lacrosse fields for next year because of the hill the way it is. I want to remind you that we are going to have to budget.

Superintendent Straight – Bob Burnell will be up next week to talk to me about what I want to do next year on my roads.

Supervisor Politi – Are we going to have to do both sides?

Superintendent Straight – Just the one side. We will create an inch and a half below the asphalt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – C&D

Supervisor Politi asked for an update on the C&D situation? Superintendent Straight reported that they are taking C&D on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The contractor who is working on the Catholic Church wanted permission to bring it in on other days however he was told he could not because it would set a precedent.

Councilman Doty – Are we close to our threshold on the new one?

Superintendent Straight – It is 3/4's full.

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Supervisor Politi – We are going to decide what to do soon. I believe they are charging \$35/ton to grind and they will truck it out for free. We will have to start allocating money each year to start reducing that down. The pictures of the lacrosse folks with the pile is not very becoming of our community. I would like to get it down to a flat level and then continue to grind and truck out. We can cap it and put something on it.

Superintendent Straight – I’m sure we are governed by DEC on what we can and what we can’t do. If you decide that you want to cap that, we can get a permit from DEC and grind it every 6 months and take it out of there.

Councilman Doty asked what the cost was to take it down and Superintendent Straight stated \$300 per ton which is about \$600,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LACROSSE FIELDS

Supervisor Politi – The issue of the use of the lacrosse field has come up; people wanting to use them more and more. I am hesitant about using them because Larry has to take the sand off the road and won’t start paving until June. In addition, we have the new field project going on. I’m concerned about all the people wanting to come utilize the fields. I know they are community fields but then again I think we have to be careful about having them hurt by overuse.

Councilman Doty – The heal time is important.

Supervisor Politi – I mentioned to you that Canadian Hockey Enterprises wants to do another lacrosse thing in June and I told the guy today that is doesn’t make any sense. You have to pave the road. It’s a business decision and we have to do what we feel is best for the community. Until we get the road and the field done, we have to be careful about how much use and what it is being utilized for. It’s like two Ironman coming to Lake Placid. You can only take so much before we have too many events and too much going on.

APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #’S

Supervisor Politi asked for approval of the audits

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 09/09/14			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	142602.62	30687.64	173290.26
B FUND GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	161.94	49.88	211.82
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	5371.81	8752.79	14124.6
H11 APRON EXPANSION CONST.AND TW DESIGN	119266.4	0	119266.4
H42 HIGHWAY MACHINERY PURCHASE			0
RD04-TAHAWAS WAY ROAD DISTRICT			0
SF1 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT			0
SF2 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT			0
SF3 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT			0

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SP PARK DISTRICT	47387.13	19608.96	66996.09
SS21 CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT			0
SW1 SEWER DISTRICT #1			0
SW2 MCKENZIE			0
SW3 RAY BROOK	27.15	73.8	100.95
T TRUST & AGENCY			0
TE PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST			0
Batch 1432-1435	314817.05	59173.07	373990.12
141712-141713; 141720; 141752-141758; 141760-141810; 141832-141895; 141897-141914			
Batch 999 (Payroll)	0	53429.16	53429.16
141628-141631; 141722-141751; 141811-141831			
Batch - HELD	0	0	0
DELETED VOUCHERS:			
141759; 141896	0		

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Budget Adjustments 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 Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie C. Dudley, Town Clerk