

Regular Town Board Meeting
April 21, 2009

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 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 Damp, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Curtis Dudley

Others Present: Chris Night, Heather Sackett, Attorney Ronald Briggs, Larry Straight, Jim Morganson, Carol Treadwell, Jon Fremante, Bob Hammond, and Denny Allen

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 on the minutes of the Board meeting on March 10, 2009.

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

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

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

Supervisor Politi stated Carol we will start with you. He introduced Carol to the Board.

Carol Treadwell stated I am here to tell the Board about a program that the Ausable River Association is doing for river front owners in North Elba. I have a few Sample letters for each councilor. One of my goals as Director of the Ausable River Association is to do things that help people in the water shed, help the river, and the water quality. I have obtained funds to do a program of septic pump out cost share. It is for people who own property on the river. This grant will pay for fifty pump outs.

Supervisor Politi asked is this any river, Carol, Chub River, West Branch...

Carol Treadwell stated it is directed towards the West Branch. I have taken from the tax map those people who own on the River Road. It extends all the way down to Wilmington. It pays for half of a pump out of a thousand gallon tank. The owner also receives information on septic systems, tracking pump outs, and what to do if your septic system fails. I go over it all with them if they would like. They also get a water conservation kit which helps extend the life of a septic tank. That is basically what we are doing. I thought you should know that this is happening in case someone contacts you with questions about the Ausable River Association. I presented this to the Town of Wilmington and they said they would cooperate. They were willing to have their letterhead on our letter showing that this is a Town approved program. They are also allowing landowners who cannot be present a chance to drop off their check at the Town Hall ahead of time. I'm not sure if that is something North Elba would want to do.

Attorney Briggs stated is the energy conservation kit readily available to others or just for the program you are now describing?

Carol Treadwell stated it's an incentive for the owners to participate. They cost \$17.50 and if it is something you would like to spread throughout the town then I could probably order more.

Supervisor Politi stated that it is a great program for the West Branch and those that live on the River Road. It's a great idea, Carol. I can't imagine that anyone would have a problem with the Town of North Elba participating weather we are on the letterhead or a letter stating it is endorsed by the Town Board of the Town of North Elba. Laurie wouldn't mind collecting checks.

Carol Treadwell stated it is really nice that the town of North Elba has endorsed it and that they can drop off their checks here if they can't be at home.

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Discussion continues about the list of those who could potentially come in to pay, ideas to promote the program as well as taking special orders for kits. Supervisor Politi recommended Deerwood Hills due to the amount of septic systems in that area.

Supervisor Politi thanked Carol for coming.

Supervisor Politi stated Jon Fremante is next on the agenda.

Jon Fremante stated in the past we have received \$14,000 a year to run the Skate Park. We are in a unique situation with the Park; no one really owns it. It was put together by volunteers with money that was given to us by the State. We were asked to run the Park. Mr. Dan Left talked to the Town about the amount of money it would take to run the Park. We got that money the first two years. Dan Left spearheaded the project and his sons were part of the design project. He did a lot to help raise the money as well as discounts on the equipment. We had a meeting with the Town and the school and no one wanted to take ownership of the Park. After it was ready to open, they asked us to do it. It costs us about \$15.00 per hour to run it. I have two staff members that have to be trained in CPR and First Aide to get our insurance certificate. We run it 7 hours a day, 7 days a week; 1pm – 5pm and 6pm -9pm. We will change those hours this year to accommodate our neighbors. We looked into the cost analysis and our cost is about \$2,000 a month and we are open 6 months a year, May thru September. That is 6 months at \$2,000 per month is \$12,000. That is what it costs us to run this park every year. At the rate of \$7,000 that we have now, we would only be able to open the park for about 2 ½ hours a day.

Attorney Briggs stated what is the level of use?

Jon Fremante stated the stats of the people who came in last year are as follows; total of 248 people, 10 yr olds (3), 11 yr olds (32), 12 yr olds (25), 13 yr olds (48), 14 yr olds (35), 15 yr olds (39), 16 yr olds (25), 17 yr olds (21), 18 yr and older (20). We also tried to breakdown local and non-local use; 147 were locals (including Wilmington, Saranac Lake, and Lake Placid), and 101 were non-local. It is a considerable amount of use by local residents, but we are also getting use by visitors.

Attorney Briggs stated that is the number of people, but how often do they go?

Councilman Miller stated didn't you use to keep a log?

Jon Fremante stated we do not have it broken down to each day, and we did keep a log for a awhile but the staff did not keep it every day for that. We do keep a log for the Youth Center every day, but not the Skate Park.

Supervisor Politi stated Jon I know you understand that this decision is not a reflection on you, the Shipman Youth Center, or the Skateboarders. It was solely a reflection on the state of the economy. In the budget process, we had to make cuts to many of the particular benefactors that the Town has. We did not want to financially abandon the project, but we felt it might be necessary to reduce the hours so we could live within this particular monetary amount. He stated this was not the only program that was cut. We also had to cut the Ski Club, Peewee Hockey Association, and so forth. These are never easy decisions that none of us like to make.

Councilman Rand stated how many people are normally there at one time?

Jon Fremante stated that will vary, but I have been there when there have been upward of twenty plus people at one time.

Councilman Rand stated how many can safely use it at one time?

Jon Fremante stated they don't want any more than twenty to twenty five using it. I have been there when it is maxed, but they sit on the sidelines if it is getting too busy.

Councilman Rand stated are there different days that are busier, and can you condense the time?

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Jon Fremante stated it varies. Sometimes there is no one there and sometimes kids are there all the time. We can condense the time. I will run it for \$7,000 a year it just won't be open for that many hours. I'm just paid to run the place.

Supervisor Politi asked if the Skate Park was open now.

Jon Fremante stated it will not be open until May, and I have to hold back on hiring employees because it affects the number of employees. I have told the person from last year that he is not getting a raise. To get people that are CPR and First Aid trained is difficult because we pay \$9.50, which is cheap. If I pay more, then the hours will go down a lot more. He stated with the money you give me, the hours will be cut back dramatically.

Supervisor Politi stated we understood that. Right now the perception is that even with the park open, there are more kids on the street, at the Community Church, and in the Post Office parking lot. The kids like to be seen.

Jon Fremante stated I am just here to say that this is the reality of the situation. I understand where you are coming from. Our hours will be cut dramatically. How that might affect the use of the Park.

Supervisor Politi suggested opening the park less days without being open on Sundays.

Shannon Porter asked if there was a charge for using the Park.

John Fremante stated Clifton Park Skate Park does charge a fee which is different for locals and non-locals with a yearly fee option. However, the parties that had an interest in building this park didn't want to charge for the park because we don't charge for the Youth Center or the Youth Commission. They didn't want the Skate Park to be the exception. They wanted to keep it free.

Shannon Porter suggested a small entrance fee of a dollar a day and a sign that directs people to the Skate Park so anyone from out of town can find it.

Supervisor Politi stated it is a good idea to put a sign on the corner of Main Street and Cummings Road that points in the direction of the Park.

Jon Fremante stated we have a sign for the Youth Center there now, and the Park is on our webpage.

Councilman Miller stated when we went over the budget last year we were facing a difficult economic situation. By adding the \$7,000 to the budget, the Board was saying we do value what you are doing. This is just tough economic times.

Jon Fremante stated I understand that. The skate park is not ours or your, but we will adjust to the hours. I was looking to avoid phone calls this year due to not being open enough.

Supervisor Politi stated when the decision must be made as to whether we fund the skateboard park or we allocate monies to the Ambulance and Fire Departments then it's an easy decision to make. As Bob said, there is no extra money going to anyone here or in the Town Hall. We are all on a tight budget.

Councilman Damp stated we made the decision when the budget was made. It is not an easy process. It is much different than the Youth Center or Youth Commission and perhaps exploring a type of fee may make sense.

Supervisor Politi stated you may want to explore if those that are using the facility are willing to step up and offset the cost by way of a fundraisers and/or a fee.

Jon Fremante stated I was not against that in the beginning and I am not against that now. Visitors are surprised the park is free.

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Councilman Favro stated it looks as though most of your users are from outside. Maybe adding outside passes and take locals in free.

Councilman Rand stated condensing times might actually increase the usage. Kids will meet their friends at the same time. He suggested exploring the idea of hosting fun events with prizes.

John Fremante stated True vision has run a couple of events where they can compete for wheels and wax or something new. He has run about two or three of those. He and I have spoke about some of his sponsors coming in and putting in money towards some competitions.

Councilman Rand suggested getting some donations and prizes with a series of competitions where kids go every week.

Jon Fremante stated with more concentrated hours, something like that could work. He stated if this money is all we get then we will run with it. It is not ours, we just run it.

Attorney Briggs suggested Jon talk to the Village. He stated it is a new administration. Ask them to match the Town.

Supervisor Politi stated when we look at our athletic fields, we don't judge kids based on whether they are from the Village or the Town. This is a community. It is not just the Town Board who would have an interest but also the Village. Ron is right. This is a great opportunity to speak to the Village administration.

Jon Fremante said goodnight and the Board wished him well.

Supervisor Politi stated Bob Hammond is next on the agenda. He introduced Bob to the Board and those in attendance.

Bob Hammond stated we wanted to take this opportunity to bring the Board up to date with our efforts with the Conference Center modernization. The road has had a few speed bumps and curves. We have come up with a plan that continues to embrace the demand use analysis so to serve the type of groups we want to serve. We have worked closely with the Visitors Bureau to make sure this happens. While some may consider the new plan downsized, it does meet that. We will serve the operations at the Olympic Center better. We continue to strive for a high certification for the lead of environmental design. The Olympic Authority has embedded ourselves in the design process. It will be led by my office. The architects and structural engineers will work directly with us as well as the mechanical, plumbing and electrical engineers. We are involved in all the design meetings. They happen here in Lake Placid and Jim was at one today. This gives us a much better opportunity to keep our pulse on the project. With that said, I would like to show you our floor plans. We received an ok from our board today. If there are no exceptions here, we will move on to the next phase and start developing design documents.

Bob Hammond brought with him three poster board size floor plans of the new Convention Center and described to following:

The existing facility consists of two floors; a lower level which has housed the Visitors Bureau for years, and the main level which is the Lussi rink. The new design will be a three level approach. The first level is consistent with the existing elevation and use. The structure will be demolished from the main wall of the Lussi rink while salvaging the existing mechanical chase. From that point out, they will tear down the existing two story structure and erect a new three story structure. The first story will consist of two entryways. One entrance is for the skaters who will be directed up to the 32 rink. The second entrance will have a threefold use; the main door will direct you to the Visitors Bureau, a meeting room on the first floor, or up the stairs to the main conference center. The meeting room on the first floor allows for smaller meetings when the conference center is not open with restroom facilities. They worked with Jim McKenna and the Visitors Bureau staff to provide the office space they need.

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The second level or main level which is currently where the Lussi and 32 rinks are was the next floor plan presentation. Bob Hammond explained the loading dock which was a challenge. Bringing it around back entailed a change to the embankment. This escalated the cost and made the project unaffordable. The loading dock will be in the front and to the right of the new structure without infringing upon the existing access to the 32 rink. The Zamboni path will stay to allow for dumping snow out front. The new loading dock will be enclosed with a nice architectural look. The trucks will pull in and a door will close. The architect was sensitive to setting it back from the main view. A bump out on the lower level is for a grand stairway. On the second level there will be a pre-function area with a lobby and a coat room. The goal is to support a 750 person function and the front space offers a nice cocktail area. There will also be a meeting room in this space that can be separated by an air wall. The room can function as a workshop or staging area. The air wall provides versatility. The second entrance for the skaters discharges people to the rinks. The occupations will be kept separate so both a hockey event and meetings can occur simultaneously. They then took the existing footprint of the Lussi rink and created a ball room that can hold the target of 750 people for a dinner. There will also be air walls in the ball room to divide the space if smaller areas as needed. The second plan is to accommodate meetings of 1200 plus people. The ball room allows for a nice entrance to the 32 rink. The rink will be upgraded. The technology, electrical support, and acoustics will be upgraded. The next phase is the production kitchen. Currently it is a small kitchen and will not accommodate the numbers for this type of facility. A large production kitchen will be added. New bathrooms, with family bathrooms, will be added to both sides of the second level. At full occupation, there will be sufficient bathrooms available. Energy efficient doorways and a new roof will be added to the back entrance as well as a Zamboni pit.

Supervisor Politi stated the 32 rink would also be utilized as a potential for convention use.

Bob Hammond explained many of the events that we have are 750 people and under. There may be two or three events a year that may be larger. The Rink will be finished at the same level as the Niagara Falls Event Center. The acoustical analysis showed much work to be done. They will fix the acoustic problem and add the internet and power for audio equipment.

The third floor presentation followed. A board room was added to the right with a roof deck. This takes advantage of the views. They looked into this with the first design and were not able to add it, but this design is relatively conservative and the 3rd floor meeting room was feasible. The floor also links into the 32 rink. The bleacher system behind the safety net will be removed and the area will be returned to the way it was. The blocked windows will be reopened. The room will be opened and protected by glass. The room could also function for ballet with a music system. The room can also be booked for private parties during an event. The seating is not currently used. If more seating is needed, the 80 rink is always available. The roof continues to be a struggle. The structural Engineers are working on different possibilities.

Supervisor Politi stated it is a great design.

Councilman Miller asked about the exterior design.

Bob Hammond stated we are addressing that next. As we navigated through this process, we are just about there. We met with Jim Morganson today on code issues and he is pretty happy with it. We need to get the final ok from OGS who will be issuing the building permits. When that is done, we will then fast tract the project. If time allows, we would like to go out for bid on the foundation and the structural package before our final designing. We would like an enclosed shell by the end of the construction season. He stated it is a little aggressive, but we have a great team. The next phase is the exterior. I had a meeting with Chuck Damp and Terry Horrocks which led us to this meeting today. We would like to go through a design process that gives a level of ownership they want and also allows the architect good guidance without flying a lot of test balloons. Let's try and brainstorm this together as a community and come up with the right fit pretty quick. He stated we are now at a point for next Thursday to meet and start brainstorming on that.

Councilman Damp stated that is why Bob Hammond is here tonight to make the presentation. Last time the designs hit the press and people either went ballistic or embraced it. We met last

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week through Bob, his consultants, Jim McKenna, Terry Horrocks, and myself we concluded that we should bring some community members in and come up with the exterior. Do we want it to blend with the 32 rink or a distinctive looking building? We floated a few different names and also took into consideration those from different groups that would have an interest. From the Joint Review Board, we are recommending that we ask Bill Hurley, who I have talked to and he has indicated some interest in doing so. I have also talked to Michael Clark, who is involved in the Planning Commission, and he is also willing to serve with this group. Of course, I include myself, and Terry Horrocks being from the community at large. Jim Morganson has been involved all along and would continue to be involved. I am bringing that forward to the Board with either a motion or a recommendation so we can move forward. As you can tell from Bob's presentation, time is very sensitive.

Supervisor Politi stated do you want a motion to appoint an advisory committee made up of yourself, Jim Morganson, Terry Horrocks, Bill Hurley, Michael Clark, and Jim McKenna. This of Course would include Bob Hammond.

Supervisor Politi moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to appoint an advisory committee made up of Chuck Damp, Jim Morganson, Terry Horrocks, Bill Hurley, Michael Clark, Jim McKenna, and Bob Hammond. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Bob Hammond stated that is great. We will reach out to the committee as fast as we can.

Supervisor Politi stated Denny Allen, how do you feel about all of this?

Denny Allen stated it is a very flexible building, and we are looking forward to getting things underway.

Supervisor Politi stated the plans look great. I like the idea of the Visitors Bureau being there. Because of the numbers of people that utilize the building, it is nice to have them on that site. To accommodate their facilities within this complex makes a lot of sense. I want to congratulate you for moving in that direction which was not a direction prior.

Bob Hammond stated the team did a great job making it all fit as well as functional. The organization is very happy with the way that it is going. We look forward to the first opportunity that we have to show you some exterior renderings.

Supervisor Politi asked when Bob thought the exterior ideas would be shown to the Board.

Bob Hammond stated we would like to meet next Thursday and hope to have a concept in the next month or so. It is critical to have it enclosed by winter.

Supervisor Politi stated we appreciate you coming in. Because we have a large agenda, could the Press catch Bob in the hall should they have questions? Thanks Bob.

Supervisor Politi moved on to old business. The magnetic doors are in place. A fire alarm test will be conducted this Thursday.

Supervisor Politi stated the Justice Court renovations have begun. When you get a chance, stop in to the new office. It looks great; with new carpeting, ceilings & paint. Jennifer as well as the Judges is very pleased with it. They will start the court room next week and will be done fairly quickly too. Again, it does not cost the tax payers anything. It is part of the judicial grant, and they are well within budget.

Supervisor Politi stated the Saranac Lake Chamber is moving forward with the transition to the Saranac Lake Town House. We are looking for an opening date of July 1st. I spoke with Jim and Sylvie about a final discussion with the Board to discuss who will be responsible for what. Previously, we spoke about the Town taking the responsibility of the exterior of the building and the occupants will maintain the interior of the building. This is definitely moving forward.

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Supervisor Politi stated the Cascade Sewer District expansion is next on the agenda.

Attorney Ron Briggs stated Ivan is working on the map and is close to being complete. Supervisor Politi stated he has seen the map and is hoping to have a Public Hearing on the sewer district sometime in June. Attorney Briggs agreed with the June date and requested a Resolution. He also spoke about an inter-municipal agreement with the Village regarding the source service. He stated the agreement is just about finished.

Supervisor Politi asked if there was anything else to address tonight.

Councilman Damp stated there is a dinner for the Saranac Lake Fire Department on the May 16th that I cannot attend. The invitation reads, "Yourself or anyone else from your organization". I have not responded and will do so after I hear if someone else can attend.

Councilman Favro stated he will attend.

Councilman Damp also stated Larry Miller is organizing a Town meeting on May 29th. Councilman Damp and councilman Favro stated they will attend.

Supervisor Politi moved to new business. The Shared Services Agreement, regarding the shared highway services, was received from the Village Clerk in Saranac Lake. Supervisor Politi expressed Larry Straight's concern for insurance coverage related to the possibility of an accident while our trucks are in Saranac Lake.

Councilman Damp stated our insurance covers us wherever we are working but to have that in writing will make it clear.

Supervisor Politi stated the agreement also talks about compensation; if Saranac Lake came in to help us, they would send us a bill for their time. This is something we have never done.

Larry Straight stated Section 3 paragraph G is my concern.

Attorney Briggs read the last clause of Article 3G, "however the borrowing Municipality shall reimburse the lending Municipality for actual..." Supervisor Politi stated we help many other Towns and never send them a bill. This has never been a problem in the past.

Chris Night stated the meeting in Saranac Lake said things were done on handshake deals for many years, and people were worried about what would happen if there was an accident.

Supervisor Politi stated the issue is the reimbursement of services. If we went to help them, we would not send them a bill. If they came here to help us, then we could possibly receive a ten thousand dollar bill. It has always been on a handshake. We don't feel we need to keep score on things.

Councilman Favro stated the Fire Departments share services just as one hand washes the other.

Supervisor Politi stated if this contract is voluntary, then I don't see this happening. We will continue to send help when we can without a charge. We will not send a bill. It will be a voluntary basis because we want to help out our surrounding communities.

Attorney Briggs stated the agreement was to be signed by the Village Clerk and the Village Manager and is to be filed in the various towns. This doesn't mean we have to sign anything. This is not binding on us. The title is a Contract of Shared Services, yet we are not a party to it.

Supervisor Politi stated they are putting us on notice. If they come over here, they will send us a bill. This is unacceptable because we are not going to bill them. He asked Ron Briggs to talk to Marty Murphy regarding the Agreement.

Supervisor Politi stated we have request for a resolution for Hazardous Waste Day for July 11, 2009. We need to file this with the state so we can apply for grant money.

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Shannon Porter stated to get the grant funding I need a resolution. This year I will ask residents to bring the mailed card as proof of residency and will include all the recycled material that we are currently taking.

Supervisor Politi stated I need a resolution authorizing the filing of this application for the Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program and the signing of the Associated State Contract under the appropriate laws for the State of New York.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion to approve the Hazardous Waste Day for July 11, 2009. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi and Shannon Porter explained the bottle redemption concept. The idea was discussed between Councilman Miller, Councilman Favro and Shannon Porter. This is a reverse vending concept; a machine will be purchased or leased so the recycling participants can put plastic or cans or glass into the machines. The consumer will get 5 cents back in terms of a credit and the Town will receive 3.5 cents. The consumer will receive a printout with a transaction number which cannot be duplicated. The idea is to donate the money to various community programs or cash them in for dump cards. By recycling, one can offset the cost of dumping their garbage or make a donation to whichever organization they choose. Some places that will be on the list are the Shipman Youth Center, the After School Program, Environmental Club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Town Board can approve the organizations and they can change as often as the Board wishes. A tally will be kept and the money will be deposited into a separate account. A check will be issued to the organization once or twice a year. Shannon will keep track of the receipts and Cathy will oversee the money. Shannon suggested we give 3 cents to various organizations and the .5 cents can stay with the Town for administrative fees. The choice of a donation or a punch card will be an easy one to make.

Councilman Favro reminded the Board that with Cathy's involvement there will be checks and balances to keep finances controlled.

Councilman Rand asked for the projected cost of the machines and the timeframe for set-up.

Supervisor Politi stated first this is just a concept. The machine cost varies depending on the lease or purchase price; the combination machine runs about \$425 on an operating lease and \$350 per month on a capital purchase agreement over five years. \$13,000 is the cost to buy a combination unit.

Councilman Damp did some quick math and stated he would be in favor of purchasing the machines.

Shannon Porter stated the DEC has grant money for recycling. We need to decide what we want allocate that money to. She stated the water bottle bill was passed. As of June 1st the water bottles will also be redeemable. Councilman Miller was concerned with extra employee time needed to maintain the machines. Shannon Porter assured him the employee's time will be minimal.

Supervisor Politi stated this encourages recycling as well as use of the transfer station. It also gives the opportunity to make a donation to a charitable group. This is a great green venture for the Town. Shannon, Jack and Bob should research options to move forward.

Supervisor Politi stated we need approval on the mural to be painted on the walls of the Recycling Center by a local artist, Karen Davidson, as well as the environmental club.

Shannon Porter stated we came up with this idea that will help us environmentally as well as educating the public. They are painting the walls to ceiling, with the information. The concept of "knowledge is everything" is the idea we are going with. The information will be never ending. The employees will now be considered the Green Team, the overhead door will have information about the Hazardous Waste Day, and the windows will be made of recycled glass bottles. We

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will add a recycle/re-shop board for people to advertize things for sale. The painting will be done with recycled paint from all over. Karen Davidson does not want to be paid. She just wants recognition somewhere perhaps a grand opening.

Councilman Rand asked where and then to drop off used paint. Shannon Porter stated it can be dropped off in the Recycling Center and will be stored until they start painting. She would prefer latex paint and not oil base.

Supervisor Politi stated we are looking for earth toned latex paint. He stated we need a motion to approve the mural painting for the Recycling Center.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the mural as presented to be painted at the Recycling Center. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated the next item on the agenda is the C&D pit expansion. The present C&D pit is about 1.5 acres. We are talking about expanding that to 3 acres in size. Shannon is looking for approval from the Board to move forward to get bids for engineering and costs for the expansion of the pit. We have all talked about reducing the height of the existing pit.

Councilman Favro stated we can work on the engineering costs as well as the cost of hiring contractor or how much to do it ourselves.

Supervisor Politi stated we want to move forward with this, and we offer our support for Shannon to do just that.

Councilman Rand asked about a piece of machinery we talked about a while ago. Shannon Porter stated it is a wood-hog that could be used for the brush and the C&D. Councilman Rand stated they will get more out of a pit then just crushing it.

Supervisor Politi stated the County just passed a Resolution to be sent to the State of New York DEC to eliminate burning at the Landfill. Everyone is being pushed in this position without answers. The DEC and DOT are lost right now due to what is happening in Albany.

Supervisor Politi stated we have budget amendments to approve. One amendment is a transfer from the deferred revenue account to the estate grant revenues account in the amount of \$6, 586.70 to offset expenses for the Justice Court grant. The second is a transfer of fund balance monies from the capital fund to offset record boxes from the records grant. The third is the soccer field bill for \$182.57 to be taken from the soccer field grant money which we have not received yet. The fourth is a \$550 expense at Craigwood for the weather system. It is a transfer from the ground crew account to equipment account. The fifth is a five dollar charge for the Ray Brook water district because NYS increased the dues by \$5.00 and we budgeted from last year's dues.

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

Supervisor Politi stated we need to approve the employees for the Black Fly Control Department. William Ulinski, Donna Foley, Craig Write, Daniel Korony, and John Lane are new employees. Laurie Couture and Jim VanWoert will be returning this year. These are field technicians and crew members.

Councilman Miller moved Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Black Fly Control department employees. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated Cathy would like us to approve flex time for an employee to accommodate medical commitments that this person needs. There is no overtime involved. They

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have worked out a schedule so this person can get medical attention and yet not interfere with her job.

Councilman Rand moved Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve flex time for an employee to accommodate medical commitments. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated Ron this is the discussion for the proposed solid waste collection haulers.

Ron Briggs stated I put together a draft. It needs the input of everyone here to get it exactly as you want.

Supervisor Politi stated the meat of it is that no solid waste including designated recyclables generated in the Town should be transported outside of the town except pursuant to a resolution by the Town Board, as well as no C&D from outside of the Town comes in. It does carry with it administrative and civil penalties; Civil penalties of \$500 for the first violation to \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

Ron Briggs stated this type of law is common. I have a copy of the County and other Towns as well.

Councilman Rand stated if Essex County has a law, why are they allowing the transfer of waste to other counties? Who enforces it?

Supervisor Politi stated we didn't know that. I will bring it up at the next meeting.

Ron Briggs stated they aren't doing anything about it. Nobody enforces it. You can't make them enforce it, but they should. This has been a problem for the County for quite a while.

The discussion continued regarding the enforcement of such a law, why the haulers are bringing their loads out of town, to exclude the Village of Saranac Lake side of North Elba, as well as changing the verbiage from Landfill to Transfer Station.

Supervisor Politi stated we need to have a Public Hearing on this. The date was determined to be before the June 9th Board meeting at 6:45pm.

Supervisor Politi stated we received a request for support of the Adirondack Scenic Rail Road; a transportation proclamation bill. He stated he is not going to write the letter unless the Board agrees to. The Board made light of the request with reference to the Bike Path.

Councilman Favro stated there is very little talk about the railroad and a lot of talk about wanting bike path or a hiking trail.

The discussion continued regarding the Bike Path verses the Rail Road. The Board agreed to bike path would be use by many more people than the train. The bike path in Stowe, VT was referenced as well as other resorts. The Board decided against writing the letter to the Adirondack Scenic Rail Road.

Supervisor Politi stated the Joint Town/Village Board meeting with the new administration will be May 5th at 4pm. The hockey box will be addressed along with just getting together. The Board agreed to the 5th of May.

Supervisor Politi transitioned to Committee reports.

Councilman Damp stated there is a Saranac Lake Youth Committee meeting tomorrow.

Supervisor Politi stated Craigwood will be open soon. There are some problems with frost heaves on five and six. They want to keep people off them.

Ron Briggs stated the attorney's report needs to be discussed in executive session.

Regular Town Board Meeting
April 21, 2009

Supervisor Politi stated for the County update, I was the only one to vote against the radio system for \$10 million dollars. In this economic climate, it did not make sense to spend \$10 million on something that will probably cost in excess of \$15 million and will be outdated in no time with the use of satellites.

Supervisor Politi stated we need to approve the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA		
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/21/09		
	Regular	Prepaid
A FUND	157,452.00	64,562.17
DA FUND	7,447.78	7,982.41
DB FUND	917.69	-
H43 2008 CAPITAL PROJECTS	17,519.70	-
SP PARK DISTRICT	17,258.75	42,865.01
SS14 PENINSULA	372.50	
SS16 WHITE FACE	995.00	
SS17 RUISSEAUMONT	430.00	
SS18 PLACID HEIGHTS	275.00	
SS19 SENTINEL HEIGHTS	1,067.50	
SW1 WATER DISTRICT 1	1,360.00	93.89
SW2 MCKENZIE	73.80	73.80
SW3 RAY BROOK	802.74	759.97
T TRUST & AGENCY	-	974.78
TE PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST	-	-
	205,972.46	117,312.03
9155;6416;9465-9517; 9545-9568; 9571-9636; 9657-9745; 9766-9786		

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

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigations and personnel issues at 8:55 p.m.

There being no motions made Councilman Rand Moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion come out of Executive Session and to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley
Town Clerk