

Regular Town Board Meeting  
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Minutes of a Regular Town Board Meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York 12946.

Members Present: Supervisor Shirley W. Seney, Councilmen: Jay Rand, Jack Favro, Derek Doty, Chuck Damp and Denice Fredericks, Deputy Town Clerk.

Other Present: Norman Harlow, Attorney William Kissel, Sean Ayers, Dick Cummings, Jeff Edwards, Jamie Rogers, Chris Knight and Rebecca Steffan.

Supervisor Seney called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:30 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Seney then asked for a motion on the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of February 13, 2007.

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

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

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

Supervisor Seney stated next is Jeff Edwards. She stated that Jeff has given letters of request for the Lake Placid Marathon and the Ironman the Marathon is Sunday June 10th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 pm and they are expecting over 1,000 runners again this year in the marathon relay and the half marathon and as was the case last year they will provide us with an insurance certificate and will work the New York State Police and the New York State DOT and Essex County Highway Department in regard to safety and traffic control. She stated it will be the same route that was used in 2006 starting line on Main Street and the first 2.8 miles of the course passing around Mirror Lake on Mirror Lake Drive and once the race meets Parkside Drive it would be the same as past years utilizing Cascade Route 73 and River Road. She stated that is what the request is and that this has been the third year and that they are asking for our permission. Discussion?

Councilman Doty stated are there no conflicts?

Jeff Edwards stated the only thing we can see that is out there is the road construction on Main Street which should be completed by June 8th.

Councilman Rand stated if they weren't done Jeff would you have an alternate route?

Jeff Edwards stated it would have to depend on the state of the pavement and so on and so forth. He stated I think there are some alternative possibilities that we utilized in 2005 just using Mirror Lake Drive and not going down Main Street which would make the route not impacted by the construction.

Councilman Doty stated does DOT need to be notified?

Jeff Edwards stated we work with DOT.

Councilman Rand stated is it growing every year?

Jeff Edwards stated yes 20% growth last year and I think we will see similar growth this year it is a challenging marathon.

Supervisor Seney stated you also will be working with the Village on this right?

Jeff Edwards stated we have a meeting with them next week.

Supervisor Seney stated you have our approval on that as long as we have your insurance certificate.

Supervisor Seney stated the 9th Annual Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon are scheduled for Sunday July 22nd and are expecting over 2,000 athletes and what promises to be an exciting event as was the case last year Ironman will provide an insurance certificate to the Town and will work with the New York State Police and the New York State Department of DOT and the Essex County Highway Department in regard to safety and traffic control. She stated in order to receive the proper permits Ironman requests that a letter of support from the Town of North Elba be sent to the above address which is Ironman, 1936 Saranac Avenue, Lake Placid. She

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stated Jeff is here to answer any question which you might have on this event.

Councilman Rand stated the number of competitors again are?

Jeff Edwards stated about 2,000.

Supervisor Seney stated the clean up has been better every year. She stated there wasn't any paint on the highways.

Dick Cummings stated we really emphasis at our meetings saying no paint and we have been fortunate the last couple of years that nobody has.

Supervisor Seney stated is there anything that you need from us that you haven't asked for before that might make things run a little smoother or any co-operation.

Jeff Edwards stated it has been great, it has worked out real well.

Supervisor Seney stated do I have permission from this Board to write a letter of support to Ironman.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion permitting the Supervisor to write a letter of support for Ironman. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated how many volunteers did you have last year?

Dick Cummings stated about 3,000 which is great because if you go to places such as Wisconsin you will see around 5,000 which is a lot of people but as far as percentage of population it's not. He stated when we go to Disney World in May and obviously no one lives in Disney World but you might have 200 volunteers for a half Ironman so this community is great.

Councilman Rand stated I have one quick comment this occurred on my way home last year. He stated maybe it would be a good idea to post during training on River Road to make people more aware. There were hundreds of athletes out there and there's traffic and motor cycles coming through there at a really good clip.

Jeff Edwards stated one of the things we are working hard on is the non participants that are around during the week of the race to form bike groups and so on the road and working with the State Police to educate everybody as to the way things should go and I have been pretty adamant with the State Police to say if the cyclists are monopolizing the lane they should be dealt with just like anyone else is. He stated the motorists as well need to be educated as the cyclists will be from May through race day..

Supervisor Seney stated the best of luck to you and we are here if you and we are here if we can assist in anyway it's a great tradition you have started here and good luck.

Jeff Edwards stated there is just one more thing we are working on right now in conjunction with the Triathlon and the United States Olympic Committee to being a small adjunct event in during race week prior to the actual Ironman race it would be a little showcase event for future Olympic athletes with a small triathlon race. He stated if necessary he can present further details about that at a future meeting. He stated it will be a separate event and will feature Olympic Athletes in conjunction with the Olympic Committee. He stated it will fit in a time slot already utilized by our kids race and will have very minimal impact on vehicles and traffic and will be a neat event for spectators.

Supervisor Seney stated thank you.

Supervisor Seney stated Comlinks was suppose to be here to make a presentation for there lodges that they are going to be doing off Wesvalley Road and they might here at some point as they are coming from Malone so we will go on.

Supervisor Seney stated next is the continuation of the Tahawus road dedication Norm is there anything new we should know I am keeping it on the agenda so we are aware and we will keep working on it till Spring time.

Mr.Kissel stated we can actually combine Theanoguen and Tahawus both of those groups are in the process Shirley of completing their petitions that have to be submitted to us because we decided to start new on Tahawus and Theanoguen Bob Miller gave us quite of it of information.

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Supervisor Seney asked did he get all of his petitions in?

Mr. Kissel stated he did but most of the properties are owned by husbands and wives and most of the petitions are signed by only one of the property owners which is understandable but technically the law requires that a certain percentage of property owners so both the husband and wives have to sign so Bob is back collecting those other signatures and he is also getting you some title and related information I asked for. He stated they are moving along but don't require anything from us at the moment. He stated I did contact Kathy Suzzio about the engineering work that will have to be done on both of those as authorized by the Board last month and she doesn't need to do anything now but she said she would be ready to do that work when we need it.

Supervisor Seney stated I will keep them on the agenda so they will know we are on top of it.

Supervisor Seney stated Chuck do you have anything on the bike path update?

Councilman Damp stated we are meeting tomorrow with the DOT and we will be talking about the second part grant. He stated we are looking for the DOT sign offs so we will know where we are at with the APA. He stated that will be discussed tomorrow too. He stated I am hoping he will bring that with him but we don't know we just need them to sign off because it is their right of way. He stated they are cooperative they are just slow.

Supervisor Seney stated and the Delaware Engineering Sewer District Bill and you and Janet Bliss for the village come up with a contract.

Mr. Kissel stated what happened Janet wanted to take a hand at preparing one based on the contract that Kathy gave us that exists between the Town and Village of Malone. He stated I thought I had five but I only have four copies of what Janet drafted and I will pass those out but actually Kathy Suzzio and I went over the Malone contracts and the one Janet did and we need to do some more work Kathy and I but had a number of issues that we want to set addressed in the agreement so I am going to do a redraft and get it to Kathy and to Janet and to you folks. He stated I think we can get pretty much what we need to get ironed out ironed out between now and our next meeting so with a little luck I can bring you a contract for action at the next meeting.

Councilman Doty stated do any of those drafts that you have seen mention anything as to like Norm's concerns on new big users coming into a sewer district and accepting size changes or whatever.

Mr. Kissel stated no but of course my notes and Kathy's as well indicate those provisions to that effect. He stated that is one but you will see two or three when we get done proposals or users to be bearing costs that otherwise would not be spelled out Derek. He stated we are going to be pretty careful about that.

Supervisor Seney asked does anybody have any questions on that?

Supervisor Seney stated I have been trying to find a replacement for the vacancy for Todd Rissberger. She stated I have not put any ads in the paper I have called people I have talked to people I now am having a great deal of....

Councilman Doty stated I have a potential candidate that should be contacting you within a week.

Supervisor Seney stated that would be great. She stated we also have another replacement that is retiring I don't think it is ours I think it is the Village's for the JRB.

Supervisor Seney stated the Auleron Small Cities Grant Bill has been working on a contract with the Essex County IDA so we can get moving on this and get the paper work done. She stated Bill would you like to go from there.

Mr. Kissel stated yes I have reviewed it but have not had a chance to talk to IDA about it but I want to get Cathy's comments if she has any.

Supervisor Seney stated she is okay with it the way it is.

Mr. Kissel stated it basically says they are going to administer the grant for us with the \$15,000.00 that is in the grant for grant administration. he stated they have prepared this contract and I think they have used it before. He stated I am pretty much okay with it, it needs a little tweaking and a little tightening up but

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it is okay in it's present form for approval by the Board subject to my changes and their accepting my changes.

Supervisor Seney stated I told them we were meeting tonight and we can go from there.

Mr. Kissel stated we can answer any questions the Board might and have and then at your pleasure we can adopt a resolution authoring us to enter the contract with the IDA. he stated one of my comments is I want to make sure it is a little more clear that they are going to be performing all of the obligations that we have so we are in fulfillment of our obligations under the grant agreement that we signed with the State of New York. he stated it is in here but it needs to be a little tighter I also want them to be obligated to give us copies of all documentation and finally I want them to be specifically obligated to enter discussions with or on our behalf with Small Cities or whoever else. He stated if Small Cities want an answer we will be able to say hey we have a meeting next Tuesday and you folks need to be here with us. He stated just a little tightening up like that.

Councilman Doty stated Bill in proving that they met their obligations to satisfy our obligations as well do we need to hire some kind of consultant to oversee.

Mr. Kissel stated I don't think so. I don't think we will go to far a stray with the three of us.

Supervisor Seney stated with your approval subject to Attorney Kissel's changes then we can go forward on it if you so desire.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the Auleron Small Cities contract subject to changes by Attorney Kissel. There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney asked does anybody have any update on the Landworks completion of the code? She stated has anybody met with any of them I haven't so I can't tell you what's going on I guess it is April, May or June. She stated we will keep it on the agenda for now.

Supervisor Seney stated I don't know where we stand with the six soccer fields grant for the \$39,000.00 grant which we have.

Mr. Kissel stated it is here Shirley and I reviewed it. He stated it is ready for action as far as I am concerned I don't know how much the Board has discussed this previously it amounts to a grant from the State and an obligation by us to match the grant.

Supervisor Seney stated what is our next step?

Councilman Doty stated finding the \$42,000.00.

Supervisor Seney stated they gave a grant for \$39,000.00.

Councilman Doty stated you can discuss it all night but we still need \$42,000.00.

Councilman Damp stated so be it in-kind or be it in cash one way or the other...

Councilman Doty stated I think Norm came up with half of that figure and the over benefit to six more soccer fields the impact is tremendous.

Councilman Damp stated so we are down to \$22,000.00 or so in cash?

Norm Harlow stated I can eat that up too.

Councilman Doty stated then it is a no brainer.

Councilman Damp stated if we can do that then sign it and move on it.

Mr. Kissel stated we need to clear SEQRA first if we are going to do that.

Mr. Kissel stated this is a paper trail tonight we are not going to SEQRA the construction at this point we will have to SEQRA the construction as such point it begins.

The Town Board reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment form under SEQRA for the Six Soccer Fields Grant from New York State and answered all the questions in the negative.

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Mr. Kissel stated that after going through all the SEQRA questions he told the Board that they can entertain a motion that the proposed actions will not result in significant adverse Environmental impact.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion that the grant for the six soccer fields will not result in significant adverse Environmental Impact. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney asked for a motion to approve of the grant for the six soccer fields.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the grant from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the six soccer fields and authorize Supervisor Seney sign such. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated the Hebrew Memorial Cemetery I was hoping to get with the DOC from Gabriels and they have a new guy and I didn't get to the meeting on Thursday because I went to that cell phone thing Senator Little called so I called them and him and he is going to be back in touch with me, we have time we aren't going to be doing anything right now with the snow. She stated she will leave it on the agenda and will report back next month.

Supervisor Seney stated as far as the letters we are getting from the resident on Averyville Road complaining about his neighbors mess and everything like this I took all of our concerns to Essex County DPW and I talked to Tony Levine and he sent me all of the information that they have on this. She stated that he said here are copies of correspondence concerning the driveway we have referred the matter to the County Attorney for advice as how to proceed. She stated she will notify Mr. Grady that the County is working on it.

Councilman Doty stated at the very least I think we should make the distinction that it is not a code issue it is a highway issue because there were suggestion of suits and the whole bit there.

Supervisor Seney stated at the request of the Budget Officer, we need to make a motion to approve of the transfer of funds presented that will be attached to these minutes.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman rand seconded the motion to approve of the transfer of funds as requested by the Budget officer. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated she received a letter from Peter Coffrin that I shred with you on names I sent him back a letter and told him that the street names that he wanted Ledge Top Way and Top Ridge Ridge Way are not eligible names because they have already been used someplace and I gave him Nature's Way and Serenity Way. She stated did he get in touch with you Jack? She stated he did stop by the office and said he will come up with something and will be back in touch with us. She stated I don't know if you want me to recommend those two again or let him come back with something else?

Councilman Favro stated just leave him alone somebody else will use them.

Supervisor Seney stated Jim Morrissey did speak to me and I had him on the agenda for tonight but he did ask if perhaps we could schedule him for forty-five minute with us maybe ahead of our department head workshop this April so that he can go over the consultant selection. She stated it is quite a lengthy thing ad we said that he would like to spend forty-five minutes or so and make sure that we understand what we are doing. She stated does anybody have any objection to that?

Councilman Doty stated if we are going to sit through a forty-five minute explanation as to what he is going to do for us is it any basis for us to hear from someone else. He stated I don't understand why we are going through this.

Supervisor Seney stated what he is going to do is go through the sponsor certification for selection of consultants as to what we have to do and we have to get not only him....

Councilman Doty stated he is just laying out the guidelines.

Supervisor Seney stated he is showing us what has to be done then we have to go out for RFP's and he wants to make sure that we totally understand this before we do anymore.

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Councilman Doty stated apparently there are only FAA Certified Engineers.

Supervisor Seney stated I told him I really didn't know till I spoke to the Board whether they had that time the forty-five minutes or not.

Councilman Doty stated would we do it midday or at night?

Supervisor Seney stated he would like to do it ahead of our workshop and maybe start at 2:30 P.M. on our workshop then start our workshop at 3:30 p.m. is that agreeable with everybody?

Councilman Damp stated I will be out on this little Island in the Caribbean.

Councilman Favro stated I won't be here either I will be in San Diego.

Councilman Rand stated maybe we had better check the calendar and re-schedule.

Supervisor Seney stated I think maybe we had better see if everybody is going to be gone. She stated we won't even schedule we will look at it and see if we can work out a date when everybody comes back we might even want to move our regular meeting if nobody is here but you don't mind scheduling a spot for him?

Supervisor Seney stated March 1st Jay and I met with the Village liaison which was the Mayor and the Deputy mayor and we reviewed three RFP's for the MOU and we have come up with a recommendation and Jay you might want to speak on it. She stated they were the LA Group, Rob Camoin Associates and this CGR out of Rochester. She stated okay jay I will let you take it from here.

Councilman Rand stated that we all agreed and Mayor Rogers is here as well this CGR had a real good approach and understanding of the issues that are involved here. he stated they are a good company, I don't have my notes you kind of caught me off guard Shirley but overall I think all of us thought this was strongly the best place to start.

Supervisor stated this guy had a reasonable time element that sounded more reasonable and he took a lot of it himself he didn't delegate it out to other people and he is from Rochester he drove up for the day. She stated this is the one that we recommend the Town and Village liaisons that interviewed these people this is the person we came up with.

Councilman Rand stated do you have anything to add to that Jamie?

Mayor Rogers stated that this firm has had a lot of experience with doing financial analysis. he stated that they talked about the asset management inventory with both departments and that in itself is very important. He stated I would like to than k Jay and Shirley.

Supervisor Seney stated what we need is a resolution authorizing us to with the Village to contact CGR which is Center for Governmental Research.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of the hiring of CGR. Discussion?

Councilman Doty stated I don't want to go against the tide but as I said before I am not in agreement in spending this money on a study when I don't see substantial efforts on our parts between the Village and the Town right now to sit down at a table and get things started in a better manor. He stated no matter what a study says a study is going to come in here an show us that we can save money by working together, we aren't doing that yet that's the bottom line and I am against spending \$57,000. of taxpayer earned money on something that to me right now is lucrative.

Supervisor Seney stated hopefully when we get this man on board he might be able to bring us to together.

Councilman Doty stated I want to be an eternal optimist Shirley.

Supervisor Seney stated I know you do and I appreciate that and I respect you for it. She stated you have your right to whatever your feelings are but maybe this will change it for us.

There being no further discussion the motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

Supervisor Seney stated the Saranac Lake Youth Center sent us a report and asked

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that I share it with the Board that there appreciative of the monies that we do contribute to the Youth Program. She stated I didn't realize that the Getaway was part of the Saranac Lake Youth Center Programs that we support with Leahy.

Councilman Doty stated it's not they are separate entities but they have new blood, new energies and new volunteers it's new revitalization.

Supervisor Seney stated that is wonderful if they work together and they want to send us the different reports and I will write them a note and thank them.

supervisor Seney stated that Howard has left and Howard, Pam, myself and the Chief of Police have been in the process of interviewing for custodian and after the interviews the committee came up the name of Thomas Riedl as a full time custodian at the rate of pay of \$13.31 per hour effective 3/15/2007 and we are asking for your approval for that recommendation.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of the hiring of Thomas Riedl as full time custodian effective 3/15/2007. Discussion?

Councilman Damp stated \$13.31 as opposed to \$12.00 for office an assistant it seem like a ....

Supervisor Seney stated this is a guy that over sees the operation of the whole Town Hall this is the scale that we took from...

Councilman Favro stated he would be making different then the other gentleman that is working for us this guy would be over seeing and would have the budget responsibility for the Town Hall.

Councilman Damp stated it makes more sense to me now.

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated the Town of Tupper Lake sent us a letter requesting us to support a resolution asking that I share this resolution that they have with my Board Members to pass a resolution in support of much needed Legislation you may not need to utilize this law but it would then be available to those Towns that are contemplating taking over the Fire Department from the Villages as well as allowing for the formation of a multi Town and cross County boundary Fire District. She stated is this something that we want to become involve in?

Councilman Doty stated it's a whole different way of thinking that's for sure I don't understand how it could even get started the Village has tremendous investments in there Fire Department right now I don't look at it as a take over but certainly it might be a bigger regional way of looking at things so that funding is more affordable so it's certainly worth learning about.

Councilman Favro stated I don't think there is anything to lose in it I think you right now the Town or Village can say we are going to go to a Fire District which the difference then would be you would have elected Fire Commissioners as opposed to Elected Board Members of the Fire Department. He stated it doesn't hurt.

Supervisor Seney stated to write them a letter that we support their resolution. She stated is that okay with everybody?

Councilman Doty stated at least it gives support to Towns where that would work for them.

Councilman Damp stated didn't they ask us to adopt a resolution?

Councilman Doty stated they asked for a letter of support so that the Legislation can consider it.

Supervisor Seney stated that it reads once you have voted to support this resolution at your Board meeting please send the resolution to your elected officials in Albany with a copy to the Town of Tupper Lake Board.

Councilman Doty stated it is like a blanket support is all it is we don't even have to utilize it. He stated I like the theory. He stated it is just creating a broader base that's what it is doing.

Councilman Favro stated what happens now with the little Town's you have to have a couple pumpers you have a tanker you have a bunch of stuff and you are all

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duplicating stuff where if each little Town has one tanker and one pumper and everybody goes to there same fire like they do right now it just makes more sense.

Councilman Doty moved the motion that we support and adopt the resolution.

Councilman Damp stated I don't think so or at least I won't support this...

Supervisor Seney stated before we go any further do I have a second to Derek's motion?

Councilman Damp stated how will be determined on the tax and whose going to be on that commission.

Councilman Doty stated by supporting it we are not adopting it.

Councilman Damp stated they are asking us to also send a resolution on to our representatives at the State level.

Councilman Doty stated so they can vote on it.

Councilman Damp stated I am just telling you I won't vote on it because they are also saying it has to be assessed based taxes not that I am opposed to that but that it may not be the best..

Councilman Doty stated wouldn't you like to have the option?

Councilman Damp stated my point is Derek is if we go forward with that resolution we won't have the option if they pass it the way that is worded it is saying assessed based.

Councilman Doty stated I guess it is all in interpretation.

Councilman Damp I don't have a problem with the concept of what they are talking about the Town being able to do, it but I think it needs to be up to us if we decide to pursue that as how we are going to tax and how we are going to fill those positions and that is predetermining it the way I read that.

Councilman Doty stated until taxation laws change.

Councilman Damp stated they are already changing the formula with the Saranac Lake Fire District there was a big argument about assessment by a couple little Towns and now it looks like the formula is going back to usage by percentage. He stated that wouldn't give us the ability to do that if you read this paragraph here it says it wants to change it to assessed value.

Councilman Doty stated the costing out for said fire and rescue districts will be done equally on an assessment based charge back.

Councilman Damp stated the concept I fully support it but to agree to this resolution...

Councilman Doty stated if I read the way you are thinking because we are highly assessed in North Elba that our equal assessment won't be equally assessed with Town of Tupper Lake if we all ban.

Councilman Damp stated if we ask the State law makers to change the current law to this now interpretation I say make it very basic say the Towns can run Fire District and leave it at that.

Councilman Doty stated let's get some clarification on it then I am okay but I would like to stay informed on this idea.

Councilman Damp stated I think the whole concept of the Towns being able to forge ahead and maybe consolidate to run a fire district is great but tell me now predetermined how I am going to pay for it and how I am going to have the actual Commissioners elected. he stated right now it is saying that the five of us are going to be the fire commissioners according to this and maybe they aren't the best people we may want to appoint somebody from the fire department.

Councilman Doty stated I can see five years down the road with our current system and our assessment with the majority of the growth going on in our Town we are not even going to be at 70/30 within five years if we stay with the plan we are on now.

Councilman Damp stated it doesn't allow us any leeway to change it or as the Saranac

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Lake Fire Department in the Village we could also push for a bill to charge back it doesn't allow that.

Councilman Favro stated what they are trying to do is make a Town become a Fire District.

Councilman Damp stated if they want to support Tupper to be able to do that fine but I don't want to ham string North Elba's future with a bill that is that specific.

Supervisor Seney stated so you withdraw your motion Derek?

Councilman Doty stated yes I withdraw my motion.

Councilman Damp stated the concept is fine and to go back and say that conceptually we have no problem with it without the confinement.

Supervisor Seney stated I will write them back and thank them for inviting us to join them but we respectfully decline right now because we have some concerns.

Supervisor Seney stated again Local Government Day is at the Crowne Plaza on March 21st and march 22nd. She stated it looks like they have some good issues if anybody wants to attend.

Supervisor Seney stated Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has sent us a letter and they also came over and met with me Slyvie and another gentleman came with her just to talks to us about the support they weren't talking about financial they were talking about support of the coalition partnership of the Adirondack Regional Airport and what it does for the area. She stated I told them this is going to be a tough sell.

Councilman Doty stated I am curious as to how all of a sudden they outline with ORDA support and your support and the whole bit.

Councilman Favro stated I see Plattsburgh as being the place if anywhere not there because they don't have a major carrier they have a deal going in there right now but is not a major carrier that is going to pull people in. He stated as much as they have going on over there to pull people in we never use it maybe one out of seven thousand.

Councilman Rand stated what are they asking for?

Supervisor Seney stated the goal of a Coalition Partnership is to support the Adirondack Regional Airport as an asset to the North Country and in particular to the Tri-Lakes Region.

Councilman Rand stated it is an asset to the area.

Councilman Doty stated now if our input was to give them information on terminal buildings that we have done and have been very successful within the income levels like that but to go much beyond the private market is virtually impossible.

Supervisor Seney stated they have given us a lot of major corporate customers that they have the General Aviation Service, Commercial Airline Service and the Destination Airport in the heart of the Adirondack Park.

Councilman Doty stated as a private hub Shirley it's tremendous importance to the area.

Sean Ayers stated it is also our connection on the National Passenger schedule let's not let it die.

Councilman Doty stated no I am not suggesting letting it die, I am taking about solutions that are practical to help them that are affordable. He stated you have to be practical about it to.

Councilman Rand stated what are asking of us?

Supervisor Seney stated they are asking us for our support. She stated it reads the Saranac Lake Area Chambers Airport Marketing task force realizes that the Adirondack Regional Airport and the Plattsburgh International Airport have different mandates and serve different markets but as each grows there will be a complimentary effect on the other. She stated they are asking for us to support the coalition partnership in exposing this Adirondack Regional Airport and eventually I think they are going to come back to us and ask for some financial support.

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Councilman Rand stated it is a good asset to the area.

Councilman Doty stated one small figure and you can't quote me exact percentage but I believe over half of their annual sales of jet fuel is attributed to our Horseshow for that month period, so that is just how important it is to us. He stated the private market has tremendous importance to this area what we question is the ability to bring in the commercial link.

Councilman Rand stated there are two different issues here but I do support the coalition.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion to support the Coalition Partnership exposing the Adirondack Regional Airport. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated that Pam our Human Resource Officer has given us all a copy of the sick leave utilization and she is asking that we approve the revisions of the bonus sick time to be put in to the policy manual.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to accept the revision of the bonus sick time as presented by Pam. Discussion?

Councilman Doty stated I saw what was an early draft of it actually I just wanted to see the final.

Supervisor Seney stated I think this is it Derek I think this is the one she gave us at the workshop she just cleaned up the language so it can be interpreted the way it was meant to be. He stated will we distribute that so that the change...

Supervisor Seney stated she will be doing the whole policy manual and she will distribute it out to each person so that they understand.

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Norm Harlow stated may I make a suggestion, I think it would be a really good idea to put the policy manual on the web page so employees can reference it.

Supervisor Seney stated they all have a copy of it.

Norm Harlow stated they loose the copies plus they change and this way here they can go to the web page and see the most up to date.

Supervisor Seney stated that's not a bad idea I will speak to the Human Resource Officer about it and see when she can get it on.

Supervisor Seney stated that the Mayor ask that I set up a joint meeting with the Town and the Village Board to review our MOU and also to review legal fees with things that are going on with the Codes and everything and you might want to wait and set that date after we have come out of Executive Session or you might want to do it now.

Supervisor Seney stated this afternoon Butch, the Human Resource Officer and myself finished interviewing for the position in the Park District Office I think we interviewed 8 applicants and after looking them all over the recommendation from the Park District is that we approve Andrea Aldrich as a full time office assistant in the park District effective March 27th which is the earliest she can come at \$12.00 per hour.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Andrea Aldrich as office assistance in the Park District Office effective March 27th at \$12.00 per hour as recommendation by the Park District Manager. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney stated next is a request from Step It Up in the Adirondacks. The letter reads Communities around the Adirondacks and across the Country will be gathering to share information and concerns about climate change, please review and consider the enclosed draft resolution if you and your Board would like to amend it in order to feel more comfortable in adopting it please do so please send a copy of your adopted resolution to the fax or address below so we can include it in our announcement about wide concerns about the impacts of climate change.

Councilman Damp stated this one seems very broad. He stated I think it is fairly wide open but it's stuff you would like to see happen anyway.

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Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Damp seconded the motion to adopt the resolution from Step It Up to gather and share concerns about our climate change. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Seney asked Bill do you have any Town Attorney reports?

Mr. Kissel stated I have some litigation we need to discuss in Executive Session briefly.

Supervisor Seney stated under Essex County reports there is quite a battle going on over there in the Town of Elizabethtown about the Otis Bridge I am sure you have read about it. She stated they have sent us petitions from the whole community of Elizabethtown. She stated it is a Town issue but the County DPW is responsible for the bridge so it involves the County through that responsibility of that being County bridge.

Supervisor Seney stated she received a letter stating that the Town Supervisors should make themselves available for a meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 2012 censuses. She stated that they say if we don't do this we aren't going to have any input in to the census at that time but I am hearing from a great many of the Supervisors that they don't have 3 hours to spend. She stated I don't know all of the names that we have here in the Town the way they have changed. She stated I will try to attend some of it but if I don't I am not going to apologize for not going to it because it is something that Jim Murphy from Plattsburgh State that they are doing this for the State level.

Councilman Doty stated they are gearing up for the National Census in 2010.

Supervisor Seney stated if any of you can attend it is March 15th in Elizabethtown in the Supervisors room.

Supervisor Seney stated there is also a resolution they are asking the Counties to pass in opposition to the appointment of the New York City Assemblyman Alexander Pete Grannis. She stated I think the County is going to follow suit on this and I don't know whether our Board wants to do something I think the County speaks to us.

Supervisor Seney asked for a motion to approve the audits per the audit numbers as follows:

Abstract # 2 for the Month of February, 2007.

Town General: The total is \$73,803.12 with the following numbers; 20070200-214; 20070220-225; 20070253-257; 20070260-277; 20070302; 20070304-305; 20070312-316; 20070321-328; 20070356-360; 20070365-370; 20070372-328.

Part Town(B): The total is \$426.28 with the following numbers; 20070119, 20070305.

Townwide Highway Fund (DA): The total is \$1,455.72 with the following numbers; 20070231-233; 20070293; 20070295-301; 20070329-330.

Park District (SP): The total is \$8,617.02 with the following voucher numbers; 20070226-230; 20070278-292; 20070305; 20070317-320; 20070331; 20070371.

Ray Brook Water (SW3): The total is \$1,193.69 with the following voucher numbers; 20070372-373.

Capital Projects (H32)-Adj Road: The total is \$5,904.63 with the following voucher numbers; 20070258-259; 20070294; 20070303; 20070363-364.

Fire District #2 (SF2): The total is \$17,162.91 with the following voucher numbers; 20070198.

Total claims is \$108,563.37

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

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for litigation matters. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Chris Knight stated I know we talked about this last week but I wondered if there was any update on Mr. Bliss and his status with the Town.

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Supervisor Seney stated not at this point Chris because this Board has not had the opportunity to discuss this and we probably be doing this evening.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session, and go back into Regular Session to make the following motion. Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion that it be resolved to settle the Article 7 tax assessment case brought by Birgitte Jobson for the 2005 assessment tax year in the amount of \$339,150.00 without interest subject to concurrence by David Murphy the Town's Attorney for Article 7 litigation cases. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Town Board Supervisor Seney adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice P. Fredericks