

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2017**  
**2017 SARANAC LAKE FIRE CONTRACT**

Minutes of a Public Hearing held on the above date beginning at 6:45 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 Doty, Councilman Rand, Laurie Dudley

**Others Present:** Attorney Ron Briggs, Superintendent Larry Straight

Supervisor Politi opened the Public Hearings and Regular Board meeting by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Politi reading the Public Notice which he stated was properly published and posted.

Please take notice that the Town of North Elba will hold public hearing on February 14, 2017 at 6:45 pm at the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York, to consider entering into contract pursuant to §184 of the Town Law, between the Town of North Elba and Village of Saranac Lake by which the Village of Saranac Lake Fire Department will provide fire protection, emergency rescue and first aid squad relief for the North Elba Fire Protection District No. 2 for the Year 2017. A copy of said contract is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of North Elba and available for review and inspection.

Supervisor Politi - The Saranac Lake Fire Expenditure for Fire Protection District 2 is \$42,524.11 which is a 1 year contract that expires in December 2017. Last year (2016) it was \$38,349.71 and the year before that (2015) was \$33,729. The cost has increased nearly \$9,000 in nearly two years. That's a 10% increase this year alone and 15% the year before.

Councilman Doty – Are there protections on fire districts for crossovers from neighboring departments? Similar to the landfill boundary issue that took a legislative law to let garbage go from one County to the other.

Supervisor Politi – That is not the same in Fire Districts because of Mutual Aid laws.

Councilman Doty – Nothing against one fire department to another, but if this increase of 10% a year continues it will reach \$50,000 fairly quickly. I would bet this fire department would take the \$50,000 to cover it.

Supervisor Politi – I would agree. If this increase continues at this rate, we will catch up to the \$50,000 very fast. That is a question for Jack more than me.

Councilman Doty – For many years we were under \$30,000 it was going up a couple grand a year. Now we're into the double digit increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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No one came for the public hearing in objection to the Saranac Lake Fire Protection District 2. Supervisor Politi closed the public hearing at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Dudley, Town Clerk