

The warrant was reviewed by Trustee Devlin in the Village Clerk's office on Monday, September 24, 2012 and he recommended the bills be processed and paid in the normal fashion.

Motion by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Holderied and carried to accept and approve Warrant #4 of 2012-13 in the amount of \$619,848.56, as presented and authorize payment of all bills listed.

AUD Filing for 2011-12

Please be advised the Lake Placid Village, Inc. has completed and properly filed the 2011-2012 Annual Update Document ("AUD") on September 19, 2012. The Constitutional Tax Limit form was filed on May 30, 2012.

These documents are available at the Village Treasurer's office, 1st Floor – Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Trustee Devlin reported the following:

Old Military Road project is moving forward – the 12", 8" and 6" water lines are all hooked up.

The sidewalk on Main Street in front of the old firehouse is done.

DPW is stockpiling sand for the winter.

DPW is starting the sidewalk in Pine Hill this week.

The Fence at the WWTP is on schedule.

Trustees Curtis and Holderied reported the fire house addition is moving forward. Working with Verizon on the radio room.

Resolution in Support of Removal of the Train Tracks

9-24-12



Trustee Curtis said I want to bring something up tonight. I'd like the Village Board to consider making a resolution, as the Town Board did last week, in support of removal of the train tracks. In fact, I'll make this request in the form of a motion now!

Motion by Trustee Curtis, be it resolved the Village of Lake Placid hereby supports the Town of North Elba resolution to request the removal of the train tracks between Lake Placid and Saranac Lake in order to permit the development of a multi-use recreational trail. Trustee Holderied seconded the motion.

Under Discussion:

Trustee Curtis continued by saying the train, to me is just a big consumer of money. Its nice nostalgia and I realize we're the end of the line and there's other towns along the line, but if the

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Town of North Elba's made a resolution, if the Village makes a resolution in support of it then we see where the other towns are on this issue. We got elected to step up. My opinion is the train is a nice piece of history, but if we could get snowmobiling, skiing, hiking and biking and all the activities to go with the recreational trail summer and winter, I think that will go a lot more to attract than that train. I think the train is something people do on a rainy day. I see it all the time at the fire house. There's never anyone on there unless its raining!

Trustee Holderied said I can't really believe the numbers in all of these studies have shown about the income from the multi-use trail. But, it would be way more than what the train brings us now.

Trustee Leon noted Jim McCulley and Tony Goodwin of ARTA has approached the Village Board, but I am surprised that we've not really heard of any of the train supporters? I wonder why they haven't made their case?

Trustee Devlin said I don't really think its our place to step up on this issue. If we're going to have an election in March, put a referendum on the issue and let the voters make their own decision. I don't really see where my opinion should count towards something like this when its not our vote to make.

Trustee Holderied said I disagree. The Village has a representative democracy.

Trustee Devlin said the Village taxpayers expect us to make decisions on the things it has control over, like buying a new fire truck. The Village has no say in whether the train tracks stay or go.

Trustee Leon said I agree with Artie. The residents need to make their voices heard. Although I rarely agree with Bob Miller, the more money that is being dumped into the train as Zay mentioned, could be better spent on recreational trails. Although, I'm not sure how you could have snowmobiling and skiing on the same trail at the same time, but I'm sure that could all be worked out so it was safe for everyone on the trail. That's a conversation for somewhere down the road.

Trustee Holderied said I think other towns and villages are just waiting for someone to act first.

Trustee Curtis said I think all the towns and villages are running for political cover all the way down the line! I think its time for us to stand up and take a stand!

Trustee Devlin said I disagree. I respect your opinion, but I disagree. I haven't heard anything from anyone on either side of the issue.

Trustee Leon said I have heard from some people and they seem to support the idea of removing the tracks.

Mayor Randall said, in my opinion, I feel this resolution is premature. I am also upset that I wasn't even given the heads up that this was being introduced at the meeting tonight. Frankly,

the sponsor of this resolution could have picked the phone up, or come and found me, he does for everything else!

Trustee Curtis said when I spoke with Peter today, he was going to talk with you first.

Mayor Randall said I am very displeased about the way this issue has come up this evening. Apparently, you had a meeting on the street over the weekend and decided to bring this up tonight. I think its premature, and its premature for several reasons. I've had discussions with people in Albany. I also had a telephone discussion with the Mayor of Tupper Lake. Tupper Lake has made an investment to encourage the expansion of the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. The position in Albany is that the tracks will likely remain. NCREDC views the corridor as the only railroad right-of-way that still runs through the heart of the Adirondack Park. At this point, the only group this board had heard from is ARTA, and I believe North Country Association is preparing a presentation of its own. It seems to me, that for an issue like this, the communities that are affected by the rail all the way down the line should be involved in some sort of public discussion or public referendum. I, myself, would like to hear from my constituents and not simply rely on the report of two individuals that have a particular direction they want something to go. I also agree with the Town Supervisor. It will be years before the State decides to remove the tracks.

Trustee Curtis said this is not about what two individuals want. I've been hearing about this for 2-3 years at Rotary Club and other civic organizations for and against removing the tracks.

Trustee Devlin asked is the Rotary Club adopting a resolution?

Trustee Curtis said the Rotary Club doesn't make resolutions. Listen, this is my opinion. I think we should make this resolution. The Town of North Elba took a stand. Let's put it to a vote and see if it passes, if not and I get shot in the foot, then so be it!

Trustee Devlin said I don't really want to pass a resolution just to pass a resolution! I don't know that I'm necessarily opposed to the resolution I'm against taking a position at this time.

Trustee Curtis said we have a motion and a second for a resolution that's on the table right now. If you aren't comfortable with this resolution, then vote no or table it, either way, whatever happens, happens!

Trustee Holderied said I think we should vote on it.

Trustee Leon said while I support the resolution, I do agree with Mayor that there is a large amount of information on both sides of the issue and I guess we need to make a choice.

Mayor said is there anything else anyone would like to add? If not, there's a motion on the table which has been made and seconded and at this time we'll put to a vote.

All those in favor voting aye: Trustee Curtis, Trustee Holderied and Trustee Leon

All those voting no: Trustee Devlin and Mayor Randall

The Resolution is duly passed by a 3-2 vote.

Adopt Health Insurance Resolutions for Employees and Retirees Under 65

Mayor Randall explained for the past year, the Village has been in the process, through its Collective Bargaining Agreements with the various unions, of moving the employees to a new Excellus High Deductible Plan for health insurance. This plan will benefit both the Village of Lake Placid and the employees as the premium cost is substantially less for both the Village and the employee(s). There is a deductible for a single person of \$2,600.00, and the 2 person and family deductible is \$5,200.00. In order to transition the Village employees to this high deductible coverage, the Village of Lake Placid will fund the deductibles at 90% each for all employees and retirees under 65 years of age. Not all Village employees are covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements, therefore, its necessary for the Village Board to adopt the following resolutions for employees under the age of 65 covered under the Personnel Policy Manual and Retirees past, present or future under the age of 65 covered under the Personnel Policy Manual and/or a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Health Insurance Resolution for Employees eligible for health insurance pursuant to the Personnel Policy Manual who are not represented by any employee organization:

Motion by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Devlin and unanimously carried as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, notwithstanding any inconsistent terms contained in the Village Personnel Policy Manual and any previous resolutions of the Village Board, the following shall be the policy of the Village of Lake Placid regarding the provision of health insurance benefits to those employees eligible for health insurance pursuant to the Personnel Policy Manual who are not represented by any employee organization

1. Effective January 1, 2013, all employees eligible for health insurance coverage, except as set forth below, shall be required to enroll in the Excellus BCBS High Deductible Plan (\$2600/\$5200 deductibles) with prescription co-pays of \$5/\$35/\$70. Each year the Village will fund \$2340 into a Health Savings Account for an employee on the single plan and \$4680 for an employee on a two-person or family plan while such employee is enrolled in the Excellus BCBS High Deductible Plan.
2. In December of the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the employee will reach the age that he/she becomes eligible for Medicare, each employee shall enroll in the Excellus Blue EPO Option K Plan and coverage shall continue for each such employee in said plan throughout the employee's employment. Upon enrollment in the Excellus Blue EPO Option K plan, the employee shall no longer receive any contributions to any Health Savings Account.