

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Financial Meeting with Any Other Lawful Business
held on August 27, 2026, commencing at 8:30 a.m.**

Present: James O'Bryan, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Laura Best, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Heath Towne, Councilman
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Water/Wastewater Superintendent and Deputy, Derrick Fleury and Eric Blanchard, Chris Richards and towards the end of the meeting Dan Blanchette and Dennis Towne

Supervisor O'Bryan opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Supervisor noted that things are extremely busy in the Town and all across the sectors, he would like everyone to know that we appreciate all their hard work.

Budget Workshops have started and he is glad to have the experience from everyone for their guidance through this.

We also have two (2) housing projects on the horizon, they have broken ground out here on Cannonball Path and the 60 unit housing development at the Fireman's Field is progressing.

We have a lot going on at the airport right now as well and we have the following resolutions to approve.

Resolution #311-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to execute the contract with Passero Associates for the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport Apron Expansion (Phase 1) AIP #3-36-0196-035-2026 (C). **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #312-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to execute the contract with Reale Construction, Inc for the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport Apron Expansion (Phase 1) AIP #3-36-0196-035-2026 (C) project - Bid in the amount of \$1,007,000.00. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #313-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the Supervisor to Issue a Notice to Proceed for the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport Apron Expansion (Phase 1) AIP #3-36-0196-035-2026 (C) project. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #314-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the Supervisor to sign and execute the agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Suozzo, Doty & Associates for the feasibility analysis related to the Chilson & Eagle Lake drinking water

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test wells. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #315-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne to decrease the account for 1550 NYS Route 9N; Parcel # 139.2-2-10.120 (Michelle Meehan-Welch, Journey's End Farm) to 1 EDU water from 1.5 EDU water as it is a clerical error. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #316-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing execution of the JIF (Jurisdictional Inquiry From) for the Regan Development CSO mitigation project. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #317-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for a Water/Wastewater Motor Equipment Operator with a CDL, \$24.61 per hour, full-time with benefits. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Discussion: Fort Ticonderoga's request to have the Town of Ticonderoga take over maintenance on their water line running from the Ticonderoga pollution plant property, under the river, under Route 22 intersection, east along the roadway of the Fort Road and terminating at the Amtrak Station.

Derrick Fleury gave a brief history of the line that he is aware of from knowledge and looking at the plans

1.3 miles of pipe, in stalled in 2001 – 25 years old. If bedded properly it should last 50 to 100 years, but in the wrong soils only 21-40 years. The plans show it was bedded in bank run gravel 1' deep which is the wrong soils. 5 current homes besides the Forts property are hooked onto it. The tap for the hose bib is at the Town's flag park and there is a hose hook-up at the Ferry Landing for the boat wash station. There are a dozen other fire hydrants on the line that are the Forts.

The Board held much discussion with Councilman Woods adamantly opposed to taking this line over. There is no benefit to the tax payers in doing this. There is definitely reluctance from the majority regarding taking this line over. More discussion to be had.

Chris Richards advised the board that there may be legal ramifications if it is not taken over.

The Supervisor has some questions that were brought up about additional charges to the Town if taking it over – DOT fees, what was requirements with the Grants that funded this originally, and legal agreement – that he will bring to the appropriate individuals and get back in touch with Mr. Richards by the September Financial Meeting.

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**CORRECTION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FROM JULY (in August's
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Note:

To correct for the record the Town Supervisor's comment of the July 28, 2026, PW meeting regarding Cannonball Path construction for the need to review the plans prior to issuing any permits. The plans have already been approved by the Planning & Zoning board and permits (6) have been issued for the first phase of construction.

Finance:

Resolution #318-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the creation of new accounts:

T.0020.133 T & A PayChex Payactiv

For new PayChex service offered to employees.

A.3120.192 Police & Constable Longevity Bonus

DA.5110.477 Highway Education & Training

New lines per Union Contracts.

All in Favor James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #319-2026 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Tom Thatcher to accept Gracie Patnode's letter of resignation for activities attendant effective August 16, 2026. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #320-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Laura Best to offer employment to Mollie Woods as an Activities Attendant at the rate of \$16.00/hour, no benefits. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #321-2026 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the purchasing agent to issue a purchase order with Fleet Pump & Service Group, in the amount of \$7,815.00, for the repair of Flygt pump model 3217.070-0002. Funds to come from budgeted funds. Further authorizing Department Head or Town Supervisor to execute said purchase order. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #322-2026 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the purchasing agent to issue a purchase order with Barco Products, in the amount of \$1,988.75, for one 8' Cedar Bench (KBC1390-CD). Freight cost is included in price. Funds to come from donated funds. Further authorizing Department Head or Town Supervisor to execute said purchase order. **All in Favor** James O'Bryan – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Laura Best – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks

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Closing remarks

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting