

Regular Town Board Meeting  
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Minutes of a Regular Town Board held on the above date beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas Shipman Youth Center, 61 Cummins Road, Lake Placid, New York 12946.

Members Present: Supervisor Roby Politi, Councilmen: Jack Favro, Chuck Damp, Bob Miller and Denice P. Fredericks, Deputy Town Clerk.

Members Excused: Councilman Jay Rand.

Others Present: Attorney Ronald Briggs, Kim Dedam, Jacob Resneck, Dick Smith, Connie Issleb, Sean Ayers, Jack Vitvitisky, Michael Pall, Frank Sapone, Jon Fremante, Dmitry Feld and members of the Shipman Youth Center.

Supervisor Politi called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Politi stated I would like to thank everyone for coming as I decided to take our little show on the road and come to a different venue which is kind of fun and I would like to thank Jon Fremante and the Shipman Youth Center not only for their interest for having us here but also their hospitality with the cookies and drinks. He stated I do want to say that we just felt that it was necessary for us to get an opportunity not only for the Town Board to see the building and get an idea of what was going on here at the Youth Center but also to try and encourage some of the younger people to get more connected with local government. He stated this is our way of doing that and hopefully in the future as Jack mentioned we may want to have a meeting at the high rise so we can have a meeting with the senior citizens then in July and September we will be in Saranac Lake at the Town House the Town Hall building over there. He stated I would like to run through our general meeting first then if any of the younger people that are here have any questions we can answer.

Supervisor Politi stated Dmitry I think you wanted to say a few words so I will give you the floor before we start.

Dmitry Feld stated thank you very much for coming to the Shipman Youth Center my name is Dmitry Feld and I am the president of the board for the Shipman Youth Center. He stated I have been involved with the Shipman Youth Center from day one, I was privileged to know Tom Shipman when I moved to Lake Placid in 1984 he was a police officer whose job was to work with young kids. He stated what struck me about Tom Shipman was that his idea was not to scare kids but was to give them love. he stated at age 39 Tom Shipman passed away from an unfortunate incident leaving a wife and three kids but his dream became like a fire in this community and citizens from this Town and Village raised money and the school district donated the land but it is owned by the Shipman Youth Center. He stated it is one of the youth centers in upstate New York that is owned by a not for profit organization. He stated we put a lot of love in to this center for kids, and we are not for profit we appreciate anybody that supports us the Town of North Elba has been a great supporter for many years and the Village of Lake Placid. He stated this sends a message to our kids that our government does care about us. He stated that last year alone we had 400 different kids and we are averaging 15 kids a day and we are open 6 days a week now. He stated Jon just got back from taking 8 kids and 3 adults to New York City it was an experience that they could not have without this facility. He stated one thing we are very proud of is the Barbecue Festival July 3rd to July 6th and I want to invite you all, in the last two year we were able to raise \$20,000 each year and the youth center is using the money for operational costs and we have invested the money in a trust fund and right now we have \$82,000.00. He stated if you ever have any questions you are welcome to ask me and Jon always available and he has does a heck of a job and thank you very much for coming and hopefully you will come again.

Supervisor Politi stated the first announcement I want to make and I spoke to Jon earlier just so you know is the Town has budgeted \$14,000. which you will receive for the skate board park.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on the minutes of the Public Hearing/ Regular Town Board Meeting of March 11, 2008.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written and presented. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by members present with Councilman Damp abstaining.

Supervisor Politi asked if there are any additional items for the agenda?

Supervisor Politi then asked for a motion on the proposed agenda.

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Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by members present.

Supervisor Politi stated persons have the opportunity to speak that are not on the agenda.

Supervisor Politi stated the first item under old business is the McKenzie Subdivision and I do want to report a couple of things on that. He stated first of all we had a couple of contractors out about ten days ago when the snow was still there it's not there anymore so we couldn't get those numbers at that time but they are coming it is my understanding that we will have them within the first week, we will have a asphalt price tomorrow and we will have crusher run prices tomorrow so hopefully we will have some kind of numbers within the next week to two weeks. He stated I know Larry Straight has contacted a number of contractors and I have spoken personally to Andy Abdullah and I have gone over and inspected the roads in the subdivision and I think that Jack Favro has done the same and Ron Briggs went today so there are a number of us that have gone through there now. I want to also tell you that I have some concerns now that I have been over there and have seen the condition of the roads. He stated you don't have prices yet but I am concerned with the price of black top obviously, my estimates are that from what I am hearing I believe the black top plant opens within the next week and from what I am hearing the cost of black top could be close to double from what it was only a year ago. He stated I want you to understand that we have a number of issues to get over to get those roads to specifications and in the event that the costs have risen so dramatically that it doesn't make sense if that happens given the price increases that this could be done in phases or are you stuck on just trying to get it all done at one time?

Frank Sapone stated I don't know if I want to speak for all the homeowners but I was just talking to Mike about that I don't have a problem with phases. He stated I am looking more just to elevate the liability from all the homeowners and have the Town start maintaining the roads and if you can't black top it till next year that's fine with me, but I just want to get a resolution saying yes we are going to do it that is what it is going to cost and whatever your time frame to do it is okay with me. He stated I don't think any of the homeowners are going to have an issue with it I am telling everybody we are not going to see any black top if this does happen until the fall.

Supervisor Politi stated the one road that probably is manageable is Tadd's Way I know it needs some crusher run and so forth but it is the most traveled and the widest. He stated the main issues as I see them there, are one the entrance way has got to go and there are a couple of trees those huge white pines that may be in jeopardy I am not going to tell you that they are. He stated one of the thing I found and I don't know if Ron or Jack noticed this but as you go off the main road and you go down to the right toward Covey Way this plan show there is a cul-de-sac but there is no cul-de-sac and there's no way a plow could turn around usually there is a hammer head or a cul-de-sac that has a T but in that particular location now if bear to the left there you are going right on to that gentlemen's property I don't know whose it is but I doubt he wants you on his property to turn that plow. He stated I am concerned about that and when I talked to Andy I got the impression Andy wasn't aware that, that was the case. He stated did he come out in the field and inspect every single roadway?

Frank Sapone stated supposedly he told us he was out there and Norm Harlow was out there but the roads aren't where the survey shows that are suppose to be. He stated maps show there is a cul-de-sac there but when you physically look at it it's not there. He stated that is where the engineer and the survey and the contractor will have to sit down and shoot some lines and say hey this is where the road is for the survey and this is where the new road is going to be. He stated I think even that homeowner at the end there is like where is the road going to be and I think he knows his driveway might be part of the road.

Supervisor Politi I think that the cost of doing that work was not built in to Andy's report and when I talked to him about it he didn't realize there wasn't any cul-de-sac there and I said how did you bid that and he said I bid it off of the plan and the plan shows it on it just as you said.

Michael Pall stated he had commented originally on all the hammer heads and cul-de-sacs an stuff like that and he was aware that was an issue but he said something like it wouldn't be an issue, but again I wasn't sure what he was thinking.

Supervisor Politi stated I did talk to him and he said he knew the cul-de-sac wasn't

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there but he knew the hammer head would have to be built. He stated I am not saying it's a big deal but with the estimate it is going to throw things off. He stated as I read through this and all of Andy's concerns and he said he was concerned about the depth of the gravel base, that there was about 14,000 feet of road bank outside of the right away and that 3,850 feet of the road was more than 5 feet outside the center line. He stated those are things that can be adjusted but he was also concerned about the asphalt costs when I talked to him and there was a small section going out by the Ironwood where the grade exceed 12% and it would have to be cut down. He stated it was something Norm said he would help with. He stated again, I am just prefacing all this to tell you until we have the numbers we can't go any where, but I am a little concerned that it may be hard with what I see in petroleum.

Frank Sapone stated he had figured in 10% for the rise in black top and then he said he had figured in \$40,000. or \$50,000. in construction labor fees already figured into that cost. He stated when Norm saw that \$300,000. figure he couldn't believe it, he was expecting more like \$200,000. just for him driving the roads and figuring out the amount of work there was going to be so Andy is making it sound like this \$288,000. plus the 10% will be about \$312,000. Andy still felt that as of a month ago that would cover the costs the last time I spoke to him.

Supervisor Politi stated if the plant comes out with the cost per ton of \$100.00 you are looking at that alone being \$200,000. just for black top, I am told the price is going to be in the 90's so I don't know if that is the case but I got that from Norm today. He stated I will know tomorrow about the black top and I am casually optimistic in yet I am very concerned. He stated I will have all the costs from the contractors and I will be able to give you an idea of what those costs are and at that point then we will have to decide if it is a go fine, if it's not a go then you will have to decide if you want to decide to do this in phases.

Frank Sapone stated you are talking about phases because of the costs running so much.

Supervisor Politi stated say we did this and the costs came in because of the increase costs of oil and increase costs of crusher run and it comes instead of being \$300,000. it comes in at \$800,000. now what are you going to do, do you want to say okay obviously that is to much of a cost maybe what we want to do is just do Tadd's Way all the way to one point so at least that is paved and the Town plows to that one area so that the cost is reduced at least for a lot of people maintaining the main road. He stated that is something you are going to have to address as homeowners.

Frank Sapone stated so say you went to the fours corners that would be the only thing the Town would assume responsibility for and the rest would still be private?

Supervisor Politi stated yes until such time we would have to phase in the next part. He stated all I can do is give you the prices.

Frank Sapone stated we already discussed that and I think the homeowners didn't want to break it up like that it was all or none with the roads I was thinking when you meant phases was d some this year do some the next year, that's what I thought.

Supervisor Politi stated we can do that too, but I mean we can do some this year and some the next year and so forth and build that into your costs but the costs are just going to go up.

Councilman Favro stated we know it has to be done when you see it it is obvious but if it goes really high in costs that's something you are going to have to figure out.

Frank Sapone stated at the next meeting we should know absolutely the costs and then at that point it would make sense for us to...

Supervisor Politi stated I will know the costs before the next meeting and I don't have any problem with you coming into my office. He stated aren't you the president of the HOA come in with a couple of people and we will go over it so that it will not come as a surprise to you, it may be fine.

Jack Vitvitsky stated with the consideration you are staging this project is it possible for the Town to plow roads before they are paved?

Supervisor Politi stated no not legally if I do that then we would have to go do Pennisula Road, Mount Whitney Road we would have to do the roads off Averyville that are privately maintained and aren't to specifications and if you start to set a precedent everybody wants it done and it is against State Law. He stated I have said

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this before if somebody has a problem if there was a problem in the McKenzie subdivision this winter this was a real problem and there was a safety issue and somebody needed help our plows would be over there immediately to help out even if it is a private road we are going to do that because everyone is a citizen of the Town and we have to do that but we can't do it on a regular basis.

Supervisor Politi stated if there are not any other issues or questions on McKenzie we will move on to bringing everybody up to date on the Adirondack Loj Road. He stated I have a meeting on April 30th in Glens Falls at 4:00 p.m. in Senator Little's office and DEC Regional Director Betsey Lowe will be there and the Senator will be there as well as representatives of the Department of Transportation to discuss the problems with the bridge and potential solutions.

Supervisor Politi suggested another Board Member attend and Chuck Damp will attend with the Supervisor and if he can't Bob Miller will.

Supervisor Politi stated next is the Municipal Consulting Agreement with Ivan Zdrahal, unfortunately Chuck wasn't here at our workshop meeting and wasn't privy to those discussions that we had on what Ivan has actually done and the help that he has given us in working on the soccer fields presently he is giving us the exact prices the Village has and there is no mileage fee and basically he has been working gratis for us to get the extension of the water district. He stated Brad has always helped us out.

Supervisor Politi stated can I get a motion to approve that Municipal Agreement for a period of one year with termination at any time.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of the Municipal Consulting Agreement for a term of one year with termination at any time. Discussion? There being no discussion, the Supervisor asked for a roll call vote; Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE, Councilman Miller; AYE and Supervisor Politi; AYE. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated we will now move on to the Museum Litigation and Ronnie can you give us an update on that.

Attorney Briggs stated the matter is subjudice that is to say it is fully submitted to the court and we are waiting a decision by the Court. He stated that is the only report.

Supervisor Politi stated I am told we may get a decision from the Supreme Court within the next few weeks.

Attorney Briggs stated they are suppose to make a decision with 60 days and often times Supreme Court judges don't do that but that is what they are suppose to do which would mean a couple of weeks.

Supervisor Politi stated the other item under old business was the issue of funding request from the Adirondack Regional Airport. He stated Jim McKenna did give us his comments on the contractual relationship with the Adirondack Regional Airport and he was very positive on it so given the relationships we have had in the past and moving forward it is something we should consider. He stated I know that you Chuck and Jack had some valid concerns.

Councilman Favro stated basically what Jim had said was that the benefit pretty much for the small planes coming in and the leer jets and things like that. Mainly he felt that Plattsburgh was the primary focus. He stated I have a struggle with it based on past stuff.

Supervisor Politi stated I think Jim's feelings were also along the line Chuck that an awful lot of people who use that airport are people who are visiting our community and they are people that land at that airport and end up staying in Lake Placid.

Councilman Damp stated is the \$2,000. a marketing arrangement?

Councilman Favro stated if it helps move something positive along in that direction then I am okay.

Supervisor Politi stated I had a very good chat with Supervisor Miller from the Town of Harrietstown and I thought this was opening the door for our two communities to have a closer bond. He stated I know there were some issues in the past but he it may of been some miscommunications and he was apologetic and wants to move forward. Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion to approve the

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signing of the contract of services with the Town of Harrietstown in the amount of \$2,000. Supervisor Politi asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE, Councilman Miller; AYE and Supervisor Politi; AYE. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated there is one thing that I would like to announce and I think that Jon is aware that there is a CYC job fair and it is connecting youth to the community it's a program supported by Essex County Board of Supervisors and it is worth while opportunity for the younger members of the community to get together so I wanted to make that known to everybody.

Jon Fremante stated it is to shown kids where job opportunities are not what jobs are out there for them.

Supervisor Politi stated under old business we need to adopt a resolution approving the Consulting Agreement for Design of Runway Crack and Drainage Improvements at the Lake Placid Airport. He stated it is a lump sum agreement which is a part of the FAA DOT grant money and it is necessary for us to move forward so we can receive that funding to we can approve the repair of damages to the runway in the amount of \$39,975. for engineering fees.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the resolution approving the Consulting Agreement for Design of Runway Crack & Drainage Improvements to the Lake Placid Airport. Discussion? There being no discussion the Supervisor asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Miller; AYE, Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE, and Supervisor Politi; AYE. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated that next we need to adopt a resolution to extend the water district for new soccer fields and the rear section of Cascade Acres. He stated the rear section of Cascade Acres is more a house keeping item they presently have water there but for some reason that section was not included in the original water district. He stated the water district will include this section of the airport where the soccer fields now are located, a portion of the landfill and the rear section of Cascade Acres. He stated it is necessary for us to have a water district if we want to supply the soccer fields with water.

Supervisor Politi read the Resolution Authorizing and Approving Extension No. 6 of Water District No 1. of the Town of North Elba.

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of North Elba has identified a need for the extension of the existing water District No. 1 for the purposes of including areas outside of the district that currently receive benefit of Water District No. 1 as well as providing water to the Town property designated for future use as soccer fields: and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the following tax parcels as the lands to be included in the extension of Water District NO. 1 : a portion of tax parcel no. 42-004-4-36, lands n/f of MH Communities LP (Cascade Mobile Home Park); a portion of tax parcel no. 42.004-4-35, Land n/f of Town of North Elba (Landfill); and a portion of tax parcel NO.. 42.004-4-33, Lands n/f of Town of North Elba (Airport); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a report from Ivan Zdrahal Associates, PLLC, its consulting engineer, entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Town of North Elba Water District No. 1 proposed Extension No. 6", dated April 2008, which describes the proposed extension; and

WHEREAS, the extension will no have a significant impact on the water supply as the Cascade Mobil Home Park and Landfill lands are currently included in the supply demands for Water District. No 1 and the projected increase to supply water to the future site of the soccer fields is minimal and well within the capacity of Village of Lake Placid Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of North Elba has conducted an full and comprehensive single agency review of the potentially adverse environmental impacts from the proposed extension of Water District No. 1 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and duly issued a Negative Declaration pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, the extension is required due to the public necessity to have a reliable and quality water supply;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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That based upon the Town Board's thorough and careful review of the proposed extension of Water District No. 1 and all other materials submitted in connection therewith, and the important public interest to be served by said extension, the Town Board has decided to proceed with said extension; and be it further resolved

That the extension of Water District No 1. will promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of North Elba; and be it further resolved

That the Town Board take any and all steps reasonably necessary to effectuate Extension No. 6 of Water District No. 1 in the Map, Plan and Report date April 2008, as soon as practicable.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the resolution to extend the Water District as read by Supervisor Politi. Supervisor Politi asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Miller; AYE, Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE and Supervisor Politi; AYE. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated we need approval to seek prices for water line and electrical line materials for that soccer fields which we discussed. he stated I would like to have the Board's approval to move forward to do so.

Councilman Miller stated it that to bring it to the fields?

Supervisor Politi stated it was recommended by Ivan that we irrigate with one irrigation line that will go between the fields one pipe line then we will purchase a water can that moves along in between that area similar to the one the school just bought that will water two acres at a time that we can move up and down the fields.

Councilman Favro stated I have two small water wheels that I told Butch I wasn't using that he can use to get started.

Supervisor Politi stated the prices are going to be obtained by the Village of Lake Placid, the Village of Lake Placid has been extremely co-operative Superintendent Peter Kroha of the Electric Department and Superintendent Brad Hathaway have gone out of there way to help us with this project and that relationship continues to be strong we will buy the materials and they will help put that material in so that the labor costs will be decreased.

Supervisor Politi stated I will give you a brief update AP Reale will be here and they have started the fencing today and they are going to start screening the topsoil tomorrow they are bringing a grader in on the 25th and they are going to prepare 3 fields for final topsoil and hydro seeding then they will finish about the 30th the rest of the hydro seeding.

Supervisor Politi stated I think you all have a copy of the next resolution this resolution is regarding eligibility for group health insurance coverage for part time elected officials, Town Supervisor and part time appointed professionals. He stated this is something I believe has come up before by Chuck sometime ago. he asked if there are any comments on this resolution as written?

Councilman Miller stated what do you feel about board members paying full cost?

Supervisor Politi stated I don't have a problem with that.

Councilman Miller stated I am the only one that takes anything from it.

Supervisor Politi stated that doesn't include dental.

Councilman Miller stated should it include dental too?

Supervisor Politi stated no I don't think it needs to include dental I don't think it is enough of an expense there is a reason for that, we have people on our BTI program that are on dental only.

Councilman Miller stated I thought this resolution was only about part time elected officials.

Supervisor Politi read the resolution which is filed in the Town Clerk's office and made part of these minutes.

Supervisor Politi stated no one is on our plan now given the fact that Bob gets his insurance with his job and Jack the same and Chuck and I are the same as well as

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a number of the people involved but what it means is if today we were all on this program and that meaning the Supervisor as well as the four Town Board Members as well as the two part time assessors and the two Town Justices the monthly savings to the Town would be approximately \$11,800.00 a month and the annual savings taking out the fact that the employees would be paying 25% \$105,500.00 so over the course of a year in the future it is going to be substantial savings to the taxpayer and it is something that Board thought was necessary given the part time status of all of us we didn't feel that we should be treated the same way as the full time people were necessarily treated and it will be a tremendous savings to the taxpayer. He stated I don't mind modifying the resolution to say that any individual may continue to participate provided that they pay or any Town Board Members or part time elected provided that they pay 100%.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion to approve of the motion with the modification. Discussion?

Councilman Damp stated that it is the Town's policy now to continue benefits after you have been here for 10 years that you get benefits till death.

Supervisor Politi called for a roll call vote: Councilman Miller; AYE, Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE and Supervisor Politi; Aye. The motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated we have received a letter of request from Terry Kent regarding the approval of the Lake Placid International Regatta Race for portage over Mirror Lake on to Lake Placid to be held on the 5th and 6th of July and on the 6th of July that race will be held on Lake Placid and will be a marathon event which will include Mirror Lake as well as lake Placid and around Buck Island and Moose Island then returning to the state boat launch a portage at the boat launch and then back to the Community Beach. He stated I have spoken with Butch and he has no problem with it and I have spoken with Terry Kent and from what I understand the Village Board has approved the use and he will provide the necessary insurance and as well as police security protection at that location in the Town where they cross the road on Mirror Lake Drive. He stated it is my understanding that it is to be held early in the morning on the date of July 6th with about 400 participants.

Supervisor Politi stated I would like approval subject to those conditions.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion for the approval of the Lake Placid International Regatta Race for portage over Mirror Lake Drive to be held July 5th and 6th. Discussion?

There being no discussion, the motion was moved unanimously by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated I want to take the time for the Town Board to endorse the Community clean up day I know the Village calls it Village clean up day but it really is Community clean up day to be held this weekend on the 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. just so everyone knows there will be a registration at the box office at 9:00 pm and lunch at the skating oval at 11:45. He stated we provide a voucher so the waste that is picked up and collected is brought to our landfill and if you have a dump pass it is taken into the dump at no cost. He stated it is a community beautification event and there are so many people participate I want everyone here to tell their friends.

Dick Smith stated are the passes for people who participate?

Supervisor Politi stated it is for people who participate in the program and Larry Straight has them. he stated unfortunately we have done this before Dick and everybody brings there garbage to the dump and it kind of defeats the purpose of cleaning the streets, roads and lots and yards so we have kind of avoided that so if you go and want to participate you will get one of these and you can take your stuff.

Supervisor Politi stated one of the things that came up is we have a 21 foot Zodiak boat, motor and trailer that was to be used by the BTI people but has been used more by the Fire Department and the question is do we want to consider transferring the title t the Lake Placid Village Fire Department. He stated the fire department would maintain it.

Supervisor Politi stated I need a motion to transfer title to the Lake Placid Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to transfer the title of the 21 foot Zodiac boat to the Lake Placid Village Volunteer Fire

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Department. Discussion?

There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated I believe the Village has approved the use of the beach area for the Lake Placid Central School Builders Club as a fund raiser also for this weekend. He stated they will be providing a insurance certificate.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller carried the motion to approve of the Lake Placid Central School Builders Club using the beach area. Discussion?

There being no discussion the motion was unanimously carried by members present.

Supervisor Politi stated we need to approve a request from the highway Superintendent for Larry to attend highway school at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York between June 2nd and June 4th.

Councilman Damp stated I am just curious why are we approving highway?

Supervisor Politi stated it was his request.

Councilman Favro stated it is general information.

Supervisor Politi stated I need a motion to approve of Shannon's attending the Solid waste and Recycling Conference at the Sagamore Hotel May 4th to the 7th.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of Shannon attending the Solid waste and Recycling Conference at the Sagamore Hotel May 4th to the 7th. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated this is something we need to discuss because Junior Hence is not with the highway department he passed away last winter and we need have not filled that position.

Councilman Favro stated what his position does is during the winter he works at the Airport plus he ran the tractor and grader and in the Summer he mowed the Airport and the sides of the roads. He stated we are looking for somebody that is round rounded so that they can work at the highway and the airport so it is pretty versatile.

Supervisor Politi stated if this has no problem we tell Larry to go ahead and advertise for the position.

Supervisor Politi stated I also wanted to note there is a Affordable Housing Seminar April 28th at 9:30 in the morning at the Town of Harrietstown. He stated I have a County Board Meeting at that time but Chuck you have signed up for it.

Supervisor Politi asked Attorney Briggs if he has anything else to come before this Board.

Attorney Briggs stated no I have nothing further.

Supervisor Politi stated are there any other committee reports you want to discuss do you want to discuss the fact you are having a meeting on recycling.

Councilman Miller stated Jack and I are hosting a short small brain storming session I think we have about a dozen people coming to the meeting where we can talk about possibly of transforming the dump into a recycling center. He stated maybe we can find ways to recycle goods that right now are going into the landfill. The meeting is May 7th at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on the budget transfers as recommended by Cathy Gregory our Budget Officer and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of the budget transfers as recommended. Supervisor Politi asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Miller; AYE, Councilman Favro: AYE, Councilman Damp; AYE and Supervisor Politi; AYE. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi stated as far as Essex County updates is concerned I want everybody to know there was a resolution appointing Bernie Roy from Lake Placid as

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interim Director of Real Property Services he has been sworn in and has taken over that position for Barry Miller who has been there for a number of years. He stated there also was a resolution in the County authorizing an additional reimbursements to Town's of an additional 20% of funding for plowing, salt and sand. He stated we will get an additional 20% allotment to the Town of North Elba for that because of the harsh winter and the fact that so many Town's expended all of there monies for salt and plowing which we didn't but we will also benefit from that. There was also a resolution supporting the Town of North Elba and the Village of Lake Placid with there application for safe routes to school grant dealing specifically with the bike path in the area of Old Military Road connecting with the Elementary School and the High School and there is also a radio meeting tomorrow dealing with the worst radio system in Town.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the audits as per the audit number as follows: 80184,80191,80193, 80195, 80200, 80479-80525, 80547, 80549-80580,80581-80585, 80587-80602, 80605-80626, 80647-80719.

	REGULAR	PREPAID
Town General	180,184.46	37,397.44
Town Wide Highway Fund (DA)	3,710.40	73,708.36
Town Wide Highway Fund (DB)	463.50	-
Adk Loj Rd Bridge Rep. (H32)	9.65	-
Fuel Dispensing System (H45)	1,238.37	-
Park District (SP)	341,021.45	24,806.77
Pennisula Sewer Dist. (SS14)	435.00	-
Fawn Ridge Sewer Dist.(SS15)	5,375.00	-
Whiteface Inn Sewer Dist.(SS16)	1,167.50	-
Ruisseaumont Sewer Dist.(SS17)	505.00	-
Placid Heights Sewer Dist.(SS18)	322.50	-
Sentinel Heights Sew.Dist.(SS19)	1,245.00	-
Water District #1 (SW1)	1,700.00	-
Mckenzie Water District(SW2)	2,940.54	67.10
Ray Brook Water District (SW3)	608.20	954.95
Trust & Agency T	-	127.58
Totals Claims	540,926.57	137,062.20

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the audits as presented and paid. There being no discussion, the motion was carried by those present with Councilman abstaining due to vacation.

Supervisor Politi asked if there is anything else to come before this Board.

Jon Fremante stated the kids wanted to hear you talk about the soccer fields the school and they listened to all that.

Supervisor Politi asked is there anything else to come before the Board?

Jacob Resneck stated the thing with the Lake Placid Airport is there a matching grant for that.

Supervisor Politi stated this is something that we passed before there is a engineer involved with every aspect of the improvements of the Airport so this is an engineering cost that goes along with it. He stated it is actually filling in all the cracks that maybe you have seen the photographs of all the cracks in the runway and yes the Town has to provide matching monies at 2 1/2 percent.

Jacob Resneck asked if that \$39,500.00 is towards your 2 1/2 percent match.

Attorney Briggs stated no that is the engineering fees.

Councilman Damp stated the whole thing is about \$400,000.00 and of that \$39,500 is the engineering fees.

Jacob Resneck stated when was the funding stopped for the Adirondack Regional Airport?

Councilman Damp stated it was about two years ago.

Jacob Resneck stated what was the contribution?

Councilman Damp stated it was \$8,000.00.

Jacob Resneck stated it was \$8,000.00 in 2006 nothing in 2007 and now \$2,000.00

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in 2008.

Supervisor Politi stated this is what was budgeted in 2007 for the year 2008 budget that was the amount that was budgeted he stated it was never approved or paid this Board is approving it. He stated there was some discussion on it and we wanted to hear from Jim Mckenna and his father was ill and he wasn't able to be here for almost 2 months.

Jacob Resneck state in the year 2007 they got nothing and in the year 2006 they got \$8,000.00.

Councilman Damp stated I did go to the water meeting in Saranac Lake and at this point they reviewed some engineering plans and I think I gave you a copy and three different scenarios of bringing water to the prisons primarily was the main motivation there and we at some point in time will have to meet and decide if we want to be involved with this water system.

Councilman Damp stated the Appearance Committee met in the Town Hall and basically what they seemed to be interested in is some more local communication.

Supervisor Politi stated they want direction.

Councilman Damp stated that the consensus is there is going to be another meeting the beginning of May and will decide how to move forward.

Supervisor Politi stated Ron would you did attend the bike path meeting because Chuck was out of Town.

Attorney Briggs stated it was Tim Holmes, Ivan Zdrahal our engineer met two days ago to talk about where do we go from here with the recreational path and the bike path. He stated the engineering firm that had been working with the Town on this project has lost interest in remaining involved and so we spoke with them and they have decided that we are going to terminate contractual relations with them and are going to go into the market place with a RFP to select another engineer to complete Phase I and also to do some specs for design estimates for Phase II. He stated that will be done in very short order Ivan is preparing the RFP with me and once we complete the draft it will be reviewed by Tim Holmes and I am sure you Chuck and we will get that published and get moving and Phase I and Phase II.

Supervisor Politi stated we need to go to the bid process you can't go to the bid process without engineering the engineering firm bailed out on us we don't owe them any money they just aren't finishing the job so we have half plans that need to be finished in order for us to go to a bid process to hire someone to start this process.

Attorney Briggs stated what happend was there were two engineers involved with the group that are no longer with that company that are located in Buffalo they are just not interested in the project. He stated they owe us nothing we owe them nothing.

Supervisor Politi stated they just didn't finish the work.

Councilman Miller stated will this hold us up for this season?

Councilman Damp stated we are going to make every effort to move forward.

Supervisor Politi stated we have to complete the engineering by this year or we lose some of the grant monies so it is necessity to get this done.

Councilman Damp stated I would like to have some kind of RFP soon but the likelihood is that we aren't going to have Phase I done till next year.

Councilman Damp stated like we discussed with the people from McKenzie Pond I ahve a strong feeling we are going to heading toward stone dust surface as opposed to McCadam surface.

Dick Smith stated are the soceer fields going to be irrigated with treated water?

Supervisor Politi stated yes we can't take it out of the river.

Dick Smith stated couldn't you use either grey water or drill a well.

Supervisor Politi stated we talked about the possibilty of trying to get the water from Sergi Lussi's irrigation pond but there was such along run to get it from there and the solution came from Brad Hathaway and Larry Straight.

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Dick Smith stated I think at this stage of the game for time you might have to do that but grey water would be ideal but the cost to getting it there. He stated the second thought was maybe working with the school system I don't know they are going to irrigate their fields.

Supervisor Politi stated the same way we are.

Supervisor Politi stated we are lucky we have a supply that can handle it.

Dick Smith stated maybe we could get a energy grant to drill a well to irrigate the soccer fields, Airport and the school fields.

Supervisor Politi stated certainly if we did that it would be very easy to turn the water off and connect that.

Supervisor Politi stated given the timing we don't have a choice given the emergency situation we have here. He stated all these people coming here in August with room and meals and flights we have to do something.

Dick Smith stated I still think a well is an option.

Supervisor Politi stated we looked at the Ausable but with the DEC and the APA there were too many issues.

Dick Smith stated if there is a well it may be an opportunity for the Horse Show to be included.

Supervisor Politi stated someday that may be the case.

There being no further business to be brought before this Board at this time,

Supervisor Politi stated we will now go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel. Councilman Favro seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. and adjourned the Regular Town Board meeting with no motions being made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denice P. Fredericks  
Deputy Town Clerk