

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board meeting held on
August 9, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Joseph Giordano, Supervisor
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Wayne Taylor, Councilman
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman
Dave Woods, Councilman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Tom McKeown, John Rasmussen, Bob Spring, Harry Treadway, Craig Cassidy, Porky & Linda Lamb, Mark & Laura Wright, Jen Gendron, Sgt. Quesnel, Patti Osier, Bill Ball, Holly & Dick Dixon, Bob Dedrick, Albert Powvorznik, Richard Wray, John McDonald, Dick & Sue Allen, Mitch Cole and others. Judge O'Bryan and Judge Dolbeck arrived at the end of the meeting.

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

Announcements/Presentations

Patti Osier, Sole Assessor, wanted the public to know that she is starting the re-val for 2020 and the State mandates pictures of all homes. She has asked for help from the County and two girls will be helping (Brenda & Erica). Ms. Osier wants to let the public know that they will be seeing these people out looking at and taking pictures of properties. If you have concerns you can ask them for their Identification as they will have ID's on their person. The State has changed up the Star Exemption program. This year all new homeowners have to go on-line and fill out the application for Star and then they will be receiving a check. Tax.ny.gov or call 518-457-2036. This year the State is mandating that all seniors 65 or older will have to fill out an IVP (Income Verification Program). Everybody will fill them out this year.

Holly Dixon noting that at the last town board meeting she began talking about water rates in the town and one thing that she mentioned was that she had not found other examples besides Ticonderoga of using EDU's. The next time she addresses the board about this she will have more about that. The federal government is not contributing to upgrades like they used to and this feeds into what she would like to talk briefly to everyone tonight.

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES INTICONDEROGA, NY

PART II --EFFECTS ON OUR HOUSEHOLD INCOMES

Holly Dixon, August, 2018

The Town of Ticonderoga charges a flat quarterly rate for water and sewer. It is well known that any flat tax places greater burdens on lower-income and poor families than on families that are better off.

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Ticonderoga charges its residents for water and wastewater by use of the "EDU" ("equivalent dwelling unit") method. One quarterly EDU for water stands currently at \$93.00 (or \$372 per year); one quarterly EDU for sewer is \$118.50 (or \$474 per year). The yearly water and sewer tax for a single EDU is therefore \$846.00.

This report does not look at water or sewer billing for commercial properties.

This report looks exclusively at water and sewer billing for residential properties. People use water most at home; they need water in their residences for cleaning, cooking, personal hygiene, washing clothes, and so on. It is crucial that people be able to obtain water in their homes, where they live. Therefore I will be examining residential billing, not commercial billing, even though a large part of the Town's water and sewer revenues come from charges to commercial properties. In the same vein, I omit billing to churches, civic and town organizations, schools and all other non-residential properties here in Town.

In this study I am only looking at households that receive both water and sewer from the Ticonderoga Water Authority. In other words, this study concerns only those households in Ticonderoga that are paying \$846.00 per year for water and sewer. Some of these households are actually paying more than this amount, due to add-on's such as debt payment or fees for operations and management. While these add-on's often make major increases in the amount these households have to pay for water and sewer, and also make great increases to the Town's water/sewer revenues, this study will not include such add-on amounts.

Ticonderoga households that receive water from the Town, but do not use Town sewer, are not included in this study. Households that receive sewer service from the Town, but do not receive water from the Town, are also not included in this study.

Only "full EDU's" are examined here. Properties that receive partial EDU's, such as "0.75 sewer EDU" or "0.1 water EDU" (for a lot) are not included here.

The Town of Ticonderoga brings full water and sewer service to 1,417 households, as indicated in the Town's billing for EDU's. Of these 1,417 households, 1,227 are paying one

full EDU (\$846 per year) per household and no more. 190 additional households are paying the full EDU plus extra amounts as indicated above, making 1,417 households in all.

INCOME INFORMATION FOR TICONDEROGA HOUSEHOLDS

Attached is the US Census Bureau's latest report on Income Distribution in the Town of Ticonderoga. This report is from the American Community Survey, which provides demographic estimates based on extensive surveys.

The report estimates that Ticonderoga has 2,050 households. This is 633 households more than I am able to include in my study. The discrepancy may be accounted for by households that do not receive both water and sewer from the Town, or by households that receive neither water nor sewer from the Town, but are still located within the Town limits.

The Census Bureau report shows income distribution for the Town of Ticonderoga in percentages of each of ten segments of income.

The rest of this report is based on Income and percentage of population numbers from the Census Bureau report.

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Using the available data from Town water and sewer billing records, which show that 1,417 households are billed for 1 EDU, I will use the percentages given in the Census Bureau report to determine how many of these households fall into each income segment.

Based on these percentages, these are the number of households in each income segment among the 1,417 households in this study. (More granular numbers would require access to personal or property-related data, which I do not have.)

1,417 TICONDEROGA HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME BRACKET

Income Bracket	Percentage of Households	Number of Households
(I) Less than \$10,000	8.1%	115
(II) \$10,000 - \$14,999	6.2%	88
(III) \$15,000 - \$24,999	12.7%	180
(IV) \$25,000 - \$34,999	8.6%	122
(V) \$35,000 - \$49,999	11.6%	164
(VI) \$50,000 - 74,999	17%	241
(VII) \$75,000 - \$99,999	20.7%	293
(VIII) \$100,000 - \$149,999	10.1%	143
(IX) \$150,000 - \$199,999	3.8%	54
(X) \$200,000 or more	1.1%	16
TOTALS	99.9%	1,416 households

The table shows that 27% of Ti households live on a household income of \$24,999 per year or less.

A family of four earning \$24,300 per year or less is living at 100% of the official poverty level.

Official poverty levels are indicated on the attached chart from the LIHEAP Clearing House, which shows income levels for the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2017. Not only are 27% of Ti households living at 100% of poverty or below, but also nearly half of Ticonderoga households are classifiable as "low income" (200% of poverty) for a family of four.

**HOW MUCH OF A FAMILY'S INCOME IS NEEDED
TO PAY FOR WATER AND SEWER IN TI?**

Because 1 EDU represents a flat tax, the financial burden on low-income households is far greater than for those higher up the income ladder. Table I below illustrates this discrepancy.

I have calculated the percentages for the lowest and for the highest income in each income bracket. The range of percentages appears in Table I.

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TABLE I

Income	Number of Households	1 EDU, \$846, as Percentage of Household Income
Less than \$10,000	115	8.5%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	88	8.5% - 5.6%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	180	5.6% - 3.4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	122	3.4% - 2.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	164	2.4% - 1.7%
	MEDIAN PERCENTAGE	1.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	241	1.7% - 1.1%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	293	1.1% - .8%
\$100,000-\$149,000	143	.8% - .6%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	54	.6% - .4%
\$200,000 or more	16	.4%

From this table it is clear that half the households in Ti pay more than 1.6% of their household income for water and sewer, while half the households pay less than 1.6% of their income.

A full EDU of \$846 also represents 1.6% of the median income of Ticonderoga, which according to Census Bureau figures is \$53,963 per household per year.

Under the current billing regime the poorest households pay 8.5% of their household incomes for water and sewer, while the wealthiest households pay less than one half of one percent of their incomes for water and sewer.

Table II below shows how much each income bracket pays to the Town for water and sewer. Again, each household pays \$846 per year.

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**TABLE II
DOLLAR AMOUNTS PAID BY EACH INCOME BRACKET
FOR WATER AND SEWER**

Income	% of Households	Number of Households	Revenue to Town
Under 10K	8.1%	115	\$97,290
10K - 14.9K	6.2%	88	\$74,448
15K - 24.9K	12.7%	180	\$152,280
25K - 34.9K	8.6%	122	\$103,212
35K - 49.9K	11.6%	164	\$138,744
50K - 74.9K	17%	241	\$203,886
75K - 99.9K	20.7%	293	\$247,878
100K - 149.9K	10.1%	143	\$120,978
150K - 199.9K	3.8%	54	\$45,684
200K and more	1.1%	16	\$13,536
		TOTAL REVENUE:	\$1,197,936

It is immediately apparent from Table II that the Town's revenues are out of proportion to the incomes from which those revenues are collected.

For example the 383 poorest households, whose income ranges from under \$10,000 to only \$24,999, together contribute \$324,018 to the Town's water and sewer revenues. By contrast, the 436 families whose income is much higher, ranging from \$75,000 to \$149,999, contribute \$368,856, or less than \$50,000 more than the contributions from the lowest income brackets, and the higher income bracket includes 53 more families.

The burden on these lower-income families is considerable, to say the least, while higher income households may well hardly notice the \$846 they pay for water and sewer.

The Town can distribute its water and sewer collections much more equitably, and it should do so as soon as possible, to relieve the heavy burden on its low-income families.

One way to do so would be to charge the same percentage-of-income to each income bracket as payment for 1 EDU for water and sewer.

Table III below illustrates what 1 EDU at 1.6% of income would cost for households in each income bracket and what Town revenues would be under this method of cost distribution.

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**TABLE III
WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS AND REVENUES
AT 1.6% OF INCOME**

Income	1.6% of Annual Income	Number of Households	Revenue to Town for Water / Sewer
Less than 10K	\$160 / year	115	\$18,400
10K - 14.9K	\$160 - \$240	88	\$14,080 - \$21,120
15K - 24.9K	\$240 - \$400	180	\$43,200 - \$72,000
25K - 34.9K	\$400 - \$560	122	\$48,800 - \$68,320
35K - 49.9K	\$560 - \$800	164	\$91,840 - \$131,200
50K - 74.9K	\$800 - \$1,200	241	\$192,800 - \$289,200
75K - 99.9K	\$1,200 - \$1,600	293	\$351,600 - \$468,800
100K - 149.9K	\$1,600 - \$2,400	143	\$228,000 - \$343,200
150K - 199.9K	\$2,400 - \$3,200	54	\$129,600 - \$172,800
200K or more	\$3,200	16	\$51,200
		TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,170,920 - \$1,636,840

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Under the current system our 1417 households pay \$1,197,936 in aggregate for their water and sewer, but the payment distribution is lopsided and gives a significant financial advantage to those on the higher end of the income ladder, while correspondingly placing a disproportionate burden on those with low incomes.

As shown in Table III, an equitable distribution of water and sewer payments, based on using the same percentage of income across all income brackets, where that percentage is the median of the current percentage range, produces total Town revenues only slightly below, or even greatly above, current revenue levels (\$1,170,920 to \$1,636,840).

The final table in this study is intended to illustrate the discrepancy in financial burdens that the current EDU billing system places on low income, versus higher income, households.

This table shows that lower income households, because they are paying so much more of their actual income for water and sewer than the higher income households, are actually subsidizing those who are wealthy in their community.

Do those in the community who are better off really want to increase their well-being--by paying a smaller share of their income for water and sewer--by means of exacting financial support from the poor and lower income households who share their community?

**TABLE IV
OVERPAYMENT AND UNDERPAYMENT
OF TI WATER / SEWER COSTS**

(Actual income brackets are indicated by Roman numerals. Please refer to the Tables above to get the actual income numbers.)

Income and Number of Households	Total Paid at 1.6%	Actual Total Paid Currently	Amount Overpaid	Amount Underpaid
(I) 115	\$18,400	\$97,290	\$78,890	--
(II) 88	\$14,080 - \$21,120	\$74,448	\$53,328 - \$60,368	--
(III) 180	\$43,200 - \$72,000	\$152,280	\$80,280 - \$109,080	--
(IV) 122	\$48,800 - \$68,320	\$103,212	\$34,892 - \$54,412	--
(V) 164	\$91,840 - \$131,200	\$138,744	\$7,544 - \$46,904	--
(VI) 241	\$198,800 - \$289,200	\$203,886	\$11,086-----	\$85,314
(VII) 293	\$351,600 - \$468,800	\$247,878	--	\$220,922 - \$103,722
(VIII) 143	\$228,800 - \$343,200	\$120,978	--	\$222,222 - \$107,822
(IX) 54	\$129,600 - \$172,800	\$45,684	--	\$127,116 - \$83,916
(X) 16	\$51,200	\$13,536	--	\$37,664
TOTALS:	\$1,170,320 to \$1,636,240	\$1,197,936	\$254,934 to \$350,000	\$418,438 to \$693,238

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This table summarizes how the poor are subsidizing the wealthier and the wealthy, through the agency of the Town and its Water Authority, by using the flat-tax EDU method for water and sewer billing.

As an example, income brackets I through III above, representing the 383 lowest-income households in the Town, are overpaying by \$212,498 to \$248,338 when compared to an equitable cost-distribution which the Town could use. By the same token, the wealthiest income brackets are underpaying by \$400,000 to nearly \$700,000.

Water is a life necessity, and it is an abuse of government to charge residents more than they can afford for it. It is a further injustice to ask the lower-income families to sacrifice so much so that the better-off households can enjoy a few dollars more of their wealth.

The Town needs to rectify this moral and economic imbalance. Good town government would ensure that the people living in the Town are not driven out because the price of water (and tied to it the price of sewer) is too high for them to pay, while those who could afford to pay more are not required to do so.

Such a problem is not confined to Ticonderoga. On the contrary, it is estimated that by 2025 about one-third of current households across the country will not be able to pay for water due to skyrocketing water and sewer prices.

The Ticonderoga Town Government should be aware of this pending, dire situation, and take steps now to curb its water and sewer prices.

Ticonderoga suffers from significant income inequality, greater than that of Essex County as a whole.

Some 27% of Ti's residents are living at or below the poverty and low-income line. Many, but not all, of these people are seniors who are living on fixed incomes. These folks are cutting their pills in half because they can't afford the drug co-pays. Among the younger low-income families are mothers who go in to WalMart and have to make choices such as choosing between buying cough syrup for their sick child or buying toilet paper.

These people should not be additionally overburdened by the Town, as the price for being able to drink water!

Government is supposed to ensure the common good. It is not supposed to drive the poor to distraction or to leave, simply because they are poor.

Thank you.

U.S. Census Bureau



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INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2016 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)

2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Tell us what you think. Provide feedback to help make American Community Survey data more useful for you.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

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Subject	Ticonderoga town, Essex County, New York				
	Households		Families		Married-couple Families
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	
Total	2,050	+/-201	1,332	+/-106	949
Less than \$10,000	8.1%	+/-5.1	7.9%	+/-5.0	2.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	6.2%	+/-3.5	2.2%	+/-2.4	1.6%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	12.7%	+/-6.3	11.3%	+/-6.6	2.4%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	8.8%	+/-4.6	3.8%	+/-3.3	1.8%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	11.6%	+/-4.5	5.7%	+/-4.6	8.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	17.0%	+/-5.0	21.2%	+/-7.2	25.8%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	20.7%	+/-6.2	27.9%	+/-8.6	33.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10.1%	+/-4.1	13.4%	+/-5.9	15.8%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3.8%	+/-2.8	5.0%	+/-4.1	7.0%
\$200,000 or more	1.1%	+/-1.3	1.7%	+/-1.9	2.4%
Median income (dollars)	53,963	+/-11,842	69,024	+/-12,750	77,934
Mean income (dollars)	68,139	+/-18,385	83,609	+/-23,958	N
PERCENT ALLOCATED					
Household income in the past 12 months	31.8%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Family income in the past 12 months	(X)	(X)	36.9%	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily income in the past 12 months	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Subject	Ticonderoga town, Essex County, New York		
	Married-couple families	Nonfamily households	
	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total	+/-125	718	+/-200
Less than \$10,000	+/-2.8	12.1%	+/-10.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	+/-2.5	15.6%	+/-9.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	+/-2.7	21.9%	+/-11.7
\$25,000 to \$34,999	+/-2.8	16.0%	+/-9.8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	+/-5.4	15.9%	+/-5.8
\$50,000 to \$74,999	+/-9.1	6.8%	+/-5.4
\$75,000 to \$99,999	+/-11.6	7.5%	+/-5.2
\$100,000 to \$149,999	+/-7.3	2.5%	+/-3.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	+/-5.6	1.7%	+/-2.7
\$200,000 or more	+/-2.7	0.0%	+/-4.1
Median income (dollars)	+/-5,671	25,114	+/-5,216
Mean income (dollars)	N	34,707	+/-5,555
PERCENT ALLOCATED			
Household income in the past 12 months	(X)	(X)	(X)
Family income in the past 12 months	(X)	(X)	(X)
Nonfamily income in the past 12 months	(X)	19.5%	(X)

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

When information is missing or inconsistent, the Census Bureau logically assigns an acceptable value using the response to a related question or questions. If a logical assignment is not possible, data are filled using a statistical process called allocation, which uses a similar individual or household to provide a donor value. The "Allocated" section is the number of respondents who received an allocated value for a particular subject.

While the 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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Explanation of Symbols:

1. An "N" entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An "L" entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An "L" following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An "U" following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An "N" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An "C" entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An "N" entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An "X" means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

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Federal Poverty Guidelines for FFY 2018

Size of Family unit	100 Percent of Poverty	110 Percent of Poverty	125 Percent of Poverty	150 Percent of Poverty	175 Percent of Poverty	185 Percent of Poverty	200 Percent of Poverty
1	\$12,060	\$13,266	\$15,075	\$18,090	\$21,105	\$22,311	\$24,120
2	\$16,240	\$17,864	\$20,300	\$24,360	\$28,420	\$30,044	\$32,480
3	\$20,420	\$22,462	\$25,525	\$30,630	\$35,735	\$37,777	\$40,840
4	\$24,600	\$27,060	\$30,750	\$36,900	\$43,050	\$45,510	\$49,200
5	\$28,780	\$31,658	\$35,975	\$43,170	\$50,365	\$53,243	\$57,560
6	\$32,960	\$36,256	\$41,200	\$49,440	\$57,680	\$60,976	\$65,920
7	\$37,140	\$40,854	\$46,425	\$55,710	\$64,995	\$68,709	\$74,280
8	\$41,320	\$45,452	\$51,650	\$61,980	\$72,310	\$76,442	\$82,640

For all states (except Alaska and Hawaii) and for the District of Columbia.

Note: For optional use in FFY 2017 and mandatory use in FFY 2018

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Mrs. Dixon also wanted to express her concerns over privatizing, this causes costs to go up, services to go down and people to be laid off. The City of Baltimore passed a resolution prohibiting privatization. Thank you.

Public Comment

Richard Wray has been a resident of Ticonderoga since 1991 and he actually came to comment on water, but he didn't realize that he would be commenting on Mrs. Dixon

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comments. His thought as she was speaking was that it sounds like you are very well focused on income levels. The board needs to consider other issues, #1 is it time, do you want to have meters. When he bought his house it had a meter already installed and he was billed by that meter, but then they were not used, #2 everybody should be treated the same, if one person has a meter, everybody should have to have a meter, #3 how many people are in the house using the water, he has no children at all and then you have another household that has 4 or 5 children, #4 what about sprinkling systems, using water to care for your plants or water your lawn, #5 out west, the drought areas - we have all of Lake George, the water is there. We shouldn't have to feel like we have to scrimp and save, let people water their lawns, let them use the water that is available. He is just throwing these comments out on what Mrs. Dixon was saying, in fairness to everybody in the community, all these issues should be considered, it shouldn't just be the income level of the people in the community. Yes, it is a regressive tax in the sense that everybody is paying the same but all kinds of taxes are regressive taxes including sales tax. The point that he came to talk about was the article that was in yesterdays Post Star concerning fluoride in toothpaste. The article focuses on fluoride in toothpaste because the consensus of doctors and scientist is that fluoride definitely helps prevent tooth decay. Apparently, there are some organizations that are promoting the idea of people using toothpaste that doesn't contain fluoride. The article in the paper basically says no, fluoride is very important in preventing tooth decay. It made him think back to his childhood, he grew up in Philadelphia and he can remember when they started adding fluoride to the town water and unfortunately he has a lot of cavities as a result of growing up in Philadelphia. His point being, he got to thinking about the fluoride in our water, do we have fluoride in our town water - the answer is no, we do not. He did some digging around and the best he can understand is that it had been mentioned many years ago, but that there was a doctor that was opposed to the idea of putting fluoride in the water. He thinks that this doctor is not here anymore, but certainly many doctors, dentists would support the idea of fluoride in the water. Obviously, the key question becomes cost, one would think that if there was ever a program that the federal government would support, it would be municipal water supplies having fluoride added to them. So it would be interesting to get feed back as to can this issue be revisited. Thank you.

Mrs. Dixon added that sales tax is a regressive tax, which means if she wants to go out and buy a one million dollar yaht, she would have to pay the same sales tax as someone else who goes out and buys a one million dollar yacht. It is regressive and it is not charged on food because food is a necessity like water. It is a life necessity. As far as metering the water, the town is not selling us water and meters make it look like the town is selling a commodity to the people. She feels this is the wrong way to look at it.

Harry Treadway is here to talk about the location of our hometown hero banners, what he believes the town talked about before was some tourism banners to go on the main street. A little back ground, since 1754 (264 years ago) this community, this area has had something that has been run by and has been over run by veterans military warriors. There is a long, long history of that in this community. Port Henry and Mineville they recently put up the hometown hero banners and Mr. Scozzafava said that they had banners on Main Street that had the businesses names on them and many of those

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businesses asked to be put up on the outskirts of the village so when the people that entered the village they saw those businesses, rather than have them in the middle of town where there was more traffic, more congestion and less likely to look up to see a banner. Mr. Scozzafava also mentioned that since they have put them up, he has had a lot of people stop and comment on how much they appreciate having them up there, how nice they looked and wanted to know how that program began because they wanted to bring it back to their community. We know that there are several communities in the area, Fort Edward is another that have them. He does think that we need to do something to attract tourism here, but if you really look at it we need to get them off the by pass and off the ferry turn road and off the four corners, we need to direct those people down town. That is a great place to have some sort of banner or some sort of direction for tourists to come down our main street in Ticonderoga. Once they are in the main street of Ticonderoga, they can see, if we put up the hometown hero banners, they can see that this is a community that care about the people in the community that served this country and this community. Also personally, he thinks that when the Korean Veteran and the Vietnam Veteran came home, there was no parade, no thank you, there wasn't even a damn picnic for these guys when they came home so the least this community can do is allow those banners on main street. It is going to be well received by the tourist that we can hopefully attract from the outer circle to come in here. Also, he knows it is the supervisor and the town board that makes the decisions that happen in this community, but the supervisor and the town board also need to answer to the public.

Mitch Cole stated that putting your veterans pictures on the back streets is like you are ashamed of them and that is not right.

John McDonald stated that he is a member of the VFW and some other veterans groups and on Monday we had a meeting and passed a resolution. It has been said that Ticonderoga has a history of military, veterans over the years and he thinks what also should be said is that Ticonderoga had a National Guard for many, many years. This National Guard unit was composed of mainly Ticonderoga residents, he is not sure if they were here for WWI, but they were certainly involved WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and these people need to be recognized in some way, not so much their picture but the fact that we have a community that recognizes and appreciates what these military people have done. In the room here tonight, there is a WWII veteran, Marine Corp League Office in Ticonderoga supports this and he is sure that the Legion does. Monday night the VFW passed a Resolution asking the Town Board to consent to these banners in the community:

At a Regularly scheduled meeting of the Fort Ticonderoga Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 0146 held on August 7, 2018, on a motion by John McDonald, seconded by Phil Fregon, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Fort Ticonderoga Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 0146 desires the Hometown Heroes Banners be placed along Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga, NY.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Fort Ticonderoga Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 0146 hereby requests the Town of Ticonderoga Town Board approve the placement of Hometown Heroes banners along Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga, NY. ADOPTED: this 7th day of August 2018.

He has been around the county a little bit in the last several weeks and these hometown heroes banners are in Westport, Willsboro, Essex, Keeseville, and he just thinks it is the right thing to do. He does not think it will hurt the downtown businesses at any point, and he doesn't think that it will hurt the tourist business. The tourists come to see the fort and to get to the fort a lot have to go through the village and to see those reminders there that this community supports what people who have put on a uniform have done.

Craig Cassidy is Chaplain of American Legion Post 224 and about two hours ago he left a meeting with the Post Commander Richie Gaulin and he has asked him to express the views of the Legion Post to this board. We are in favor of putting pictures of the veterans who have served this community on Montcalm Street. Without wanting to denigrate at all the efforts that the Chamber of Commerce and other supporters of merchandising of this town. He doesn't think a few banners are going to make much of a difference on Montcalm Street right now. He owns a small shop at 105 Montcalm Street and he is going to tell you that after 4 years of selling here, it is a struggle to exist in this Town, but it is a struggle that he is willing to make because he fell in love with Essex County before he went off to the Army many, many years ago. When he came to this town, he got to meet some of the people that you know that he didn't. For many years, Keith Barber has brought Veterans up to the Middle School to celebrate veterans day and one of those was Gusher Smith. He is one of those in this community that we should build statues to. Here was a guy in his 90's that would take the time, even with his health failing, he would go up and tell about his service to the young people. He doesn't know how you folks feel, but he is going to tell you how he feels about young folks and a good many of them are so deep in their keyboards that they have no sense about what is going on in this world and he doesn't think many of them will ever wear a uniform, but if Gusher and the other veterans that were up there with Mr. Barber could convince two or three people that it was worth servicing this country it would have made a big difference. Gusher doesn't belong on a side street. He also was blessed to help, Mrs. Theresa Tobin empty out some of her houses here and he is sure many of you remember Ernie Tobin. When he got here, Ernie was already in the Nursing Home in Glens Falls, we talked about the National Guard, he understands that the records that he read when he helped clean out that house was that Ernie saw action in Belgium and France in the Battle of the Bulge. He does not belong on a side street, now he has not talked with Theresa in a year or so, he doesn't know if she is alive in Glens Falls, but he is sure that she would be very pleased if her husband and Gusher were on the main street. Put the banners that the Chamber or the Economic community may want down by the main road. Try to get them to come up and see us, you aren't going to get one dollar more out of sales if there is a banner on Montcalm Street down by the Knights of Columbus or his little shop or the American Legion. The American Legion stands by the work that Porky Lamb and all these other people have done here today and we would love to see your veterans on Montcalm street which is still the Economic heart of the town. He thanks you and pleads for your

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understanding for the veterans that have come before us here, especially the two that he has mentioned, these are definitely not side street people, these are Montcalm Street Veterans.

Albert Powvorznik has a question, which one of you people are against this that is holding this up.... he understands it is you (points at Councilwoman Cooper).

Supervisor Giordano stated that no one here is opposed to this, Porky and a few came to Buildings and Grounds and had a conversation and Buildings and Grounds was in support of putting the banners in town. He thinks what hasn't happened is conversations with all the other agencies that were involved. He is not opposed and doesn't think anyone is opposed to putting the banners downtown, but coming before the board and asking the board to make this decision is sometimes the wrong way to do it. The board does not have the what for all to know all the other interests of the parties in the town and that discussion needs to take place at the committee, figure out the aspects to which you want to bring to the board and try to find a way that everyone can be satisfied. That is what this board was trying to communicate during that public conversation period at the meeting a month ago and there is no one here that is not supportive of wanting to do that but at the same time there are a lot of other groups.....

Mr. Powvorznik stated that there are a lot of stories going around and that is why he is here asking this....he understands that it was Councilwoman Cooper stating that it was ok to put the veterans up on the back street and that is like a slap in the face and that is an insult if that is a fact.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that this is not a fact, we suggested very strongly to utilize our wonderful veterans memorial, she is down there.....

Mr. Lamb stated that they did check this out and it can't be done, they checked those poles and you cannot put one banner in that veterans park..... none, they are short poles and they would be destroyed overnight.

Mr. Cole asked how come we can put the other banners up, and he is on the crew that puts them up, on the main street, but we can't put our veterans banners up.....

Councilwoman Cooper asked who said you couldn't put them up, she didn't say that....

Mr. Cole stated that he didn't point his finger at you, he said why can't we put them up....

Councilwoman Cooper believes they should be put up...

Mr. Powvorznik takes it that you are all for putting them up and we can put them up...

Councilman Taylor stated that his vote is to put them up on the main street, that is what he thought we did before. Did someone direct you that you couldn't put them up on main street?

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Mr. Lamb stated yes, you all passed a resolution, it is in the minutes. You were here. He has a folder right here for banners for downtown and if they don't go down town then guess what, these aren't going anywhere. He thinks you should make a motion tonight and have it taken care of, he doesn't want to go through this anymore, he has too many veterans out there that want to do this. It is a no win situation for you all right now, no win.

Councilman Taylor stated that it makes him feel this " big having to have you people come in here and try to exhort us.....

Mr. Powvorznik wanted a motion made tonight..... Wayne make a motion.....

Resolution #230-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded unanimously to install the Hometown Hero Banners along main street in Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Dick Allen mentioned that the only problems that he sees is where are you going to put all of them, you main street is not going to be any where big enough.

Mr. Lamb stated that they will be going all the way up to Chilson if he has his way.

Bob Dedrick stated that this banner idea came way back when he was supervisor and it came out of Ticonderoga Montcalm Street partnership and one of the reasons that we wanted to put banners down town was basically because it was ascetically pleasing. He can't think of any thing more ascetically pleasing than having your veterans on the banners the length of Montcalm Street. He is only speaking for himself as he is only one member of the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street but that was the whole purpose of that was to get it ascetically pleasing for people to come down town and this certainly serves this purpose so it makes sense to him.

Mr. Cassidy appreciates what you said about feeling like you do, but we don't want that. We do better when we all work together and he can sense that you really want to support your veterans. If this clears the air and everybody now leaves this room knowing that the veterans are going to be smiling down on Montcalm Street on both us and the tourists, he thinks you will have done a very great thing for the community. There is a struggle going on down there, starting at the Burleigh Bar, come to Cobbler's Bench which is still empty, the Star Trek thing is taking off, the Jewelry store is for rent, the old Newberry's looks like it is something out of the Bronx, there is a lot of work to be done down here and while the Chamber banners - we will take all the help we can get on Montcalm Street, but he would rather see the veterans there, bring the veterans home, to Montcalm Street.

Mr. Dedrick approached the Highway meeting and thanked them, he did not get a chance to attend the Public Safety meeting. Street fest this year was extremely successful, weather was ideal, big crowds and help from the Fort with their muster which was a big

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draw, and thanks to Mark Wright with his pictures to remember; but he wanted to thank the Police and the Beautification crew also. The Police were there all day long, he was there by 6 o'clock in the morning and they were already there. One of the things that he always worries about is shutting down traffic at the intersection with just an orange vest on and this year he didn't have to worry about it, thank you to the Town Board, the Highway, the Police, and the Beautification Crews.

Report of Committees

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meetings Minutes
July 30, 2018

Councilman Dave Woods Calls Meeting to order at 5:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following committee members were present, Dave Woods, Wayne Taylor, Margaret Lauman, Ross Kelley, Heath Towne, Matt Watts, Bill Ball.
Clerk to the committee: Jennifer Gendron

Guests: Supervisor Joe Giordano, Mark and Laura Wright, Joyce Cooper, Dorsey Crammond, Fred Hunsdon, Henry Pendicone, Mark Belden, Ritch Waldron, Dale Quesnel and Chief Mawn.

Dave Woods Open the floor to the public.

Henry Pendicone would like another One Way Sign put up on Tiroga Point.

Dave Woods will contact Highway Superintendent Sal Barnao, with contact information on Henry Pendicone.

Chief Mawn states his last day is July 31st and would like to say "He enjoyed leading the Ticonderoga Police Department" Many member's thanked Mike Mawn for Stepping up and wished him the best of luck.

Bill Ball states that there is nothing new to report, shutting down another nuisance property, Bill States he is getting a lot of heat on Solar Panels, placement of them mostly.

Wayne Taylor asks Fred Hunsdon if anyone has looked into cell service up on Chilson, Fred states he has talked to AT&T.

Matt Watts asks if anyone is taking the Chiefs spot in the Police department.

Dave Woods states that Mark Belden will be sergeant in Charge with Ritch Waldron being part time investigator and Dale Quesnel will still be K9 Sergeant.

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Wayne Taylor asks Matt if there is any news on the building project, Matt States Lawyers are talking and hope to know more soon.

Matt Watts adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm

Next Public Safety Meeting in August 27, 2018 at 5:00pm

**Ticonderoga Police Commission
Meeting Minutes**

A three-person Police Commission was formed by **Resolution 211-2018** at the Town Board Meeting on July 12, 2018. Appointed to the Commission were Town Board Members Joyce Cooper and David Woods and community member Margaret Lauman.

As the July 31st date of Interim Police Chief Michael Mawn's resignation approached, the Commission met three times in Executive Session to consider potential candidates to assume leadership of the department.

On July 24th and 27th, 2018 the Commission met with 2 candidates whom they thought might be able to serve as Interim Chief of Police. One candidate was determined to be ineligible because his former service was out of state and the other who had New York State service did not have the required supervisory experience for this position.

On July 30, 2018 the Commission met again. With no candidates with the required qualifications for Interim Police Chief available for immediate consideration, Commission members decided to consider another avenue for finding someone to assume leadership of the department by creating the position of Sergeant in Charge.

Resolution 01-2018 PC: The motion to create the position of Sergeant in Charge in the Ticonderoga Police Department was made by Dave Woods and seconded by Margaret Lauman. All in Favor: Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. **Carried.**

Two names were available for consideration: Mark Belden had passed the test and was on the County list for sergeant; Dale Quesnel is currently Sergeant/ Canine Officer with the department. With another officer in the department experienced as an investigator, it was decided to appoint current Investigative Officer Belden as sergeant and appoint him to this new position.

Resolution 02-2018 PC: The motion to promote Officer Mark Belden to Sergeant and appoint him Sergeant in Charge was made by Dave Wood and seconded by Margaret Lauman, All in Favor: Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. **Carried.**

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The committee also wished to recognize Sergeant Quesnel for the outstanding work he has done with our canine Tusko and to note, with appreciation, that Dale has received much positive, public recognition in his current role. .

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 the Commission met again in Executive Session to consider filling department openings. Former officer Adam Hurlburt had sent a letter expressing interest in serving the department as a part-time officer.

Resolution 03-2018 PC: The motion to offer part-time Ticonderoga Police Department employment to Former Officer Adam Hurlburt was made by Dave Woods and seconded by Joyce Cooper. All in Favor: Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. **Carried.**

The Ticonderoga Police Commission plans to hold monthly open meetings starting in September. It is planned to hold these meetings immediately prior to scheduled Public Safety Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Cooper, Police Commissioner

Highway/Transfer Station - Wayne Taylor, Councilman

Ticonderoga Highway Meeting
07/26/18 8:00 AM

Present: Mitch Cole, John Deming, Dave Woods, Larry Lee Jr, Matt Nolan, Peter Gibbs, John Remillard, Mike Dussault, Bob Dedrick, Joyce Cooper and Wayne Taylor Sr.

The meeting opened with the pledge to our nations flag.

John Remillard President of Elizabethtown Community Hospital and Peter Gibbs of Engineering Ventures presented a plan for a project to improve the access road to the Moses Ludington Hospital. The plan would be part of the nine million dollar renovation of the hospital campus. The road and adjacent sidewalks would be built to town specifications in hopes of eventual dedication in fee complete to the town. The plan calls for a more suitable entrance that would be directly across from Hinds St and Wicker St intersection. The matter has been referred to Greg Swart of AES the town's engineering firm and to the town's attorney Matt Fuller for further development of a path forward to complete the road and dedication.

Mitch Cole mentioned that the highway crew would need additional resources to take on this road.

The committee reviewed the upcoming work schedules for potential problems. Catch basin maintenance, roadside mowing and brush removal being the priority for the short

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term. Mitch suggested possibly renting a second boom mower. Dave mentioned that the town is now mowing an area formerly hayed by Leerkes.

The committee went over the proposed renovation of the highway garage. Todd Hodgson of Essex County will complete a design for the installation of an oil water separator for the highway garage drains.

Mitch requested some documentation on how the town acquired the Keast Rd. John Deming would research this and report.

Bob Dedrick on behalf of the Ticonderoga Main Street Partnership wanted to complement Sal Barnao and highway department on their great performance and willingness to help. Dave mentioned how Sal removed some graffiti himself without any hesitation.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Woods, second by John Deming, 9:30 a.m.

Next Highway Meeting 08/30/18 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Taylor, 08/07/18

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

- Fencing - Pilot gate needs to be installed
- FAA - Currently restricted for night landing, working with IP regarding the approach
- RFQ - Every 5 years need to advertise and this will be going out shortly
- Looking at options for paving taxiway & parking
- AES projects - dumping spoils @ the Airport to fill in areas
- Holding on Upgrades to the QT Pod kiosk; may not be the correct time to do this

Discussion of how many planes we have tied down and the over all usage of the airport. there was a question of the Possibility of rental cars at Airport??

Resolution #231-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint Bryan Douros and Art Ryan to the Airport Committee. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #232-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the resignation of Roger Nolfé from the Airport Committee. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Building and Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

Armory update - work is completed

Community Building - working on finalizing project

Bill Dolback had questions regarding historical landmarks and Councilwoman Cooper is helping with this.

Parks, Recreations, Historic Lands, Monuments, Cemeteries and Beach -
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

No Report

Human Services: Youth/Seniors - Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

Seniors

August 2018

Painting at the Senior Center started Wednesday Aug. 8th

I spoke with the painter yesterday and he felt it would be finished Friday.

The senior bus will be out of service on Friday August 10th for maintenance, engine light problem again.

The next senior meeting will be Wednesday August 29th 1pm at the Armory.

The bus stays busy with an average of 17 riders a day covering an average of 80 miles per day.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorcey Crammond: Councilwoman

Youth Commission

August 2018

The Youth Commission met Monday July 23, 2018 with the following in attendance; Katie Andersen, Joyce Cooper, Lynn Sawyer, Victoria Sawyer, John Bartlett and Dorcey Crammond.

Katie will be in charge of the Youth Soccer Ball program we discussed how the program is run and her duties.

We have advertised for attendants for the After School Program. Question do the returning aides have to reapply for that position?

There have been some scheduling problems for the beach lifeguards. Katie is on top of that and will have it taken care of.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday Aug 20th @ 5pm at the Armory.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorcey Crammond: Councilwoman

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Economic Development - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No Meeting

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2018 – 8:30 am**

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Tracy Smith, Matt Fuller (*Town Attorney*), Wayne Taylor, Sr., Nancy Treadway

Others: Joyce Cooper, Greg Swart (*AES*), Max Villanueva (*AES*), Holly Dixon and Chattie VanWert

Pledge

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

Public Comment

Holly Dixon

1. Holly inquired about the Town's billing system, and how many EDU's are charged for just water, just sewer and how many residential accounts there are compared to commercial accounts.
 - a. As Holly has submitted a FOIL request with the Town to obtain the information, Nancy will be looking into fulfilling her request.
2. Holly also inquired why the Town does not have one large map showing all of the water and sewer districts.
 - a. Derrick commented that currently the Town has separate maps for each district. Having one map would be ideal, and the Town is working with AES' GIS Specialist to work towards having one created in the near future.

Items for discussion

1. DOJ
 - a. Chattie will be creating the vouchers and placing them in the August abstract for review by the Town Board.
2. FEMA extension to PW#6009 for completion of paperwork
 - a. Greg will be following up with Harry Gough as the Town will need an extension letter requesting a later date for the completion of the paperwork associated with the project.

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- b. Chattie had a few questions in regard to FEMA and State money that had been received. Greg will speak with Harry to get clarification on those funds.
- 3. Moses Ludington Hospital – 969 NYS Rte. 9N (vacant parcel)
 - a. As per the 2018 Assessment Roll, the property has now been combined with the main parcel.
 - i. The Committee recommends to the Town Board to adjust the bill record for this property to now be an inactive account, and to no longer be charged for water and sewer.
- 4. Larry Fish – 96 County Rte. 56
 - a. Mr. Fish has recently installed a well for his property. As he is an out of district user, he sent a letter to the Town requesting to terminate his water service contract.
 - i. An inspection by the Town has been done, and the Committee recommends to the Town Board to approve the termination of the water service contract.

Water Project Discussion

- 1. Well Building
 - a. The foundation will be poured soon, and the footings will follow.
 - b. Temporary power has been installed.
 - c. At the next project meeting, a plan for weather delays will be discussed.
- 2. Easements are still being worked on.
- 3. Chilson Tank
 - a. The tank site prep is almost done, and next week foundation work is expected to take place.
- 4. Baldwin Plant
 - a. Greg had drafted a Basis of Design Report for the filter plant improvements, and asked that it be reviewed by the Committee. There is an August 17th deadline to submit a finalized report.
- 5. Water Line
 - a. The contractor installed pipe across Rte. 74. There is now ~ 2,000 feet of pipe in the ground.

Sewer Project Discussion

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1. WWTP
 - a. The project is moving along well. Derrick commented that the new gates have arrived and they are working on one now.
 - b. The electrical contractor is done for now and will come back in October.
 - c. Contractor is working towards the first clarifier being online this fall and the second by mid-winter.
2. Recycling Effluent at the WWTP
 - a. Greg will get a quote from Gallo to do the work.
3. GIGP
 - a. The contractor will start work by mid-August.
 - b. Greg will be following up on the Army Corps' permit.
 - c. An inspection for bat activity in the trees along the shoreline took place, which showed no activity, so the trees were cut the next day.
 - d. Greg updated the easement with the Hydro Plant and will send to Matt for review.
 - e. All of the grant funds will be used on the project. The only costs that are ineligible for funding through EFC is the replacement of pipe in the Hydro Plant's parking lot. However, that would then fall into the CWSRF funding.
 - f. Greg has drafted a parking lot plan and will send it to the Committee for review. It will be a separate cost to perform the work, and the Committee agrees to get a quote from the contractor.
 - g. Joyce will be reviewing the interpretive signage for the project.
4. Clean Water Main Project
 - a. The survey crew has been out reviewing the area. Within the next few weeks a layout for the project should be available. Greg suggested that a planning meeting be held about the project next month.

Other topics of discussion

1. The hospital is looking to re-do the entrance road to the facility, and is also offering to assist the Town with alleviating overflows that happen in that area. Wayne gave Greg a map of what they propose to do.
2. Greg suggests that access to the Lowe's Property be addressed in the spring so that flow meters can be set on the structures for flow monitoring. This will determine if the pond is sized correctly.

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3. Max will be looking into the GIS Services Application.
4. Generators for each pump station were addressed. Derrick would like to have the cost of the generators available for next year's budget.
5. Brad from AES will meet with Supervisor Giordano on Thursday to discuss amendments to their contract.
6. Matt has a scoring sheet for the Chilson RFP/Q's which will assist with finding the right engineer to research what options are available in that area.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent Report - *Derrick Fleury*

1. 10 Wayne Avenue water leak
 - a. This is a bank owned property and the bank is not being responsive to requests to remedy the issue.
 - i. Nancy will send Matt the property information so he can follow up with a letter. Bill Ball should also be involved and contact NYS DFS (NYS Dept. of Financial Services) to see if they can assist with the matter as well.

Adjourn

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 11:00 am.

The next Water/Sewer Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, August 28th at 8:30 am.

Resolution #233-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to approve Gallo Construction change order No. 1 for the water Project in the amount of \$22,636.93. (On file in the Town Clerk's Office - Water Project file). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Resolution #234-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to approve AES amendment #4 for the Water Project. (\$116,000.00) (On file in the Town Clerk's Office - Water Project file). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Resolution #235-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joyce Cooper to terminate the out-of-district water service contract for 96 County Route 56 (Larry Fish) Tax Map #138.4-1-20.002 and make the account inactive. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Resolution #236-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded Wayne Taylor to change the water/sewer assessment record for 969 NYS Route 9N to reflect the 2018 Assessment Roll combining the two parcels (tax Map #150.42-1-1.210 & 150.42-1-1.210/1) and

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make the account inactive for both water and sewer. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting scheduled for August 14 at 1:30 p.m. (may be changing)

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Nothing to report

I.T./Cable T.V. - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Re: Charter Communications - Upcoming Changes

Effective on or after July 22, 2018:

- **WPTZ – CW will be replaced with WNNE – CW on Basic/Starter TV channel 1245 in the following channel lineups: Champlain, Malone, Port Henry/Crown Point, Saranac Lake and Schroon.** Any scheduled DVR recordings will need to be reset after this change.

Effective on or after August 15, 2018, Spectrum Deportes on TV En Espanol will no longer be available on Spectrum lineups. Spectrum SportsNet, the English language version of this network, will remain on lineups and live games will have secondary Spanish audio available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 518-640-8575 or via email at kevin.egan@charter.com.

John Woods (Chilson resident) has been participating with Adirondack Broadband conversations in Essex County, he has a vested interest in trying to get that in Chilson. The State has made monies available for our area, but as of right now from what he understands some of those monies haven't been utilized yet. Working John and a few other county supervisor's we are going to see what the progress is and where the monies are to move forward.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #237-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting July 12, 2018 and Special TB Meeting of July 12, 2018 and Special TB Meeting July 19, 2018 and Special TB Workshop July 19, 2018 and Finance Meeting July 31, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Resolution #238-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates;

1. Patty Osier, Local Government Conference, Potsdam, NY, October 8-9, 2018
2. Frank Basile, Intro to Governmental Accounting, SUNY Oneonta, October 22-25, 2018
3. Chattie Van Wert, NYS OSC Adv. Accounting School, Watertown, NY, November 13-16, 2018

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #239-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing the creation of new budget accounts:

- o CM.0889 Reserve for Library Projects
- o CM.0201 Cash for Library Projects
Reserve account for Library grants or donations, to be held in GFNB Library Trust Fund account until expended
- o SW06.8310.475 Water Administration DOJ Compliance
Department of Justice Consent Decree Compliance for advertising

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #240-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing the following budget transfers:

- o SW06.8310.475 Water Administration DOJ Compliance \$7,000
- o SW06.0909 Central Water Fund Balance Unreserved -\$7,000
Fund DOJ Consent Decree compliance requirements from Central Water Fund Balance Unreserved

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #241-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to Pay Abstract #8-2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Abstract	Board Meeting Date 8/9/18	
7/20/2018	Gross Payroll PP#15	\$107,599.80
8/3/2018	Gross Payroll PP#16	\$111,748.62
	Trust & Agency Total	\$219,348.42

EFT's & Pre-Pays

7/27/2018	H36 - WATER PROJECT (Pre-Pay)	\$1,933.80
8/3/2018	General - Prime Pay HRA (EFT)	\$819.00

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8/9/2018	ABSTRACT	
	General (A)	\$90,606.75
	CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	\$12,750.00
	CD21 LISC Zombie	
	Highway (DA)	\$231,593.48
	H17 - C/P Ticonderoga Airport	
	H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	\$34,883.74
	H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase	
	H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	\$1,350.70
	H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	\$806,407.23
	H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	
	H53 - Clean Water Main Project	\$689.95
	H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	
	H55 - DASNY/SAM Grant Comm.Bldg.	
	H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	
	SF01- Ticonderoga Fire District	
	SF02 - Chilson Fire District	
	Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	\$39.58
	Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	\$11,507.12
	Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	\$8,366.06
	Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	\$3,177.29
	Central Sewer (SS05)	\$21,019.37
	Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	\$15,493.30
	Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	\$3,162.33
	Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	\$4,780.85
	Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	\$23,523.35
	Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	\$5,764.64
	9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	\$7,268.22
	9N & 74 Water (SW01)	\$12,709.93
	Street Road Water (SW02)	\$5,251.33
	Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	\$5,208.00
	Homelands Water District (SW04)	\$2,064.60
	Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	\$8,063.10
	Central Water (SW06)	\$66,638.60
	Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	\$6,133.35
	Shore Airport Water (SW09)	\$17,458.38
	Multi Account Total	\$1,408,664.05

Total Expenditures

\$1,628,012.47

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Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Wanted to announce the Use of the Park for the week in from August 19th to August 24th, this is a spiritual event like the Prayer in the Park last year.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

Update - Baldwin Road project/compliance from DOH, this is a unique piece of equipment that AES designed with the help of Tracy Smith and Derrick Fleury. It is the only one of it's kind and should be patented. DOH is really impressed with the work and the results. If you read the decree and the various milestones that were built in for Baldwin Road, this part is done! It will solve all of those deadlines and take them right off the table. Again they were pretty impressed and Susan Kennedy from DOH will be coming to the next Water/Sewer meeting.

End of the Meeting Public Comment

Mrs. Dixon explained that she did a Part I on the water as a general introduction, Part II is kind of drilling down what is happening in Ticonderoga, and there is a Part III and first she would like to thank you for putting her on for this agenda, but she believes this third part will be done for the September meeting and hopes to present it then. She also brought up the mentioning of the Adirondack Broadband, have they been asked whether the FCC's lifeline program would be available? That is a low income, discount for internet and it has to be authorized by the FCC. Can you give them a call to see if they will be able to offer that discount?

Laura Wright noticed that there were Police Commission minutes in the agenda packet and why were they not read? The last paragraph states that they are going to start having opens meetings in September and they want to do it prior to the Public Safety meetings, she thinks that is a brilliant idea, however; the Public Safety meeting starts at five which means that this meeting would be held primarily during working hours. Which means that the public can not really attend. She would like to request that maybe this meeting be held at five and then the Public Safety meeting be held at 5:30 p.m. (They will look into this)

Mark Wright stated that he heard you were going into Executive Session and mentioned a topic, but you have to take a majority vote. Doesn't this board have to follow the NYS Open Public Meetings Law, Article 7....

Supervisor Giordano stated yes....we have to pass a resolution to enter into Executive to enter are you asking....

Mr. Wright stated that he is asking if you are going to take a vote during this public meeting before you go in... (The answer was yes)

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Mr. Dedrick stated that he has finally find out about Nuisance properties and he is living in it and he is representing six homeowners. We are living across the street from a Nuisance property (Richard Nock - renting to Clevelands/Greenwoods/Larson) and these people have far more rights than he does. The value of his property has gone down, his quality of life has gone down and he has gotten to the point that he does not know where to turn anymore. He has gone to Code Enforcement and Bill has been really cooperative with helping out. He realizes that Nuisance Properties are a real issue right now and that you are trying to address it, but he did not realize what a pure hell it is to live across from these type of people. The police have been called six times this summer, they are so vulgar that you can't sit outside, he has gone out and challenged them on the main street with his sons, they have dogs that are barking consistently, they are crapping on the porch, the two year old is playing in it. They were told to evacuate two months ago, the judge gave them two months of extended time and the property owner couldn't even go on the property to fix his roof. That is wrong.... what rights does he have??? He has contacted the police, DEC, Dog Control, Child protective services there is nothing else he can do..... supposed to have been out July 1st, then it was extended to the end of July and now it is August 9th and they are still there.

The Judges arrived at the board meeting and a lengthy discussion was held in reference to the Nuisance Law and the procedure of the court pertaining to evictions. The Judges did note that they don't talk about these cases because they can't.

Resolution #242-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to exit the Regular Town Board meeting and enter into an Executive Session at 7:58 to discuss matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed and also for employment matters. Inviting Judges Dolbeck and O'Bryan and Code Enforcement Officer Bill Ball to stay. (The Judges and Code's Officer left at 8:45 p.m.) **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Resolution #243-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to exit the Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. and re-enter the Regular Town Board Meeting. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Resolution #244-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept Dale Quesnel's resignation with regret from his position as Sergeant for the Ticonderoga Police Department effective August 30, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Wayne Taylor - Abstain. Carried.**

Resolution #245-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to declare Ticonderoga K9 Officer Tusko as surplus and retire him effective August 30, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Wayne Taylor - Abstain. Carried.**

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Resolution #246-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize the sale of Retired Ticonderoga K9 Officer Tusko to his handler Dale Quesnel for a purchase amount of \$1,500, effective August 30, 2018. (This sale to handler is being granted by the board after consultation from professional dog trainers and handlers and upon agreement that Dale Quesnel takes all responsibility and liability of this K9). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Abstain. **Carried.**

Resolution #247-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dave Woods to advertise, State Wide for an Interim Chief of Police. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

As of 8/17/2018 9:41 AM

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks -- Announcements:

Announcement by Town Assessor, Patricia Osier

Presentation by Holly Dixon regarding water

Board of Health – no report

Public Comment (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

Public Hearing

Department Heads

Committee reports:

Public Safety DW

Highway / Transfer Station WT

Airport JG

RESOLUTION to appoint Bryan Douros and Art Ryan to the Airport Committee

RESOLUTION to accept the resignation of Roger Nolfé from the Airport
Committee

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

Human Services: Youth/Seniors DC

Economic Development JG

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RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment – Please Stand and State Your Name

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting