

Minutes
Lake Placid Village Board Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Town Hall

Present: Mayor Randall, Trustees Jones, Leon, Devlin & Curtis, Village Attorney Janet Bliss, Village Treasurer Peggy Mousaw, Connie Issleb, Bob Marvin, Richard Smith, Eileen Valentine, Stuart Hemsley, Mary Catherine Preston, Cheryl Breen Randall, Heather Sackett and Chris Knight.

Mayor Randall opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

People On Agenda To Speak

Classic Car Club of America

Mayor Randall introduced Stuart Hemsley of ORDA Corporate Events.

Stuart Hemsley and Mary Catherine Preston handed out information regarding an upcoming event in September of 2010 with the Classic Car Club of America and staying at the High Peaks Resort. Stuart explained they have several day trips planned in the area. These are defined as “fine” or “distinctive” automobiles, American or foreign built, produced between 1925 and 1948. They have two events planned, one at the ski jump and one at Whiteface. Stuart said they would like to do something to show-off their cars, for free to the public during their time here. Unfortunately, the oval will be busy with the Walk for Life, but perhaps the Village could suggest some grassy spot where the cars could be parked. The time would be probably just a couple of hours in the morning, possibly thinking maybe they could have a short parade through Main Street and then park the cars at Peacock Park or near Mirror Lake. While the municipal lot would be alright, they’d rather have a nicer location to display these cars. I realize this is not anything we need to decide this evening, but I just wanted the Village to be aware of this request, and hopefully we can accommodate this group, which would be approximately 70 to 80 cars.

Trustee Devlin asked do you think the beach area would be too tight?

Stuart Hemsley said no, I think we could stagger the cars between the Visitor’s Bureau all the way to NSA. Again, I know this isn’t anything we’re going to decide tonight.

Trustee Devlin said I wonder if they really want these cars parked where a kid could go by on a 10-speed, wouldn’t the parking lot be more controlled?

Stuart Helmsley said we’d rather not use the parking lot and take up the paid parking areas, and take revenue possibilities away from the Village. We’re thinking a morning parade and the group would probably be gone by lunch time.

Mayor Randall said I think it sounds like a terrific idea and would be exceptional entertainment for the community.

Trustee Jones asked Stuart what's the date Stu?

Stuart Hemsley said September 11th at the ski jumps, the 17th at Whiteface and the parade would probably be on the 18th.

Trustee Jones said o.k., but its September 2010. I can see where you wouldn't want to be stuck in the parking lot. We'll work with you, I mean the Village of Lake Placid to come up with a spot either on Parkside, but definitely, we'll work with you Stuart.

Mayor Randall asked how many hours?

Stuart Hemsley said it would probably be just in the morning and gone by lunch. This group will have been together for 8 or 9 days, so its not like they want to talk to each other all day.

Trustee Devlin asked what happens if it rains?

Stuart Hemsley said then the underground parking lot at the High Peaks Resort or if Denny doesn't have the ice on U.S. rink. Sometime plan b works better than plan a! Anyway, we'll leave this information with you tonight and keep you updated as things develop.

Fireworks Requests

Stuart Hemsley explained ORDA has an upcoming wedding rehearsal dinner event and requested permission for a fireworks display Thursday, August 6th, 2009. The current fireworks policy remains in effect, but Stuart is aware there may be upcoming revisions to the policy.

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Leon and carried to authorize ORDA to have fireworks display on August 6th, 2009, at the Lake Placid Club maintenance garage area.

Public Hearing

Mayor Randall opened the public hearing on the tentative budget for 2009-2010 at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Randall said I'll make some introductory comments. As it stands this budget provides \$5,171,175.00, which is up approximately \$73,800 from last year's budget. Expenses and appropriations in the general fund, including Village Justice, Fire, Police, Highway, Trolley and administration of the HUD & Section 8 funds. Expenses and benefits of the general fund helps that figure. The police dept. budget is

\$970,999.00, which is the highest budget in the general fund. The Fire Dept. is \$786,699.00, while the highway dept. is down at \$669,175.00, and the trolley which is at \$198,800.00. Significant costs add to the general fund such as NYS retirement costs at approximately \$225,000, social security payments/medicare, together with Workers Comp premiums in the amount of \$166,000.00, of which \$40,000 of the premium is paid for the Lake Placid Volunteer Fire Dept. members. There are approximately 55 members. Health insurance is another large nut with a possible increase of 13.5% this year.

Mayor Randall continued explaining as is laid out in the general fund, proposed tax levy will be \$3.3 million which is \$11,000 more than last year. Tentative current assessed values will be at \$632 million, a \$37 million increase over last year. Hopefully, we should have those definite figures in the next two weeks. Based on a \$5.20 per 1,000, as opposed to last year's \$5.50 per 1,000 it represents an overall adjusted reduction on the rate per thousand this year in the budget.

Mayor Randall said the board members have spent considerable time during the past month and we have had numerous meetings with Peggy Mousaw and the Dept Heads. I think I attended everyone of those meetings and it was very, very difficult due to our contract negotiations and the many obligations built into the separate labor agreements in the five unions of the Village for various departments. As a matter of the fact we have two contracts on the table in Police and Fire as we speak. What the unions are asking for is strenuous. They are asking for a lot, almost as if there's been no change in the wide world. Those increases are not in the budget yet, nor are any non-union increases, and we hope in the next few weeks to have reached agreements.

At this point, Mayor Randall explained the Historical Trends charts one-by-one. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the tentative budget and historical charts and made a part hereof.

Finally, Mayor Randall said the Electric Dept. has a budget this year at \$9,389,650.00, which is up from last year. Primarily due to the increase costs in administration and the cost of power at approximately \$8.2 million. Benefits and retirement costs are \$600,000.00, and debt services of approximately \$525,000.00.

The other issue on the table in electric at this point is the Agreement for the transmission lines from Colton and Tupper Lake. The Village of Lake Placid entered into an Agreement 4 or 5 years ago which required the Village to pay \$6.5 million for the Tupper Lake portion of the transmission line. Part of that Agreement called for certain things to be accomplished, and they have not been. We have just started the process to try to see if we can bring that obligation down to somewhere around \$2 million, and if so, that would be a debt the Electric Dept. would be taking on as well.

Mayor Randall said other than that, we have the HUD/Housing budget of \$152,000.00 which channels funds to administer subsidized rents in the Village of Lake Placid for those qualified in the Village.

Mayor Randall said the good news is, at this point in time, we plan no increase in water, sewer or electric rates. At this point, I'd welcome any comments.

Trustee Jones said you did a good job, Mayor. Thank you. The charts are great.

Chris Knight asked what about the fund balance on the graph, is that 2009 or 2010.

Mayor Randall said we are not planning on taking too much from the Fund Balance. You will see on the agenda this evening, we plan to move about \$150,000 from Fund Balance rather than increase the tax rate. Also, we're waiting to hear from NYS Retirement, as most of have seen in the last year, I know my 401k accounts I'm calling a 101k. We have to get back to basics. We could be looking at a 25% increase in 2011. Historically, in the years when the market was good and the estimate was higher than expected the funds went into the general fund that were not used to pay NYS Retirement so I guess, in theory the money is there! Many of the expenses of the Village are driven by benefits, retirement and labor agreements which are up and we will be looking hard to try to get those costs down. Also, we are working with the Dept. Heads to have less capital expenses for equipment and vehicles, although we know they will have to be replaced some time, we are trying to hold off at the moment. I also would like to establish a capital plan and prioritize our needs for the next 1 to 5 years, if possible. I know the aerial ladder truck at the Fire Dept. is an item that needs to be replaced and they tell me it's a \$1 million dollar investment today. Another issue we need to look at is all of the Village's assets and useful life as the recent study done by Stearns & Wheeler at the WWTP, to make evaluations for replacement of buildings and equipment in the future. I think that's a study we may want to do at the Water Treatment Plant going forward.

Heather Sackett asked in Fire Prevention, why does it say \$300,000.00 for fire building improvements?

Village Treasurer Peggy Mousaw said on page 10, that's an error is should say command truck, not building improvements. Its \$100,000 for a command center truck.

Mayor Randall said yes, that's to replace the 18 year old command center which is demonstrating signs of weakness, so that's a replacement for that piece of equipment.

Trustee Jones questioned \$300,000.00?

Heather Sackett said well really \$290,000.00.

Village Treasurer Peggy Mousaw said that's the year-to-date to the end of May.

Heather Sackett asked but most of that's the truck?

Mayor Randall said the budget is broken down and its very consistent, except for one vehicle. Are there any other comments?

Richard Smith said I feel the time and preparation the board has put into this budget is wonderful and I know its still a work in progress. I'd ask, and this has nothing to do with the budget, but I'd ask that the press either in print or radio not to sensationalize the budget story. Don't try to put the board in a lesser light, in lieu of the work they've done, I don't want see some big bold headline that has nothing to do with the story. Enough said.

Mayor Randall said thank you for being here. Copies of the budget are available and thank you for your comments this evening. At this time I will close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2009 Village Board meeting as presented by the Village Clerk.

Old Business

Safe Routes to Schools Grant Resolution

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Art Devlin, seconded by Trustee David W. Jones, and unanimously carried as follows:

WHEREAS, a Project for the SRTS: Village of Lake Placid Sidewalks to School, Village of Lake Placid, P.I.N. 1758.12 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 100% Federal funds and 0% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Placid desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village of Lake Placid to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$502,190.00 (Five Hundred two thousand one hundred ninety dollars and no cents) is hereby appropriate from the general fund and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village Board of the Village of Lake Placid shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Lake Placid be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village of Lake Placid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancements or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

I, Kathryn A. McKillip, Clerk of the Village of Lake Placid, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution on file in my office and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof as duly adopted by said Village Board of Trustees at a meeting duly called and held at the North Elba Town Hall on Monday, June 15, 2009 by the required necessary vote of the members to approve the resolution.

WITNESS, my hand and the official seal of the Village of Lake Placid, New York, the 16th day of June, 2009.

Kathryn A. McKillip, Village Clerk

Seal

County Sales Tax Resolution

RESOLUTION

**Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Placid Electing
Direct Payment of Essex County Sales and Compensating Use Tax Allocation**

**The following Resolution was offered by Trustee David W. Jones, seconded
by Trustee Zay B. Curtis, III, as follows:**

WHEREAS, Essex County imposes sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to
Section 1210 of the Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Essex County has elected to allocate a portion of the net collections
from its sales and use taxes to the towns in the county; and

WHEREAS, Section 1262 (c) of the New York State Tax Law authorizes a
Village to elect to be paid its share of the county's allocation to the town or towns in
which the Village is located directly, the amount to be paid to such Village to be
determined by the ratio that the full valuation of real property in the Village or portion
thereof within each town in which such Village is located bears to the full valuation of
real property in the entire town; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now desires to make such election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Lake Placid
hereby elects to be paid directly its portion of Essex County's sales and compensating use
tax net collections, for calendar year 2010 and thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to such Section 1262(c) of the
Tax Law, a copy of this Resolution shall immediately be mailed by registered or certified
mail to the chief fiscal officer of Essex County and to the Clerk of the Essex County
Board of Supervisors before September 1, 2009, in order for this election to take effect
January 1, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect until
rescinded by the Village of Lake Placid Board of Trustees in accordance with the notice
provisions of such section 1262 (c) of the Tax Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect
immediately.

This Resolution was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Craig H. Randall	Aye
Trustee David W. Jones	Aye
Trustee Art Devlin	Aye
Trustee Zay B. Curtis, III	Aye
Trustee Jason Leon	Aye

This Resolution was unanimously adopted.

I, Kathryn A. McKillip, Village Clerk of the Village of Lake Placid, do hereby certify that this Resolution was hereby duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Placid Village Board of Trustees held on Monday, June 15, 2009

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Kathryn A. McKillip
Village Clerk

New Business

Transfer of Funds Paving/Sweeper

Motion by Trustee Curtis, seconded by Trustee Jones to authorize the transfer of funds from the General Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$122,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing a sweeper for the DPW Dept., and paving of one half of the Village municipal lot, the Stewart's parking lot and the lower end of Greenwood Street. A skim coat will be applied to Olympic Hill only.

The motion was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Craig H. Randall	Aye
Trustee David W. Jones	Aye
Trustee Art Devlin	Aye
Trustee Zay B. Curtis, III	Aye
Trustee Jason Leon	Aye

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Transfer of Funds Printer/Website

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to authorize the transfer of funds from the General Fund, the Electric Fund, the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund (four way split) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing a printer/scanner/fax unit for the Clerk/Treasurer's office, and to initiate an RFP for website consulting services to develop a consolidated Village of Lake Placid website.

The motion was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Mayor Craig H. Randall	Aye
Trustee David W. Jones	Aye
Trustee Art Devlin	Aye
Trustee Zay B. Curtis, III	Aye
Trustee Jason Leon	Aye

The motion was unanimously adopted.

July – Lake Appreciation Month

Proclamation -Lake Appreciation Month

***Whereas: The Village Of Lake Placid and Town Of North Elba
Is blessed with beautiful lakes and ponds within its boundaries; and***

***Whereas: Lakes and ponds are an important resources to our way of life and its
environment, providing sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitat for wildlife;
and***

***Whereas: our lakes are valuable resources for Lake Placid and North Elba businesses,
tourism, and our municipalities; and***

***Whereas: Citizen volunteers have demonstrated their interest in our Lakes by actively
monitoring lake water quality: and***

***Whereas: The Village Of Lake Placid and Town Of North
Elba recognizes the need to protect these lakes and ponds for future generations:***

***NOW, Therefore, I, Craig H. Randall, Mayor of Lake Placid and I, Robert T. Politi,
Supervisor of the Town of North Elba, do hereby proclaim July, Lake Appreciation
Month***

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to authorize the Mirror Lake Watershed Association to use Peacock Park on July 9, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for Lake Celebration Night, and waive any fees required for this event.

MEUA Audit Committee Meeting

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Curtis and carried to authorize Peggy Mousaw, Village Treasurer to attend the MEUA Audit Committee Meeting in Syracuse, New York on July 22, 2009, with all necessary expenses to be paid for by the Village of Lake Placid.

Set Meeting Dates

Motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to set the following meeting dates for July to December 2009:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lake Placid Village Board will hold meetings on the following dates at the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY, unless otherwise stated, as follows:

Regular Meeting	Monday	July 6th, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	July 20, 2009 5:30p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Aug. 3rd, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Aug. 17th, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Sept. 14, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Sept. 21, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Oct. 5, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Oct. 19, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall

Regular Meeting	Monday	Nov. 2, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Nov. 16, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Dec. 7, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Regular Meeting	Monday	Dec. 21, 2009 5:30 p.m. Town Hall

Audit Bills

The Village Board, acting as a Board of Auditors to the Village of Lake Placid, do hereby certify that the attached is a complete and true abstract of all accounts audited by this Board at its regular meeting held on June 15, 2009, including the amount claimed and the amount allowed thereof, and including bills totaling the amount of:

\$	208,851.46	General Vouchers
\$	305,583.56	Electric Vouchers
\$	258,669.54	Water Vouchers
\$	51,118.97	Sewer Vouchers
\$	11,120.00	HUD & Sec 8 Vouchers
\$	16,425.00	Capital Fund

The total of all vouchers on Abstract #19 is: \$851,768.53

Announcement Meeting Date to Adopt Budget

Mayor Randall said we will be scheduling a meeting date of Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., here at the Town Hall for the purpose of adopting the budget.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, motion by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Devlin and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Kathryn A. McKillip
Village Clerk

