

Minutes for a Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on February 8, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing regarding former railroad bed property now owned by the Town at the vicinity of the intersection of Defiance and Portage.

Present: Mark A. Wright, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Heath Towne, Councilman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Joann & Anthony Cartiglia, Bob Dedrick, Shaundra Yaw, Marge Cross, Alan Densmore, Scott & Sue Montville, Kelly Paige and daughter Trinity, Peggy Robbins, Tim Malaney, Lori Alteri-Nadeau, Aaron Drinkwine and others.

Supervisor Wright opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks

Another reminder to residents of the Town that we are continuing to gather data on who has and who does not have internet capability. We are interested in knowing if you receive internet through a satellite provider like Hughs Net, Star Link or if you are getting it through a cellular provider. If you are receiving it through satellite or cellular then the county views that as underserved so we are trying to get this information to map areas in our Town and the rest of the county that is unserved or underserved so these areas can be addressed. There is currently a contractor looking into these situations. If you know someone that doesn't get internet, please get those names and addresses to the Town.

Recent Security measures in this building here, we have added security gates to secure the bottom section of this building. We do have a sign that closes off the East hallway to prevent some incidents at court where somebody has gone through the side door and it does not get closed. We have also started closing all the first floor bathrooms at night after business hours, again this is a safety measure for the people that are coming to court and going through the building.

Public Hearing

Town property on Defiance and The Portage (Old Railroad Bed)

The area involved is in the intersection of Defiance Street and The Portage. It is parcel 150.51-10-19.100 and is about 3.82 acres in total, this portion currently is used as parking for the Dentist Office and Queens Treasurers. The roadway that has been traditionally used as a roadway (he says traditionally because it is not a road and never has been a road) the Town property goes right up against the building and that is because the rail line ran along this area. This was a location in or about where there was a station which didn't last long and that is why the property was positioned like this and why it ran so close to this building. This parcel joins other parcels along the railway bed in both directions. This small lot has traditionally been used by customers

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and residents. The issue we have here with this being Town property and using this Town property for business, without some kind of Use of Facility or Insurance that names the Town as additional Insured leaves the Town open for liability. We are trying to determine what the future of this property is and is why we are having this public hearing. We want to hear what residents would prefer, we have the interest in what works best for them and for the Town and go on from there. There are options and one of those would be that we sell the property and this would remove any liability we would have regarding parking, we would lose any obligation that the Town has whether to proceed with maintenance of the property and that would leave the use of that property to the leisure of whomever owns that property. There is slight issue with that being a small extension of another piece of property if sold as a whole or it may be best to subdivide which is another option – to subdivide the entire property or we can keep the property and then there are options with that as well, we could block the area off, turn it into green space, we could prohibit any use of this property without some sort of agreement with the Town such as a Use of Facility and Insurance. We could create and maintain a road here and that would fall subject to the administration of any other road that we have in town in terms of law enforcement. What we want to do is work with the businesses, we want to work with the residents. We are open to ideas but we need to remove Town liability on this section here.

Joanne Cartiglia and a year ago she came in front of this board to ask for permission for Zoning so she could move her business here and she bought a blighted building that had no heat, no plumbing. Her nephew and other members of her family and herself working in subzero temperatures last January and February for weeks so she could move her business here. She has \$70,000.00 into the interior of that building. When we bought it we were told that was a Town Road and that it was right up to her property – one foot, one foot from that front door is what they own. We felt comfortable investing in another blighted property that we have received absolutely (very emotional) no grants, we do not benefit from the 10 million dollars that is coming to Ticonderoga, even though we are restoring a historic building because we are not on Montcalm Street. Any grants for energy companies that other businesses have gotten, we are not able to get because we purchased the building before that. We are not rich people; we are hardworking people. First of all, let her step back, somebody, not us, Jajoca (prior owner) had put a sign that said private road, her husband was outside working and the road supervisor came up and told them they are not allowed to put signs like that up, that this is a Town Road.

Supervisor Wright stated that it is not a Town Road.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that he said that, she can say that it is used as a road.

Supervisor Wright stated, yes, that is true.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that it is maintained as a road.

Supervisor Wright stated that it is not.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that you plow it.

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Supervisor Wright stated that we do not plow it. He talked to the Supervisor of the Highway the other day and he said...

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that they have been there for the past year...

Supervisor Wright stated that Blodgett used to plow it, just like the dentist plows the parking lot.

Mrs. Cartiglia continued saying that for the \$5,177.00 in taxes that she pays on that piece of property.

Mr. Cartiglia didn't want to interrupt, but when he spoke to Sal (highway Super) last year about re-salting it, he came and re-salted it because the Town had plowed it.

Supervisor Wright stated that he told him today that he had never plowed that road since he has been Superintendent. The fact is that it is not a road, so it doesn't have to be maintained as a road. It is Town property, but it is not a road.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that we were told it was a road, we were told it was used as a road.

Supervisor Wright can't help what people were told, there is a solution here. He is not trying to shut you down; the Town is trying to remove its liability here. We can do that through agreements with Use of Facilities forms and you can have the Town listed as an additional insured.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that she can get you a COI in five seconds.

Supervisor Wright stated that this can be an easy solution, but you are the one that brought this up to our attention when you contacted the Town Clerk and said you want the road maintained.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that was because she was told it was a Town Road and she was never told otherwise.

Supervisor Wright stated that on social media you stated that you didn't understand why it came up, it came up because of what you said.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated ok. If you buy a property and there is a road in front of it and people are telling you it is a road, whether it is paved or not and there is a private road sign that we were told that we had to take down.

Supervisor Wright stated that was because it was on Town property.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that they didn't put it there. Ok, that is used and Dr. Cook, you are looking at two businesses that are providing revenue ok.

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Supervisor Wright noted that we appreciate that, but we have to cover our liability. You can't possibly agree that we shouldn't have liability coverage, do you?

Mrs. Cartiglia would assume you would.

Supervisor Wright continued that when businesses are using Town property to conduct business and we don't have a Use of Facility or they are not saying the Town is an additional insured on the policy we have liability issues.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that this is just a complete utter shocking revelation to us. We were told that the county owned the road. That is what we were told and all of your equipment on the Portage when it was tore up was in there.

Supervisor Wright stated that this was because it was Town property.

Mrs. Cartiglia continued stating that the road was fixed when they bought it, so, put yourself in our shoes. She has no way to buy anything else..

Supervisor Wright would like you to put yourself in our shoes as well, this is a solution that can be made but you have to understand where we are as well. He can't go back in time and ...

Mrs. Cartiglia explained that if someone goes in the park and falls, it is the same thing...

Supervisor Wright stated no, you are a business conducting business using Town property..

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that she does not use the Town property. UPS uses that Town property,

Supervisor Wright asked do you not use that side door on the property side.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that they use the other side door. All of our trucks go to the side door.

Supervisor Wright asked then why are you concerned about this property?

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that this is where we park, UPS drives through, FedEx drives through, and now it is her problem. It is upsetting and unwelcome and unnecessary. The Town has lots of areas people travel through.

Supervisor Wright again re-iterated, you are missing the point. You are conducting business on Town property, not the public walking through the park.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that she is conducting business in a building that has been a business since the 1800's that has had that there, why is it all of a sudden now that her business is using it that it is a problem.

Inaudible – many people speaking at once.

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Supervisor Wright stated we need to keep this organized, if you want to speak then come up. We are trying to get to a solution here and if all you want to do is argue, then we won't come to a resolution.

Lori Alteri-Nadeau asked how much would it cost for insurance? The Town would need to get this?

Supervisor Wright explained that it is on the individual business that would need to get the additional insurance. It is up to the businesses who want to use that property who would need to list the Town as additional insured, what that cost is, we don't know.

Mrs. Alteri-Nadeau misunderstood; she thought it was the Town that needed the insurance.

Supervisor Wright continued explaining that if someone trips on the ice, someone from the dentist office, we are liable. If someone gets injured at the Queens Treasures side, we are liable. It seems like a simple solution to him, but it has to be addressed.

Mrs. Alteri-Nadeau feels that the Town should continue to maintain it and use it. She thinks there are a lot of people that cut through there, even the plow trucks in the winter. She has seen that (inaudible – many speaking at once) (Mrs. Thompson interrupted to tell people one person at a time). She feels like it should still be maintained and maybe even improved, maybe make it a road.

Supervisor Wright needs everyone to understand, if we make this a road it is enforced like all the other roads. You can't just park your cars in the middle of the road.

Mrs. Alteri-Nadeau thinks that would be great, put actual parking spots in there so that there is no accidents and people would know where to park and she thinks that would be great. She really does, she would hate to see it removed because it is used by many people, it is a short cut.

Mr. Cartiglia asked if the employees that are parking on Town property park on what is property of Queen's Treasures, then there is no liability for the Town. Is that correct?

Supervisor Wright stated correct, that is your own parking lot. As he said, there are solutions to this, there is no reason to...

Mrs. Cartiglia expressed to sit here and hear that this piece of property might be sold, she can't buy that right now.

Supervisor Wright explained that it is an option, it is not necessarily what we are going to do. We want to hear what all the residents want to do with the property and as he said, there are solutions here, but what we need is cooperation if you want to use this to conduct business.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that we won't park there, you will have to talk with the post office about using the road and FedEx or whatever. We have them come to the garage in the back.

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Supervisor Wright again explained that they are not conducting business there, we are not communicating.

Mrs. Alteri-Nadeau asked Mrs. Cartiglia to reiterate that they would like the Town to maintain a road. Maintain it, not sell it, turn it actually into a road, pave it, put some parking there and that would actually benefit anybody, your building, Dr. Cook's building. She thinks it would be a great presentation, people going to Mt. Defiance, it would be nice to see it utilized like we use it because it is full of pot holes and a lot of people come through there, even just to turn around so it does have a usefulness and she thinks that is what you (Mrs. Cartiglia) obviously want. You don't want to see it sold. Agreed.

Mr. Cartiglia had a conversation with Sal (Highway Super) because the Town was paving other areas and he told him that he was going to try to get it paved – what he called a road and at the end of the year he said we didn't have enough people to get to it, we will get to it next year. So, his understanding from Sal is that it is a road.

Supervisor Wright stated that it may be used as a road and there is a definition of a road and that is not a road, it does not have to be maintained by the Town, it does not have to be plowed, it does not have to be salted, it does not have to be paved. The fact that he may have done that off and on over time is immaterial and does not make it a road. The same is true if you want to abandon a road, there is a process to abandon a road so it is not maintained any more.

Bob Dedrick stated that he lives on the end of Defiance Street and being a teacher he had to come down The Portage every single day and he tells you, that is a very difficult turn when you come off the Portage onto Defiance. It is a back angle and to be honest with you, he always took that short cut. He always did and always does. He stopped when there was a sign up when Blodgett had it because he thought it was their property and out of courtesy, he would make that right turn. Now that it is clearly Ticonderoga property, he would really like to see that as a road.

Supervisor Wright stated that this is what the Town experienced when Blodgett had it. They would pile sand, pipe and everything basically on Town property without permission. Did we do anything, no and that is our bad, but anything could have happened moving that material around and we would have been liable.

Mr. Dedrick understands the plight, as a former Supervisor he knows where this is coming from as far as liability. If it is a Town road then the liability is gone.

Supervisor Wright again explained that if it is a Town road it is subject to the same liability as any Town road.

Mr. Dedrick agreed, of course, thank you.

Tim Malaney also lives on Defiance Street and what he would like to see is the whole triangle in front of the Queen's Treasurers made into a municipal parking lot. Dean Cook's parking, and that is what we will call it (laughter) is very dangerous with people coming in and out of there. It

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should be leveled and the entrance could be on the south side of Defiance Street and have one entrance in and out to not be right onto that main road corner and have a squared off parking lot for safety purposes and keep it as a Town property.

Scott Montville has a question, he thought this was going to be on the whole railroad bed as he lives further up.

Supervisor Wright stated if there is a parcel that you are interested in, you can always approach the Town with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Montville agreed that he actually has done this and submitted a letter to the Town Clerk a couple of years ago.

Aaron Drinkwine wants to follow that as well, because he did not know what this was pertaining to between the railroad bed and Town property. His understanding is that the railroad bed was sold to the Town. It was always D&H's railroad and once they finally had gotten to the point and saw that none of these railroads were being used in this Town no more, they gave the Town all of these railroad beds and then

Mrs. Thompson interrupted noting that this is not correct. About 10 years ago the railroad bed was purchased. There was a public hearing at that time.... This thing is not to single anyone out, this has been a reoccurring issue for many years about the entire railroad bed, about this particular area, this is not something new.

Mr. Drinkwine noted that this is why he was curious as to what this hearing was involving the railroad bed on each side.

Mrs. Thompson continued that the Town purchased the property specifically for a storm water project many years ago and that is what was supposed to happen with it.

Mr. Drinkwine understands that there are always disputes on land, International Paper land, Fort lands, but his understanding was that there was always a neighbor that took care of the railroad bed, so it ended up being their little area that they took care of. So, his understanding is if you own property on one side compared to the other side you guys split the railroad bed and maintain, but it still belongs to the Town. Now, he doesn't know what the option is to buy this land. He didn't know that things could be submitted to buy railroad land or not.

Mrs. Thompson explained that you can submit anything to her office and she will direct it to the board to discuss it.

Mr. Drinkwine understood that you can pay the Town a dollar, they own and you maintain it and you can say.....

Mrs. Thompson stated no, that is not correct.

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Mr. Drinkwine stated that this is why he came to get a little clarity here. What is being discussed, is that corner right there actual railroad property? Was that a station right there where Mr. Cook conducts his business and has for years? Where else would they park if they went to Mr. Cook's anyway, they can't park on The Portage, there is no room to put a car along the side of the road.

Supervisor Wright stated that is immaterial to this discussion...

Mr. Drinkwine does not believe that it is...

Supervisor Wright again stated that it is, it doesn't change the facts that this is Town property...

Mr. Drinkwine continued that it doesn't change the fact that tomorrow he will see the same business using that driveway that belongs to the Town that they will benefit that parking.

Supervisor Wright is not saying that they do not benefit from the parking, what he is saying is that the Town needs to limit their liability and there are ways to do that.

Mr. Drinkwine asked if it was for sale.

Supervisor Wright stated that it is not currently for sale, it could be if the Town so chooses to put it up for sale, but it is not currently for sale.

Mr. Drinkwine stated that this is why he was trying to get some understanding and clarity of what is going on with the land. Being Town land, everybody will be parking there tomorrow to have their teeth looked at.

Mr. Cartiglia understands now that this has come up in the past, what is the time frame for making decisions?

Supervisor Wright explained that there is no deadline for this, we are gathering data now to make a decision.

Mrs. Cartiglia interrupted to ask if there have been any studies done to see how many cars do go through there? It may be something you want to look at.

Supervisor Wright stated no studies have been done, it will be either we use it as a road or we don't.

Mrs. Cartiglia is trying to explain if there are a lot of people doing so, it shows the benefit of making it a road.

Supervisor Wright does not believe he totally agrees with that statement. People do a lot of things they are not supposed to be doing and that does not mean there is a benefit, it just means

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they are taking a short cut. Is it probably useful as a road, yes, it probably is. Just because a lot of people are using it as a road, doesn't mean it should be a road.

Washington – works at the Queens Treasures, we are new to the area. We moved to Glens Falls a year ago and we work in Ti for that same year. Being new to the area, we have seen how many, the entire Town uses that road and he saw that because our trucks, UPS and Post Office drive through there and we are getting singled out that we are using that road. We don't use the road. We have seen how beneficial it is for the Town to have that road as a road.

Supervisor Wright stated that this is not a road (Inaudible) he doesn't disagree and if the Town finds that it is good to turn it into a road then fine, otherwise, we have to limit our liability.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated if anything she put in a pretty flower bed last year and we have painted the building and fixing the outside.

Supervisor Wright stated that it looks good and we are glad that you came to Town to do business here. We did not know what was going to happen to the building.

Mr. Drinkwine does know the difference between it being a road or a parking lot because all these years he has been a resident, it has been a parking lot and a road. Where are the people at the dentist going to park if that is not a road?

Supervisor Wright understands, but again he is just trying to limit the Town's liability, there are solutions here.

Mrs. Cartiglia asked how many lawsuits there have been on that property?

Supervisor Wright stated that we try not to wait for a lawsuit, we try to prepare ourselves to not have any. He does not know any personally, but that doesn't lessen our liability.

Mr. Cartiglia asked if you deem that a road, does it raise your insurance rate?

Supervisor Wright does not believe that small section would raise it a whole lot, it just has to go through the process of being officially designated as a road.

Mr. Cartiglia stated that it is basically an administrative process to call it a road, which doesn't affect the Town's pocket of really any substantial way and yet it would be covered under the same liability and (inaudible)

Councilwoman Cooper explained there is expense of putting in a proper roadbed and having it paved, etc.

Mr. Dedrick stated that he sees three benefits if this is taken on, one is it will be a road, second you are protecting two businesses, and take away liability for the Town as well as the liability of a person driving because he does not like that 60 degree turn, it is really dangerous especially if

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you are parked on the right hand side of Mt. Defiance if you come down Defiance Street. So, it takes away his liability too as a driver. He sees nothing but a plus, and a win, win.

Councilman Woods feels there is a safety issue that would factor into this.

Councilwoman Cooper asked if the Queens Treasures was using the front door? She agrees with Bob about that corner, it is really dangerous, she has a niece that lives on Defiance so she does use this road.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated yes, right now we do. There is a side entrance.

Sue Montville asked if this would be an open parking lot, all night long? Her concern is with the riff raff that may park there at night.

Supervisor Wright stated that he lived across the street there for decades and there was riff raff then and there will be riff raff. The Town parking lots do not have hours of parking. So, what he is hearing tonight is that most are for the road and parking lot than green space. We will continue this for one month and we appreciate all the comments tonight. He is sorry that people got all wound up.

Mrs. Cartiglia stated that is what the thought of knowing right now we could not buy it if it went for sale and having that building if that is sold. It would make that building really unsellable.

Supervisor Wright agreed and the Town's goal is not to make business difficult in the Town, it is just to once and for all, at least this parcel, solve this issue.

Mrs. Alteri-Nadeau asked how we will hear if there is a meeting to finalize all of this?

Supervisor Wright stated that you will know, he will make some sort of announcement.

Report of Committees

Airport – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6

6 February 2024

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present:, Alan Densmore, Gary Vosburg, Mark Wright, Tom Thatcher, Bryan Duros, Ash Alexander and Jon Hanna

Guest: Tim Woods

Jon said that we sold 484 gallons of fuel last month.

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Many steps are required for the five-year plan to reach completion, now we are doing the vault relocation, which should be out for bid this year and hope to have the work done 2025.

lighting has been completed. Bryan will double check on this.

We talked about the purchase of additional land; this will allow us to own the runway protection area and add to our base so we can add hangers. This will require timing to allow us to meet all of our needs.

Information has been received on doing a Fly-in, more to follow

Meeting adjourned at 0852.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 5 March, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

Resolution #48-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint to appoint the following Airport Committee Members: C. Tom Thatcher (chair), Mark Wright (vice-chair), Jon Hanna, Bryan Douros, Ash Alexander, Chris Kneppers, Gary Vosburg and Alan Densmore. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Building, Grounds, Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach Cemeteries and Monuments
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024

Committee members present were James Chauncy, Bill Dolback Nancy Kelley, Tonya Thompson, Dave Woods, and Joyce Cooper. Also present was Councilman Tom Thatcher.

Public Participation:

No comment made.

Daylight Stream Flooding:

Councilwoman Cooper noted she still had concerns regarding the road washout near the Fishing Pier in Bicentennial Park as to how repairs or replacement would be funded. Members felt the repairs would be paid from a contingency fund not from Parks and Rec funds, and the work done by the Highway Department. It is

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hoped the entire road from the park entrance to the pier will be improved and blacktopped.

Recreation Park:

Discussion regarding the development of Field 4 behind Field 2 continued. Over 400 yards of clean fill and 2 culverts will be needed. Highway should have the culverts and may help with the installation. It is hoped the majority or all of the fill will be donated from local projects. The area will also have to be seeded before the fence is installed and the field is ready for use.

James Chauncy's Report:

James is moving forward with his plans to use space on the third floor of the Armory for an exchange of children's sporting equipment such as mitts and cleats. A flyer will be created and distributed. This exchange has also been approved by the Youth Commission.

The Ice Rink:

After a proposed project to improve the town's ice rink was removed from final DRI proposal presented to the state, Rink Attendant Ash Alexander and PRIDE Executive Director Nicole Green are reported to be working on other grant proposals to fund rink improvements such as a rink 'chiller'. Concern was expressed by committee members regarding the total cost of this equipment and the funds needed to run and maintain this equipment. A new location might be necessary. Ash will be invited to

attend the next Parks and Rec meeting to discuss rink improvements. It was also noted that rink signage needs to be improved.

Monuments:

A light on the south side of the Liberty Monument is not working and may need a new bulb or fixture repair.

The next Parks and Rec Meeting is Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30.

Resolution #49-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to appoint the following Buildings Grounds Parks Rec Committee Members: Joyce Cooper (co-chair), Dave Woods (co-chair), Nicole Justice Green, Bill Dolback, James Chauncey, Jerry Cooper, Nancy Kelley, and Tonya Thompson. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Economic Development – Mark Wright, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Economic Development Committee (EDC) Minutes (01/17/2024)**

Attendees: Mark A. Wright (Chair); Heath Towne (Vice-Chair); John Bartlett (TMSP); Donna Wotton (TRA); Nicole Justice Green (PRIDE);.

Excused: Matt Courtright (TACC); Beth Hill (Fort Ticonderoga Association).

Guests: None.

Mark Wright opened the meeting (1500).

DRI Updates

- Mark Wright provided an update. Strategic Investment Plan being submitted soon. Many EDC members who were also DRI LPC members stated they were unhappy with the NYS assigned consultant firm.

Miscellaneous Topics

- John Bartlett asked if there was anything going on with the recent \$25M fire department grant. Wright stated the information was forwarded to the Fire District and PRIDE. Wright explained the recent status on the ability/inability for the District to capitalize on the CDBG grant. Donna Wotton asked about the relationship between the fire department and the town to which Wright provided the information.
- John Bartlett stated the Mid-Winter Carnival is scheduled for the first weekend in March (3/2). ADK Trailriders will provide snowmobile rides again.
- Nicole Justice Green announced PRIDE was working on two grants – one for an ice rink chiller and another to restore/clean the Community Building cupola. Skating rink goals include ADA compliance, a snow blower shed followed by additional phases. Phase 2: more family friendly access. Phase 3: covering the rink.
- PRIDE is currently interviewing for 3 positions.
- Donna Wotton announced the Northern Forest Center (NFC) expressed they were upset because they (NFC) never heard back for how money was spent at the ice rink. There was discussion on who applied for this grant and how to look into responding to NFC.
- Donna Wotton announced TRA would hold a special board meeting the following day to discuss the St. Mary's lease for a childcare facility.
- Nicole Justice Green asked how 108 Montcalm Street was doing with the snow load. Donna stated the drain was cleaned during the Christmas break.

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- Heath Town provided information on local lodging impacts. Discussion was had on the May scheduled TREK event and how that will impact the community. Heath stated mill shutdown this year is scheduled for Apr 28 – May 26. Wright stated that he interfaced with Mr. Cawley regarding an information link that Matt Courtright (TACC) suggested be added to the TREK website.

ACTION ITEMS:

- None

Meeting adjourned: 1548.

Resolution #50-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Heath Towne to appoint the following Economic Development Committee Members: Mark Wright (chair), Heath Towne (vice-chair), Donna Wotton, Matt Courtright, Nicole Justice Green, John Bartlett, and Beth Hill. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Highway/Transfer Station – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga
Highway and Transfer Station
January 30, 2024, minutes of Meeting**

Present:

Mitch Cole, Sal Barnao, Mark Wright, Dave Woods, John Demming

Others:

Matt Fuller, Tom Thatcher, Joyce Cooper

Public Discussion

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

Public discussion

- Joyce Cooper: Happy to see sidewalk plow back on the street.

End public comment.

Committee Discussion

- Sal: Bleachers were delivered (in boxes and wrapper). Arrived 2 weeks ago.
 - Joyce: Will they fit in/near salt shed. Sal – yes.
- Sal: Bus signs (for High School area) are up. Discussion.

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- Discussion re: Tower Avenue parking.
 - Woods: Discussed in public safety meeting. Are we just looking to put up public parking signs and not “No Parking” signs.
 - Wright: Correct.
 - Sal: Highway has no extra signs. Wright asked who would pay for these and Joyce Cooper stated it would be her (Parks/Recs budget).
 - Sal asked if the town wanted to make the area at the corner of Tower and Burgoyne a parking lot. The consensus was yes.
- Wright asked about the Ferry Landing sign which discusses no parking during the winter. The months of no parking are reversed. Sal stated this has been corrected.
- Sal stated the new plow has arrived.
- Dave Woods stated the area new Overlook Drive has glare ice. Sal stated they have investigated this before and check every morning. The area is all ledge so water runs down.
- Discussion on the sidewalk plow. Dave woods asked about the blade width and if it could be used on the Bobcat as a temporary when the sidewalk plow is down. Sal stated the plot should fit on the Bobcat.
- John Demming asked Sal how he was doing on personnel. Sal replied he is down one position and they are advertising or another MEO.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20am

Minutes were taken and prepared by Mark Wright

Resolution #51-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint the following Highway/Transfer Station Committee Members: Dave Woods (chair), Mark Wright (vice-chair), Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, Donald Paige, and John Deming. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Municipal Facility Evaluation – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

**Minutes Municipal Facility Committee
January 24, 2024**

Attendance: Tom Thatcher, Chris Dostie, Jeff Coo k

Absent: Mike Moser, Heath Towne

Pubic: Tom Cunningham, Dave Woods

Opened with the pledge @ 6:31pm. The first order of business was to ask all members present if they will serve through 2024. All agreed. Tom Thatcher to contact Mike Moser. Tom Cunningham would like to serve on this committee, that would make it and even number,

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we need an odd number of members, so there would never be a tie vote. Tom will be looking for that new member if Mike Moser stays on.

I overviewed the new Police Station and gave everyone a copy of the site plan, floor plan and elevation plan. I did inform the group that the timeline has slowed because AES 's person involved with the design has resigned. We are waiting for the appointment of her replacement. We had a discussion of the fact that the cost of a new building needs to figure in the teardown of the old station and a place for the Building and Grounds people to work out of. Consensus of the committee is to tear down the building and look for prefab building (s) for the Building and Grounds workers.

I gave the committee a brief overview that the Hudson Head Waters building is back on the market and we are looking into the cost and a plan for the building to satisfy the state requirements for use to purchase this for the town.

Chris Dostie did comment that we need to move on this Police Station due to the poor shape of the present building before something happens.

Next meeting: Monday February 26th @ 6:30pm

Adjured at 7:30pm

Minutes prepared by Tom Thatcher

Resolution #52-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint the following Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee Members: C. Tom Thatcher (chair), Heath Towne (vice-chair), Mike Moser, Chris Dotsie, and Jeff Cook. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Public Safety Meeting
January 29, 2024**

Councilman Dave Woods calls the meeting at 8:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following committee members were present: Ross Kelly, Joyce Cooper, Chief Hurlburt, Dave Woods, Dave Burrows, Rhiannon Peters, and Jennifer Gendron.

Guests: Matt Fuller, Tom Thatcher and Mark Wright.

Public: None

Codes Department: Rhiannon Peters goes over the monthly reports for November and December. (See Attachments.)

Ross Kelly would like to report that he contacted James Dugan regarding the speed limit near the WindChill, Mr. Dugan forwarded the request over to George Laundry. He is an engineer with New York

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State. Mr. laundry got back to Mr. Dugan and Ross and said that he reached out and found out that the radar had been collected, the data still needs to be analyzed and a response will be forthcoming.

Police Department: Chief Hurlburt goes over the monthly reports for November and December. (See Attachments.)

Parking: Parking complaint near the intersection of Burgoyne Road and Tower Ave. After a discussion the committee decided to go to the town board and ask for approval to place parking signs at the skating rink, people should be using the Elks Parking lot and the Parking area over at Legacy Park.

Chief Hurlburt states that the Town Supervisor and the department Sergeants met with Brandon Titus from St.Joes regarding some issues that have been taking place at 64 Mt. Hope. Chief Hurlburt is hoping that Mr. Titus will contribute to getting the issues resolved, Chief Hurlburt states that if the issues continue, he will be seeking town board help with the nuisance law.

Meeting ended at 8:35pm

Next meeting is February 27,2024 at 8:00am

Resolution #53-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher to appoint the following Public Safety Committee Members: Dave Woods (chair), Joyce Cooper (vice-chair), Adam Hurlburt, Ross Kelly, Dave Burrows, Rhiannon Peters, and Jen Gendron. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #54-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Joyce Cooper to ask the Highway Superintendent to install a Public Parking sign at Champlain Legacy Park and plow the area for additional parking for those at the skating rink. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection / Code Enforcement Department.

Building Inspection:

(Nov-Dec)

YTD

Building Permits Issued:

12

204

Safety Inspections:

0

40

Pass/Fail:

0/0

37/2

Permit & Inspection Notes:

- 7- Alteration/Repairs Permits→ Putts Pond Rd (1), NYS Rt 74 (2), Montcalm St (2), The Portage (1), Racetrack Rd (1)

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- 2- Shed Permits→ Champlain Ave & Baldwin Rd
- 2- Septic System Repair Permits→ NYS Rt 9N & Outlet Dr
- 1- Roof Mounted Solar Permit- Third Ave

Code Violation Notices:

	(Nov-Dec)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	1	44
Remediated:	0	26
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	4
NYS DFS	0	0
Condemned:	0	0
Do Not Occupy:	0	2
Appearance Tickets:	0	2

Code Violation Notes

- OTR- Garbage/Rubbish Violation→ Burgoyne Rd (Owner is going through eviction process and is not allowed on property so Issue is still ongoing)

Miscellaneous:

	(Nov-Dec)	YTD
*Complaints:	1	43
Resolved:	0	6/21

Misc. Complaint Notes:

- Received complaint from prior tenant on Burgoyne rd.
property: dumping Garbage and household items in back yard & over embankment. Pictures included!





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The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department
from November 28th 2023 to December 26, 2023.

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	359	4622
Incident reports:	27	439
Arrests:	19	337
Uniform traffic tickets:	24	84
DWI arrests:	2	27
Accidents investigated:	18	126

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department
from December 26th 2023 to January 30, 2024.

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	485	485
Incident reports:	32	32
Arrests:	27	27
Uniform traffic tickets:	84	84
DWI arrests:	3	3
Accidents investigated:	15	15

Public Works – Mark Wright, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2024
10:00 am**

Committee Members Present: Mark Wright, Derrick Fleury, Tom Thatcher, Eric Blanchard,
Matt Fuller (Town Attorney), Sherry Veneto

Others: Jennifer Weeks (AES-Architecture, Engineering, & Land Surveying), Kristin Darby
(AES), Paul DeDominicas (AES), Keith Germain (AES), Rob Wick (Essex County), Hannah
Neilly (Essex County), Steve & Pam Arzberger

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Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: Steve & Pam Arzberger are here with questions about the possible sewer district extension for Outlet Drive, Sagamore Drive, and Snapping Turtle Way. It seems Outlet Drive residents are very opposed to the extension, but they would like to go through with Sagamore and Snapping Turtle Way. They have been speaking with Anna Reynolds at the County about funding and how to approach the project. They have brought a map of the proposed extension area. Derrick stated there is currently a capacity issue and DEC will have to be brought in on the conversation. The next step for the residents looking to connect would be to have their engineer send a letter with how many houses are looking to connect and how much flow would be happening.

The Arzbergers are also inquiring about hooking onto the Town water off of Stoughton Drive. They were told it is the same concept of the sewer extension. Derrick stated the water line is big enough to serve more homes, but the Town does not own the property between the water line and Sagamore Drive. They would have to explore easements.

Items for Discussion:

7 Newton Street- Paul Pockett

1. Vacant lots were combined in 2022, account number 5100203950 needs to be deactivated.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to deactivate account number 5100203950 Paul Pockett as this lot has been combined with the 7 Newton Street property.

Town Properties being billed/not billed.

1. We have several properties in question for quarterly billing. Cossey Street, the Artillery Park, and Champlain Ave Railway bed have no taps nor are they able to be built on. So, they should be removed. We also have a few that are not currently being billed that should be. Bicentennial Park, Little League Field, and the lot by Charboneau Supply.
2. The needed changes will be made in the billing system. * Will need to discuss in February meeting what the proper charges will be *

170 Champlain Avenue Storm/Roof Drain

1. Dave Burrows has told the owner of the property the roof drain needs to be separated from the sewer system. Right now, they go into the sewer system, they need to be brought out to the storm drain in the front. The roof drains are currently out back, the owners will have to

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figure out a root to get the drains to the proper system. A little research needs to be done.

Homelands Sewer

1. The pump price came in way higher than expected, approximately \$33,000 for temporary use. The station needs to be upgraded. If we could an easement across the one property, we could add the other 14 properties in to help pay for the upgrade.
2. The project could be included in the overall Town Project, but there is no guarantee the project will go through. There needs to be a “fix” at the station as during every large storm the Town must call in septic haulers to pump out the overage.
 - i. Derrick will get a PO to go to The Town Board for the temporary pump purchase.

Black Point Pump Station

1. The biofilter will be built this Spring as soon as the weather breaks.

Superintendent’s Report

Derrick has gotten in touch with the company that sold the Town the pump at the filter station. They are supposed to get back to him about replacing it. He hasn’t received any prices yet.

Pressure Loggers have been ordered.

Daylight stream overflow issues need to be taken care of. It’s believed to be caused from brush buildup at the grate drain. Jen (AES) believes the berm can be raised, and a new cover is needed.

Chief Wastewater Operator’s Report

The yearly report was submitted.

Town Supervisor Discussions

Mark asked about the leak in Aaron’s parking lot. Derrick said parts have been ordered, he will check to see if they have come in yet.

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AES Report

1. Water

I. Chilson Eagle Lake (Required by DOH)

- **January 2024 – No new updates**
- Project Status and Key Items
 - i. Update from EPA/EFC - EFC will supply funding for Test Well Drilling
 - ii. IUP 2023 was posted for DWSRF/BIL - Chilson was awarded \$14,000,000.00
 - iii. AES provided the Town with estimated costs for Test Well Drilling at both the Porter and Williams Properties
 - iv. Next Steps:
 1. HydroSource perform Geophysical Survey on Porter & Williams Properties
 2. Go out to RFP for Well Drilling
 3. Develop MPR
 4. District Vote

II. 4898/4801: Water Meters (Required by DEC)

- **January 2024 - Update**
 - i. ***What is the status of the work with Baker Tilly for developing rates to use as a basis for establishing a project budget for the water meter project.***
 - ii. ***Funding options for water meters – GIGP (CFA's in June 2024). Will ECCR be doing this application or AES?***
- Project Status and Key Items
 - i. Town elected to move forward with ultrasonic meters in a drive-by system to later be upgraded at the Town's discretion.
 - ii. Current DEC deadline is 5/31/25.
 - iii. NEXT STEPS:
 1. Provide DEC with an updated schedule. - waiting to hear back from Albany DEC. Connor Cincotta indicated on 11/9/23 that the Town should hold off on an extension request until they can provide a locked in schedule that is reasonable to meet.
 2. NEED TO ESTABLISH RATES – Baker Tilly?
 3. Funding June 2024
 4. Design Finalize Dec 2024
 5. Agency Review 2025
 6. Bidding Fall 2025
 7. Construction 2026-2027

III. 4800: Water District Consolidation (COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO TOWN)

- **January 2024 – No new updates**

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- Project Status & Key Items
 - Need to Audit District – Town running with this item at this time.
 - AES filed maps with County Clerk and provided Tonya w. full sized hard copies on 11/15/23
 - Close out Status

IV. 4852: LSLRP (PROJECT COMPLETE & SUBMITTED TO TOWN)

- ***January 2024 – No new updates***
- Project Status & Key Items
 - Project is complete, final close out and paperwork is in process.
 - AES provided a record of completed properties, Contractor Field Reports, and costs via a OneDrive link (emailed by Ryan Oliver 11/27/23) and a hardcopy binder of the documents was dropped off to Tonya on 12/20/2023.

V. 5262: Lead Service Lines

- ***January 2024 - Update***
 - i. Town signed LOA 11/30/23.*
 - ii. Budget: not to exceed \$10,500 & \$300 reimbursables.*
 - iii. Work to be completed and submitted to DOH by 10/16/24 deadline.*

VI. Additional Water System Upgrades

- ***January 2024 – No new updates***
- Project Status & Key Items
 - i. **4975:** AES has provided the Town with three (3) quotes for transient pressure loggers on 9/6/23. Quote expired 10/30/23. Derrick is running with this item. Once loggers are obtained planning can commence on how to deploy them.

2. Wastewater

I. 4394: Portage Project

- ***January 2024 – Update***
 - i. Motion for default judgement withdrawn*
 - ii. AES Survey dept indicated that completion of the easement process from their end is still several weeks out.*
- Project Status & Key Items
 - i. AES has pulled together documents in response to Reale's Claim
 - ii. Upon request from Town AES will provide documentation following review by our attorney
 - iii. AES Survey is working on remaining Easements

II. 5052: Treatment Plant

- ***January 2024 – Update***

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i. Comments on the 5052 report were provided verbally during the virtual meeting on 11/28/23 and were provided formally in writing on December 29, 2023 with a due date of Monday January 29, 2024.

ii. AES is working through the comments for submission by the due date.

- **Project Status & Key Items**

- i. The Engineering Report for WPCP (AES Project #5052 WWTP Phosphorous Removal) was submitted to DEC/EFC on 9/8/2023 and was supplied to Derrick/Eric on **10/11/23**.

- ii. EFC walk through occurred at 8:30 AM on 10/31/23

- iii. DEC report comments were provided 12/29/2023.

- iv. AES Comment responses and updated report issued 01/29/2024.

III. 5001: Long Term Control Plan

- **January 2024 – No new updates**

- **Project Status & Key Items**

- The Updated Long Term Control Plan Draft Permit extended due date to August 1, 2024.

IV. 5050: Annual CSO Report (required by SPDES Permit)

- **January 2024 Updates**

- i. Due 1/31/24

- ii. Submitted 1/24/24

V. 5229: Collection System

- **January 2024 – Updates**

- i. *Comments on the 5229 – Combined Sewer System Evaluation Outfall 003 & Trunk Sewer Main and the 4737 – WPCP Effluent Exchange System Evaluation Final Engineering Report were provided verbally during the virtual meeting on 11/28/23 and were provided formally in writing on December 22, 2023 with a due date of Friday January 26, 2024.*

- ii. *One of the comments requested the creation of a summary report that combines the total project scope, budget, and schedule for all three reports (5052, 5229, and 4737). AES requested an extension until February 16, 2024, which was granted by EFC.*

- **Project Status & Key Items**

- i. The existing report, along with the 4737 (ventilation) report and 5052 (WWTP phosphorus) report is the basis for current funding package. Both reports were submitted to EFC & DEC on 5/10/2023.

VI. Wastewater Funding

- **January 2024 – Updates**

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- i. *Town is working with ECCR to complete the documentation needed to execute the project financing agreement. AES can provide assistance upon request from the Town or ECCR. Town and ECCR submitted some items and, per Rob, received an extension for the remaining items until the WQIP awards are announced (\$10,000,000 collection system Primary WQIP is still pending).*
- ii. *Existing Engineering Contract is for planning and preliminary design only. Need to execute a contract amendment to update the contract for Final Design, Bidding, Construction, & Post Construction services to include in EFC package for review/approval.*
- iii. *Engineering related items required for funding application:*
 1. *SEQRA (completed for the entire town),*
 2. *SHPO (completed for the entire town),*
 3. *Bond Resolution (completed for \$30,973,172.89),*
 4. *Scope, Budget, Schedule – outlined in the existing 3 engineering reports (4737, 5052, 5229). A memo report will be generated as part of the EFC comment responses that summarizes the project scope, budget, and schedule.*
 5. *Engineering Agreement – Existing agreement only addresses planning and preliminary design. Need an amendment for final design through post construction.*
 6. *Hardship (already granted),*
 7. *Remaining open items: Notice of Intent for Ag & Mkt, & other items per EFC Required Documentation for Financing Letter (P:\52\5229 Ticonderoga (T) - WPCP & Collection System Upgrades\B Design\B3 Agency Corr\B3c State\9 EFC).*
8. **Current Funding Outlook:**

	No WQIP \$10M	Awarded WQIP \$10M
IUP & Bond Amount	\$ 30,973,172.89	\$ 30,973,172.89
Grant Funding		
BIL	\$ 8,559,500.00	\$ 8,559,500.00
WIIA	\$ 7,743,293.22	\$ 5,243,293.22
GIGP	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
WQIP		\$ 10,000,000.00
Total Grant	\$ 17,302,793.22	\$ 24,802,793.22
Total Loan	\$ 13,670,379.67	\$ 6,170,379.67

9. ** WIIA is 25% after any WQIP is deducted from the IUP Project Amt*

- **Project Status & Key Items**
 - i. BIL – Need to close on financing agreement by September 30, 2024 or lose BIL (\$8,559,500)

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1. March 29th is the 6 month deadline. Need to submit an SRF funding application by March 29, 2024. Town may need to submit the funding application without knowing WQIP \$10M result, or the status of this current 2024 WIIA

VII. Additional Wastewater System Upgrades

- Sewer District Consolidation
 - Committee would like to start consolidation following Water District Consolidation

3. Additional Items

I. 2024 Term Contract

- a. **January 2024 - Update**
 - i. **Draft in process for review/comment/approval by the Town.**

II. Fiscal Advisors

- a. **Have you had updates from Baker Tilly regarding their progress on the evaluation of water/sewer debt since the last W&S committee meeting in November?**

III. 5274: St Clair Storm Culvert

- a. **January 2024 – No new updates**
 - i. **Has the Town heard back from Connor at DEC regarding the NOV response?**
- b. **Project Status & Key Items**
 - i. AES put together Proposal for Report on St Clair and sent to Town for Review but it has not been accepted/executed.
 - ii. Waiting to hear back from NYS DEC on NOV response.
 - iii. Lowes performed some maintenance on the Bio-Retention Pond but this only included mowing and not dredging the Pond. On 12/1/23 AES provided a memo to the town with recommendations for Lowe's Bioretention area.

IV. 5260: Fireman's Field

- a. **January 2024 – Update**
 - i. **Review completed. Comments summarized and will be sent to Derrick.**
- b. **Project Status & Key Items**
 - i. Escrow set up and LOA processed.

V. Alexandria Ave Bridge Replacement

- a. **January 2024 – Update**
 - i. **Courtesy review of plans and comment letter for the Town to issue to the consultant engineer – letter drafted for discussion with Derrick. If additional work is needed AES can provide an LOA for the Town to execute.**

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VI. 5261: Golf Course

- a. January 2024 – No new updates**
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. AES drafted letter responding to Golf Course and sent to Town on **9/8/23**
 - ii. Any update from the Golf Course?

VII. Well Field Building

- a. January 2024 – No new updates**
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Status of Well abandonment?
 - ii. Cyber Security Report due to NYS DOH – **AES populated and sent to Derrick for review on 11/27/23**

VIII. 5263: Homeland Sewer

- a. January 2024 – No new updates**
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Jen reviewed alternatives with Derrick on **10/30/23**
 - ii. AES has drafted an LOA for work associated with evaluating the pumping needs and alternatives but not yet issued to the Town due to undetermined scope/need. \$1,063 incurred to date.

IX. 5099: Black Point Sewer

- a. January 2024 – No new updates**
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Michael Metcalf provided information on peat moss beds at the last meeting
 - ii. Derrick/Eric installed carbon bags on outlets to manage odor
 - iii. Town will work on installing the peat bed system in the spring. Mike Metcalf will be available to provide guidance.

X. Stormwater No Exposure Certification (due 9/16/2024)

- a. January 2024 – Updates**
 - i. **Eric will have this item covered. Just putting it here to keep it on the radar because it is required on a non-standard 5-year cycle.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:09.

Next Committee meeting is February 27, 2024, at 10:00.

Minutes submitted by Sherry Veneto Water/Wastewater Clerk

Supervisor Wright added that we are still waiting to hear about the 10 million dollar grant for the Water Pollution Control Plant upgrade project.

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We have no update on the project to create safe municipal drinking water sources for Chilson and Eagle Lake. He will remind everyone that all work and funding to help these residents is paused due to litigation from three (3) individuals. The Town continues to pay legal fees associated with this matter; these are your tax dollars in action.

Resolution #55-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint the following Public Works Committee Members: Mark Wright (chair), C. Tom Thatcher (vice-chair), Derrick Fleury, Eric Blanchard, and Sherry Veneto. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #56-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne to deactivate account number 5100203950 (Paul Pockett) as this lot has been combined with the adjoining lot at 7 Newton Street. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Human Services; Youth – Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

There has been great attendance to the afterschool program besides the school closures and they are having a great time.

Ski program has just a few more weekends before it ends for the season and they had good participation.

She is glad we are able to offer so many athletic and recreational activities in our community. She believes we do a good job.

Resolution #57-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne to advertise for Lifeguard and Head Lifeguard positions for the 2024 beach season. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #58-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for Assistant Day Camp Director, Camp Counselor and Heath Director for the 2024 Summer Camp Program. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #59-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise for Head Cook and Food Preparation Cook for the 2024 Summer Camp Program. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #60-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne to advertise for Activity Attendants for the Ticonderoga Youth Program. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave

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Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Supervisor Wright reminded the Public that these programs depend on volunteers and if you don't volunteer or step forward, these programs don't happen. We can fund them all night long, but if people don't step up they are not going anywhere.

Human Services: Seniors – Heath Towne, Councilman

No Meeting. They start back up with meetings in April.

Health Insurance – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No meeting

Contract Negotiations – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No meeting

I.T./Cable T.V. – Mark Wright, Supervisor

Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), is noticing its customers that on or around February 28, 2024, Hallmark Drama located on Spectrum Channel 127 and 177 will be rebranded to Hallmark Family on channel 127 and 177 on the channel lineup serving your community. Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), is noticing its customers that on or around February 28, 2024, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries located on channels 75, 76, 85, or 88 and 629 will be rebranded to Hallmark Mystery on channels 75, 76, 85 or 88 and 629 on the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around March 4, 2024, Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), will launch Newsmax on channel 222 (172 in Plattsburgh) in high definition on SPP Select and TV Select Plus.

Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), is noticing its customers that on or around January 1, 2024, WCAX 3 located on Spectrum Channel 1256 (187 in Plattsburgh) rebranded to Heroes and Icons without notice from the network on the channel lineup serving your community.

Resolution for Consideration

Resolution #61-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following budget transfers:

○ A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$251.24)
○ A.1110.411	Justices General Supplies	\$70.00
○ A.1920.478	Municipal Association Dues	\$150.00
○ A.1355.452	Assessor Cell Phone	\$31.24

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Fund underbudgeted General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 79,748.76).

- A.2210.001 General Services, Escrow Regan Dev. (\$1,104.50)
- A.1440.499 Engineer Regan Development Escrow \$1,104.50

Transfer Escrow revenue received to the appropriate expense line.

- A.4089.000 ARPA Funds - Federal (\$16,365.94)
- A.5410.410 Sidewalk Construction and Replacement \$16,365.94

Transfer ARPA funds received to the correct expenditure lines.

- SS05.1989.400 Contingency (\$6.50)
- SS05.8120.210 Sewer Equipment \$6.50

Fund underbudgeted Sewer account from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 9,993.50).

- SS05.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure (\$3,602.50)
- SS05.8120.220 Sanitary Sewers Equipment \$3,602.50

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck plow for Water / Wastewater.

- SW06.8340.840 Water Workers Compensation (\$0.32)
- SW06.9040.840 Water Workers Compensation \$0.32

Transfer funds to underbudgeted account.

- SW06.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure (\$3,602.50)
- SW06.8340.210 Central Water Equipment \$3,602.50

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck plow for Water / Wastewater.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #62-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following budget adjustments:

- A.7310.861 Youth General Employee Benefits \$856.22
- A.8160.469 Refuse & Garbage Uniform Allowance \$900.00

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Funding underbudgeted accounts by General Fund Balance.

- DA.5142.192 Highway Longevity Bonus \$250.00

Funding underbudgeted accounts by Highway Fund Balance.

- SS05.8130.469 Sewer Uniform Allowance \$500.00

Funding underbudgeted account by Sewer Fund Balance.

- SW06.8310.469 Water Uniform Allowance \$1,500.00

Funding underbudgeted account by Water Fund Balance.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #63-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$101.25)
- H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$101.25

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #64-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$38,433.01)
- H18.0630 Airport Pavement Management Due To Other Funds \$38,433.01

Transfer funds from General to Airport Pavement project until funding is received.

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$292.50)
- H64.0630 WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection \$292.50

Transfer funds from General to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection project until funding is received.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Resolution #65-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the satisfactory findings of the 2023 municipal court audit. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #66-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the Supervisor to execute the 2024 Term Agreement with AES Northeast for engineering services. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #67-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to request National Grid to install a streetlight (Roadway LED-C 100 HPS) at National Grid pole #4 ½-1 located on Cannonball Path near the Depot parking lot (lat. 43 deg 50' 50.74" North; long. 73 deg 25' 21.36" W). Light to be added to the Town of Ticonderoga streetlight account (account #87352-92107). **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #68-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper opposing proposed NYS Senate Bill S.6786 and Assembly Bill A.6989 which would amend the NYS alcoholic beverage control law allowing supermarkets to obtain a license to sell wine. This proposal could negatively impact local liquor store establishments at a time when Ticonderoga is attempting to build and revitalize our downtown. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution Number 68 of 2024
Adopted February 8, 2024

Introduced by Dave Woods
who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Joyce Cooper

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL A.6989 AND
SENATE BILL S.6786 ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
LAW, IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING SUPERMARKET WINE LICENSES"**

WHEREAS, there is currently before the New York Assembly Bill A.6989 and before the New York Senate Bill S.6786 entitled, "an act to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to establishing supermarket wine licenses"; and

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WHEREAS, if these bills pass, wine and liquor stores in Essex County will be forced to close because they will not be able to support themselves as a result of losing upwards of 25 to 40 percent of their business to larger supermarkets; and

WHEREAS, as a result, countless mom and pop liquor and wine stores will go out of business in small towns located in Essex County and the store fronts will become vacant; and

WHEREAS, this Bill will result in a money-grab that will cripple small businesses to the benefit of big businesses, devastating small wine and liquor stores, forcing many to close; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that small mom and pop businesses located within Essex County and upstate New York not lose their businesses and livelihoods to larger grocery stores so they can continue to do business within Essex County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Ticonderoga Town Board opposes the passage of Assembly Bill A.6989 and Senate Bill S.6786; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, State Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Daniel G. Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, and Assemblyman Billy Jones.

Resolution #69-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher to authorize the rental contract between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. (ACAP) to include monthly rental in the amount of \$355.00 for use of Armory facilities. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #70-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize the EMS Staffing – Renewal with Amendment agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, and Ticonderoga EMS. Essex County is adding funding (benefits) for two additional County personnel. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #71-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the Annual lease agreement (\$2,200) between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Essex County Clerk – DMV for the use of office space. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Resolution #72-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$55,255.66 to Central Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Raynham for the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle AWD secured through a NYS marketplace Mini-Bid request. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #73-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the execution of the 2024 agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Ticonderoga Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (Ti EMS). A not to exceed amount of \$70,000 will be provided on a reimbursement basis. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #74-2024 Joyce Cooper, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the University of Vermont, Elizabethtown Community Hospital for post-accident and random testing including after-hours services covered by the Ticonderoga campus emergency room. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #75-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to extend the appointment of Sherry Veneto as Part-time Deputy Town Clerk with an additional stipend of \$1,000. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #76-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2024, Organizational Meeting, January 11, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting, and January 25, 2024, Finance Meeting. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #77-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to Pay the Abstract #2 of 2024.

Board Meeting Date 2/08/2024				
Gross Payroll # 3	117,230.34			
Gross Payroll #				
Gross Payroll #				
Trust & Agency Total	\$117,230.34			
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00			

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ABSTRACT # 1	1/11/2024	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	222,945.45	1,060,912.45	2,161,530.71	573,171.53
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	-	-
Highway (DA)	86,579.26	86,579.26	1,568,235.70	153,645.16
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management	38,433.01	38,433.01	3.29	51,846.85
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	-	-	20,918.11	-
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment	-	-	-	-
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	-	-	6.68	-
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	0.06	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	-	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	-	-	4.17	-
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	-	-	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	-	-	7.42	-
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		-	0.71	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		-	0.18	-

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H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	-	11.58	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	-	-
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	101.25	393.75	157.50	258.75
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	-		5.09	-
H63 - Water Meter Project	-		-	-
H64 - WWTP Ventilation Project GIGP	292.50		-	292.50
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous removal EPG	-		-	-
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	-		-	-
H67- Wet Weather Operating Plan	-	-	0.04	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	-	-	-	-
H69 - LaChute River Walk Trail Extension	-	-	-	4,080.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery			-	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District	738,602.00		738,602.00	738,602.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	99,365.00		103,650.00	103,650.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	107.58		1,477.74	147.80
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	37.48		12,690.11	10,237.58
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	60.11		8,879.76	8,408.14
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	328.38		5,045.87	4,925.37
Central Sewer (SS05)	81,577.43	89,816.01	364,799.11	250,793.90
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	274.00		19,713.46	17,557.73

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Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	311.24		6,408.48	4,912.37
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	398.09		11,278.91	6,903.22
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	6,171.24		68,840.14	112,937.77
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	30.76		2,940.94	2,508.32
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	519.70		7,549.95	6,514.82
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	-		17,775.87	17,299.20
Street Road Water (SW02)	-		8,733.67	7,808.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		7,394.39	7,168.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		3,068.91	2,956.80
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		11,195.86	11,193.60
Central Water (SW06)	61,176.81	61,198.21	329,722.69	141,363.67
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-		8,546.00	8,384.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	21.40		60,944.41	24,170.16
Multi Account Total	1,337,332.69	1,337,332.69	5,550,139.51	2,271,737.24
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$1,454,563.03	TRUE		

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #78-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

Supervisor's Report

2/8/2024

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	2,858,047.83	177,253.66	2,755,937.25	5,791,238.74

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Airport	83,162.32			83,162.32
Highway	1,578,080.15	89,253.18	445,135.97	2,112,469.30
H17 - Airport				-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	100,108.27			100,108.27
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	160,896.88			160,896.88
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know				-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant				-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project				-
All other Capital Projects	1,717,795.52			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	627,682.33	727,467.57	1,050,965.65	2,406,115.55
SS06 - Commerce				-
SS07 - Delano Point				-
SS08 - Baldwin				-
SS09 - Black Point	253,091.75		4.00	253,095.75
SS10 - Hague Rd				-
SS11 - 9N&74				-

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SW01 - 9N&73				-
SW02 - Street Road				-
SW03 - Alex Ave I				-
SW04 - Homelands				-
SW05 - Alex Ave II				-
SW06 - Central Water All Districts	1,029,135.11	536,566.51	58,421.03	1,624,122.65
C/R - Carillon Park		5,459.43		5,459.43
C/R - Liberty Monument		16,387.41		16,387.41
C/R - Unemployment		32,259.97		32,259.97
C/R - Police Equipment		79,033.58		79,033.58
C/R - Senior Bus		32,025.09		32,025.09
C/R - Frazier Bridge		7,042.35		7,042.35
C/R - Forfeiture		1,844.63		1,844.63
C/R - Building Improvement		352,246.10		352,246.10
C/R - General Sidewalk Improvement		316,948.17		
C/R - Building & Grounds Equipment		14,958.93		
C/R - Airport Development		210,402.11		
C/R - Highway Equipment		359,516.55		359,516.55
C/R - DA Sidewalk Repair		52,482.13		
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure		66,551.86		66,551.86
C/R - Sewer Repair		107,030.80		107,030.80
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure		243,527.10		243,527.10

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C/R - Water Repair		88,817.95		88,817.95
0				-
Library Trust		36,229.11		36,229.11
Mount Hope Cemetery		29,223.88		29,223.88
				13,988,405.27
Total	8,408,000.16	3,582,528.07	4,310,463.90	16,300,992.13

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

DISCUSSION: Use of parking spaces for outside dining.

Supervisor Wright was approached by our local brewery to entertain outside dining by using two parking spaces during the summer. The Chamber of Commerce is checking with other businesses and a few others have expressed interest in doing something like this. There are some issues to consider and one is public safety and how we would keep people from injury. He recommended this be brought up at the appropriate committee –Public Safety Commission.

DISCUSSION: Stone pillar (Hague).

Specs are being worked on to put this out to bid.

DISCUSSION: Lord Howe Easement with National Grid

A resident approached the Town with an Easement Agreement drawn up by National Grid for the Town to consider. It is a requirement before he can erect a pole to pull electric to his property at the Corner of Lord Howe Street and Pearl Street. The attorney has reviewed this and marked it up regarding relocation costs born by National Grid if that ever arises.

DISCUSSION: Ti EMS District Status

We are waiting for a map, and the Supervisor has been working with the Assessor to get the list of properties and that should be coming shortly. The goal is to see how much we can do in house with the MPR.

DISCUSSION: Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Before the holidays, the Supervisor received a call from the Town Clerk in Nelliston, NY. He has a co-worker from Ticonderoga and they were discussing all the things going on here when it comes to water/wastewater and other Town projects and he was seeking some information from our Water/Wastewater Superintendent. He has a board that is not as open to water district or sewer district consolidations and he would like to pick Derrick Fleury's brain to bring back information to his board.

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

The board can move on that Easement with the attorney's revisions.

Resolution #79-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement with National Grid for the property known as 78 Lord Howe Street as amended. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Mrs. Thompson also noted that with the board resolution extending the Part-time Deputy Clerk position, there will be a resolution, probably at the finance meeting, to fund that position the \$1,000.00.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

Litigation matters to update the board in Executive Session.

Public Comment

Councilwoman Cooper would like to thank Shaundra Yaw for the recent articles that she put in The Sun regarding things that are going on in Town. She really appreciates your articles.

Supervisor Wright would like to echo that and also mentioned that the Supervisor from Essex was just talking with him at the Board of Supervisor's meeting telling him that we are extremely lucky having someone in Ticonderoga in the media who gives the Town some attention.

Councilman Thatcher stated that the airport committee also thanks you for that article.

Resolution #80-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to exit the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:27 p.m. and enter into an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to a potential contractual issue. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #81-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to exit out of the Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. and re-enter the Regular Town Board meeting. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Town of Ticonderoga
Board Meeting AGENDA (Thursday, February 8, 2024; 6:00 p.m.)**

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks

Presentations

Public Hearing - Former railroad property.

Committee reports

Airport TT

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Airport Committee Members: C. Tom Thatcher (chair), Mark Wright (vice-chair), Jon Hanna, Bryan Douros, Ash Alexander, Chris Kneppers, and Alan Densmore.

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JC/DW

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Buildings Grounds Parks Rec Committee Members: Joyce Cooper (co-chair), Dave Woods (co-chair), Nicole Justice Green, Bill Dolback, James Chauncey, Jerry Cooper, Nancy Kelley, and Tonya Thompson.

Economic Development MW

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Economic Development Committee Members: Mark Wright (chair), Heath Towne (vice-chair), Donna Wotton, Matt Courtright, Nicole Justice Green, John Bartlett, and Beth Hill.

Highway / Transfer Station DW

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Highway/Transfer Station Committee Members: Dave Woods (chair), Mark Wright (vice-chair), Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, Donald Paige, and John Deming.

Municipal Facility Evaluation TT

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee Members: C. Tom Thatcher (chair), Heath Towne (vice-chair), Mike Moser, Chris Dotsie, and Jeff Cook.

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Public Safety DW

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Public Safety Committee Members: Dave Woods (chair), Joyce Cooper (vice-chair), Adam Hurlburt, Ross Kelly, Dave Burrows, Rhiannon Peters, and Jen Gendron.

Public Works MW

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Public Works Committee Members: Mark Wright (chair), C. Tom Thatcher (vice-chair), Derrick Fleury, Eric Blanchard, and Sherry Veneto.

RESOLUTION to deactivate account number 5100203950 (Paul Pockett) as this lot has been combined with the adjoining lot at 7 Newton Street.

Human Services - Youth JC

RESOLUTION to advertise for Lifeguard and Head Lifeguard positions for the 2024 beach season.

RESOLUTION to advertise for Assistant Day Camp Director and Camp Counselors for the 2024 Summer Camp Program.

RESOLUTION to advertise for Head Cook and Food Preparation Cook for the 2024 Summer Camp Program.

RESOLUTION to advertise for Activity Attendants for the Ticonderoga Youth Program.

Human Services - Seniors HT

Health Insurance MW

Contract Negotiations MW

I.T. / Cable T.V. MW

Resolutions

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers:

○ A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$251.24)
○ A.1110.411	Justices General Supplies	\$70.00
○ A.1920.478	Municipal Association Dues	\$150.00
○ A.1355.452	Assessor Cell Phone	\$31.24

Fund underbudgeted General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 79,748.76).

○ A.2210.001	General Services, Escrow Regan Dev.	(\$1,104.50)
○ A.1440.499	Engineer Regan Development Escrow	\$1,104.50

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Transfer Escrow revenue received to the appropriate expense line.

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| ○ A.4089.000 | ARPA Funds - Federal | (\$16,365.94) |
| ○ A.5410.410 | Sidewalk Construction and Replacement | \$16,365.94 |

Transfer ARPA funds received to the correct expenditure lines.

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| ○ SS05.1989.400 | Contingency | (\$6.50) |
| ○ SS05.8120.210 | Sewer Equipment | \$6.50 |

Fund underbudgeted Sewer account from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 9,993.50).

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| ○ SS05.0450.020 | Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure | (\$3,602.50) |
| ○ SS05.8120.220 | Sanitary Sewers Equipment | \$3,602.50 |

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck plow for Water / Wastewater.

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| ○ SW06.8340.840 | Water Workers Compensation | (\$.32) |
| ○ SW06.9040.840 | Water Workers Compensation | \$.32 |

Transfer funds to underbudgeted account.

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| ○ SW06.0450.020 | Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure | (\$3,602.50) |
| ○ SW06.8340.210 | Central Water Equipment | \$3,602.50 |

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck plow for Water / Wastewater.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments:

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| ○ A.7310.861 | Youth General Employee Benefits | \$856.22 |
| ○ A.8160.469 | Refuse & Garbage Uniform Allowance | \$900.00 |

Funding underbudgeted accounts by General Fund Balance.

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| ○ DA.5142.192 | Highway Longevity Bonus | \$250.00 |
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Funding underbudgeted accounts by Highway Fund Balance.

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| ○ SS05.8130.469 | Sewer Uniform Allowance | \$500.00 |
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Funding underbudgeted account by Sewer Fund Balance.

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| ○ SW06.8310.469 | Water Uniform Allowance | \$1,500.00 |
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Funding underbudgeted account by Water Fund Balance.

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RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$101.25)
- H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$101.25

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$38,433.01)
- H18.0630 Airport Pavement Management Due To Other Funds \$38,433.01

Transfer funds from General to Airport Pavement project until funding is received.

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$292.50)
- H64.0630 WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection \$292.50

Transfer funds from General to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection project until funding is received.

RESOLUTION to accept the satisfactory findings of the 2023 municipal court audit.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute the 2024 Term Agreement with AES Northeast for engineering services.

RESOLUTION to request National Grid to install a streetlight (Roadway LED-C 100 HPS) at National Grid pole #4 -1 located on Cannonball Path near the Depot parking lot (lat. 43 deg 50' 50.74" North; long. 73 deg 25' 21.36" W). Light to be added to the Town of Ticonderoga streetlight account (account #87352-92107).

RESOLUTION opposing proposed NYS Senate Bill S.6786 and Assembly Bill A.6989 which would amend the NYS alcoholic beverage control law allowing supermarkets to obtain a license to sell wine. This proposal could negatively impact local liquor store establishments at a time when Ticonderoga is attempting to build and revitalize our downtown.

RESOLUTION to authorize the rental contract between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. (ACAP) to include monthly rental in the amount of \$355.00 for use of Armory facilities.

RESOLUTION to authorize the EMS Staffing – Renewal with Amendment agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, and Ticonderoga EMS. Essex County is adding funding (benefits) for two additional County personnel.

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RESOLUTION authorizing the Annual lease agreement (\$2,200) between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Essex County Clerk – DMV for the use of office space.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$55,255.66 to Central Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Raynham for the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicle AWD secured through a NYS marketplace Mini-Bid request.

RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of the 2024 agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Ticonderoga Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (Ti EMS). A not to exceed amount of \$70,000 will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute an agreement with the University of Vermont, Elizabethtown Community Hospital for post-accident and random testing including after-hours services covered by the Ticonderoga campus emergency room.

RESOLUTION to extend the appointment of Sherry Veneto as Part-time Deputy Town Clerk with an additional stipend of \$1,000.

RESOLUTION to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2024, Organizational Meeting, January 11, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting, and January 25, 2024, Finance Meeting.

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract.

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Use of parking spaces for outside dining.

DISCUSSION: Stone pillar (Hague).

DISCUSSION: EMS District status.

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting