

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Town Board meeting held on March 12, 2020  
commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing regarding Parking Restrictions**

**Present:** Joseph Giordano, Supervisor  
Tom Cunningham, Councilman  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman  
Dave Woods, Councilman  
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Mark Russell, Councilman

**Others:** Heath Towne, John Sharkey, Frank Sheldon, Terrance, Monty, Charlize, Helen and Terry Benedict, Dave Iuliano, Mark and Laura Wright, Lynn and Peter Reale, Corinna Woods, Liam and Dan Burke, Jonah, Nicholas and Jihyan Giordano, Dick Patnode, Tommy Jebb, Ian Lender, others.

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

Announcements

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update - Supervisor Giordano explained that currently we are practicing the recommendations of the CDC, State and County organizations. They are recommending the preventative methods of if you are sick then stay home, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands and don't touch your face, stay at least six feet away from others, avoid surfaces that are touched often - prevent as much as possible. The Town will be putting together something to put on our website, and even though there are no confirmed cases in Essex County they have issued a local state of emergency as a measure of response.

Presentation

Eagle Scout project (Little League Park - announcement stand)

Terrence Benedict first started by thanking the Town and all of the sponsors (Avery Energy/BuildersPro/Mr. Trudeau) that helped with this project. It took a total of 107 1/2 hours and three months of work with \$1,200.00 donated - all of the scouts helped along with several family members and volunteers.

The Town thanked Mr. Benedict for his project and congratulated him on his award. They also welcomed the Boy Scouts at the meeting tonight, here to earn their Citizenship in the Community badge.

Public Comment

Frank Sheldon handed the Clerk a Petition with signatures against the board and the Town of Ticonderoga because of the high cost water and sewer, along with two Freedom of Information reports because we are going to dissect all of your financials and find out how you are spending our money. The one thing he wants to say is that you guys haven't

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worked hard enough to work with the people of this town. You haven't done it, you have sat there and occupied a seat, some of you a long time and these people here are dying. When this, the sewer rate, gets to \$300 a quarter - that is \$1200 a year, that is \$100 bucks a month out of everyone of these people to pay this bill and you guys aren't working hard enough to fix this problem. There is money sources out there, he thinks the problem is that you are occupying a seat and not working hard enough. Now, these people right here (petition), hundreds of signatures here and we will have thousands more before we are done - we want you to fix this problem and we want you to stop doing what you are doing. We want you to freeze the rates right now, so we can figure out how we are going fix this problem. He has more people angry than you know, right now, and he is going to get thousands of more signatures and he is going to get newspapers, radio and TV at the monument very shortly, ok and thousands of people he is hoping will go there. You have not worked (pointing at the Supervisor), this continues to escalate. He looks around here and some of these houses that he went to, to get signatures and some old guy says to him, I get \$1,600.00 a month social security, when he pays this bill, he doesn't eat very well. My god, think about that, we are paying more in this town, right here, than Port Henry, Crown Point, Moriah - all of these people, but yet you continue. Your answer is just - raise the price, raise the taxes. You need to start working with the people (pointing at the Supervisor), whatever you do, every time you do something, how's it going to affect the tax payers and you need to do that. We elected you, ok - to work for us, and it doesn't look like you are working for us when all you do is raise the prices. We want you to read this petition over and he has two freedom of information requests in here that he is sure the clerk will get him and then we are going to start looking at how you are spending our money and what you are and aren't doing with it. And cost savings, have you ever looked at cost savings? If you can furnish cost savings, he would like to see it. He manages the Albany charter schools and he knows how all this works, but you guys should be reducing the costs, unnecessary labor, everything- even supplies and he doesn't see you doing that. If you save \$50,000.00, how much could you divide that out to each person in a quarter, \$3.00 or \$4.00. It is something and he doesn't see that and you really need to do your job.

Supervisor Giordano asked Mr. Sheldon how many meetings have you attended to gather the information that you are bringing here, because you want information and this is a nice opportunity because you have a group here to be citizens of this community and you are coming here with a concern that you have which we all understand and feel, but the thing is, this issue that you are talking about - how much time have you taken of your own time to come in and learn about what it is. Every year the budget gets published on the website and it is available at the Town Clerk's office, have you ----

Mr. Sheldon agreed that he hasn't come in to any meetings or seen these and he will tell you why, first of all Number 1 - he hit the lottery six years ago, he could buy all of you guys out, that isn't bothering him, what is bothering him is the people he likes in this Town that are getting screwed. He reads what he sees on the internet from you guys, he sees what happened with Gooseneck, he knows previous administrations. It is too late to keep blaming previous administrations, ok -you are here now ok. He does a lot of

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research, and he did a lot of research on this project, he didn't just jump into this so if that answers your question.

Supervisor Giordano stated not really, he doesn't think Mr. Sheldon understands the history and the complexity of our system here enough to be able to have an actual conversation. He realizes that you are upset about the water, but that is more of a feeling and doesn't really have any tangibility as far as the long standing history of things, maintenance being one of them and why the Department of Justice from a federal level had to get involved in regards to our water. The Town doesn't have to provide water and sewer to a community, it could be privatized. The Town has been doing it and doing it by following the regulations as they have been increasing by NYS and the Federal Guidelines. He understands your concern, but he believes the way you are attacking and going about this isn't quite fair, to be honest with you, because you haven't really shown up to ask questions and have conversations to learn about the thing that you are bringing up here, to really understand whether it warrants what you are doing because the conversations that he is having with the people that you have accosted to get those signatures aren't quite sure what your motivation is.

Mr. Sheldon stated yes they are - (inaudible)

Supervisor Giordano stated that they aren't, matter of fact he spoke with one today that was willing to come in here today and speak to that because she felt as if she was bullied, not understanding what it was you were bringing here, so what you need to do is come to a meeting and have a dialogue and try to get some information, there is nothing that can't be provided to you for you to understand the history - there is a nice report that was just done on the water supply project that gives a very detailed, in fact in the back of this room is a board that gives a very good timeline that talks about things that have happened and things that haven't happened back in the 30's with our water supply. He thinks that you should do some homework to understand more of the details associated before you come here and lambaste the board as to the decision makings that we are needing to do without having the full content of understanding.....

Mr. Sheldon interrupted stating good job at deflecting... he did a lot of research, he looked at the internet, he looked at a lot of the board meetings he knows what is going on, he talked to Bill Grinnell, he has talked to a lot of people about this and it comes down to waste and you guys are wasting our money. Service contracts, cost savings, cost... you aren't doing any of that... everything is just an answer of throwing a dart and raising their rates. He does, he is a really intelligent guy, he has a bachelors degree - he knows you have a big aromatics degree which he doesn't know even helps you with this, but he has been in business and finance his whole life, ok and he knows when money is being wasted. Ok, he knows that, and that is exactly what you are doing, you are wasting our money because you are not working hard enough to find alternate sources and that is what is killing us.

Councilman Cunningham asked what alternate sources? Alternate sources of funding? (Yes) Well, just to let you know, how much money do you think over the past few years

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that the Town has gotten in grants?

Mr. Sheldon knows that, but did you get enough??

Councilman Cunningham stated that from he has seen and he has only been here a couple of months, but the history that he has seen is that they have gotten almost 40% of the cost of anything that was done and that is more than any other community in the area has gotten. The Town was smart enough, early on to start having these projects planned and ready to be shovel ready, and we have received more money from grants because we were shovel ready for these projects than any community around, so he thinks it is a little unfair to think that we haven't done, the town and the engineering firm and everyone else involved to go get whatever money was available - he thinks he has gotten everything from what he has seen.

Mr. Sheldon thinks there is a lot more money available, he just saw in the paper 5 million dollars for this project up here and if he remembers how it was worded, most of it is going to be covered by this grant, excuse me - the other 3 million is going to be covered by who - us. There are grants out there and other things out there that you could be doing. You know what, he came down here and talked to a lady here and she told him to get in touch with Dan Stec to see if he can help us and do you know what he said - that is your problem, you have the right to raise the rates and put them where you want to. What he is saying to you is this, ok. There are more funding sources out there #1, #2 if you are spending our money on stuff that is not - foolishly and hiring organizations and firms to do all of this other stuff when you could be getting it cheaper, that is a serious problem to him. Non-value added stuff is a no, no and he believes that. He could walk into this place and in one day could find 10% savings, he did that at the schools, at the charter schools, ok. There is always something to be saved and every dollar you save is a dollar you can give back to the community, but he doesn't see that, ok. And believe him, Joe, he is a lot smarter than you think he is, ok. Trust him, ok. So what he is saying to you is this, you have a petition here, he wants you to head it very carefully. These people are not happy and you might have onsies, twosies that don't know what is going on, trust him, 99% of those people do and they don't like paying this bill and he wants you to think about what he has said. \$100 bucks a month pretty soon is coming out of their food budget, is that fair when Port Henry and Crown Point, they all pay less than we do. That is \$100 bucks a month that some people can't afford, ok. That is where you have to be, you have to have the taxpayers best interest in mind, he does not see that, ok. He wants to review all financials and he is going to dig them good and he is going to find out where the waste is, he wants to see the cost savings, do you have cost savings. Did you work on that, have you been working on that all year? He doesn't think that you have, he wants to see if you saved \$100,000.00 what you have done with it. There is the questions. Thank you.

John Sharkey - he just wants to say, first of all you know - Frank can pay for 20 households and not have to sweat it at all, but he is doing this mostly out of principal, that he can help the entire community. There is not one homeowner, taxpayer that wants to pay these types of rates - almost a \$1,000.00. That is too much, he has a legitimate gripe

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and people have grabbed his pen and his own and said let me sign that and they have. They tell us their stories, one guys has to buy water at Walmart in order for him to take a bath. That gets expensive, ok. One lady said that she didn't want her dog to drink out of the tap, she buys water at Walmart, so these are extra expenses and there might be some more stuff coming down the road, the water meters, the water softeners for every house, that is quite a load. Sometimes he thinks the camels back is already broke, it doesn't matter how much more straw is being laid upon it, it is pretty tough for a lot of people. Some people have good, jobs and good careers and they can afford that, but probably 70% of the people in this town can not. Another, thing, Frank did come to you and according to Frank he said that you kind of shrugged about these complaints.

Mr. Sheldon said it was a sewer meeting that the came to.

Mr. Sharkey stated that this is the way to approach this and give him answers and to make him understand, we have to be educated as to what you know and what you are going through. He would like to know how you compute the number of dollars for water and sewer rates.

Supervisor Giordano stated that you take what it is to operate and you divide it by the number of users that you have. There is no profit being born by the town, it is truly an estimate of the cost to run the plant and just for clarification, when Mr. Sheldon came to the sewer meeting it was not about this at all, it was about him wanting to be out of the sewer district and that is not something that can happen anyway and that is by state statute. So just to be clear, there was no discussion as to what we are talking about here at that particular meeting, that is why he has asked because he has not been to any meetings to gather any information, therefore there is nothing that is tangible and factual to go on for what takes place here monthly about all the different projects that are going on, so.....(inaudible) so John, you are bringing this stuff up here, but you also need to make sure you have the facts straight before you come to the board and make these .....

Mr. Sharkey stated that today we have a very sparse crowd, people don't go to meetings, it is kind of boring. He wouldn't want to be sitting in your seats, because it is boring, it is worse than no-dose, ok. So a lot of people don't go to meetings, they don't go to the 9 a.m. morning meetings, they just don't, people don't care and he went at least 6 or 7 or 8 years ago when they had a meeting in Chilson and he asked all the candidates that were there, will you write a column about what is going on that the Town people can look forward to you know, what are the concerns, what can they tell us about the daily business that you guys are trying handle. He hasn't seen any letter in those 8 or 9 nine years, none. So, obviously, some people on the board didn't care, whoever the supervisor was didn't care, keep us informed. You say go get the minutes of the meeting and stuff like that, but he thinks it is better to have a letter in the paper. People do read the local sun news and that is a better way and it doesn't need to be one person writing that column all the time, it could be Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Cooper, Dave Woods, yourself. Share a little bit. He does realize, and Frank realizes that this is not all of your fault entirely, it isn't. You had to do something, other administrations more than 25 years ago kicked the

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can down the road and we have paid for it. \$50,000.00, what did that go towards or was it even more ---

Supervisor Giordano stated that we have been able to work out a program that the Government agreed to, we are putting it into cost saving measures such as our broadcasting services and advertising.

Mr. Sharkey stated that he did hear that from Councilman Taylor, but why they did that, why they procrastinated, why they ignored letters from the state, he really doesn't know. Should we go back to those Supervisor's and Council members and say, hey, you want to kick in for this, your the ones that caused it. This is going back 25 years.... one final statement, when these wells were tested, did you know that it was hard water and he has looked into this himself, most of this town has hard water, they are complaining about it, he has good water on Defiance Street so he never realized that they are having terrible shower experiences, the crud that corrodes the pipes and stains or whatever, it is bad for your health probably. He feels sorry for those people, they are paying top dollar for bad water, you wouldn't want to put bad gas in your car, so with that.. he closes his argument.

Supervisor Giordano explained that there are a lot of good documentation that has been done by our engineering firm in regarding to the time line associates with the Gooseneck system and there is a whole report .....

Mr. Sheldon has looked at that and on the other hand, we have paid an awful lot of money .....

Supervisor Giordano stated that you have brought up a very good point, and he wants to be able to communicate this to the public and it is not just a simple article in the paper, not even two articles, it is probably a whole chapter in a book to really capture the essence of what has taken place over the last several decades. We have examples of the pipe from Gooseneck and honestly it is a marvel of engineering as to how it has lasted as long as it has, but it has issues....just so you know the reasons why the town has taken the direction it has taken in regards to choosing the ground water resource there is three thing to consider #1 is capacity, we have to be able to provide water to the people in the town, so we need to have capacity - Gooseneck was our primary source and Gooseneck was never fully developed to its full capacity as it was supposed to be connected to Rock Pond which never happened so over the years it has dwindled down to 300,000 gallons right now and our town needs well over one million gallons especially in the summer time, the Lake George, Baldwin Road pump station - we have a permit to take in two million gallons from the lake, however, we only have the capability to take in half a million so if you take that 300,000 gallons and kick in the 500,000 gallons from Baldwin and that doesn't even get you one million, so capacity was a big, key thing. The second is we have to meet regulations, the DOH has certain regulations and every year - you read about PFOA;s and other types of contaminants that the DOH is constantly evaluating to what threats there are to various water supplies and anything that the public would have consumption for, so we have to meet those regulations and with regards to our Gooseneck supply system and this goes back quite a ways, that there is no filtration

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system on an open water source and we have known about that and no preventative measures were taken, so in order to keep Gooseneck as a surface water system, the cost which is the third factor would have been astronomical, what we are talking about right now about what we are seeing with the water rates pale in comparison to what we would have done if we would have rehabbed Gooseneck. There is a cost evaluation that the engineers did, it was estimated at 34 million dollars back in 2010 for the rehab of Gooseneck. The well project cost the town 14 million. There were substantial savings, the state would not support the cost of the Gooseneck rehab. We could not go over that 14 million to get any state funding, so it is 10 million in zero interest loan and 4 million in grant and 4 million in grant did not come from one source, it came from NY which we were eligible for, we had a different grant funding form Hurricane Irene when it did damage to that Chilson Main and then the Town was very diligent to get additional Round 3, one million dollars to further reduce those costs. The other 10 million is being paid out 30 years from a zero interest loan, which we qualified for because we kept the project under 14 million dollars, so when you factor in capacity, DOH regulations and the affordability - all of those reasons drove us to putting a well on Street road. Did it handle all of the factors to mitigate everything that we are dealing with, no, because right now it is a ground water source and inherently ground water sources have harder water than surface water sources. Surface water sources aren't necessarily better because of soft water the crocidity of the water tends to be a problem when treating the water at the sewer plant. So you have all of these different factors and when you are trying to balance them to provide what you can to the community, the fairest price that you can, this board and the boards before this have been working towards that. They may not have agreed on certain things, but all the while, promises were being made by various aspects to try to keep the cost to maintaining things so we didn't have to do a major overhaul, in this particular case there was no other alternative because you were looking at a 34 million dollar project in which the state wasn't going to fund us for. There is a lot of information out there.....

Mr. Sheldon stated that he has done a lot of research on this and it comes back to the fairness to the people and the answer is not always just take the money out of their pocket and throw a dart at it, ok. There are other things, he just totally believes, Joe, that you have to have the tax payers best interest in mind at every turn that you come to, ok.

Supervisor Giordano answered that if you do your research and come to the conclusion that there was no cost savings to be had then what is all of this about, you are basically pointing your finger saying that we are not doing our job, but you come back and find the information that we are doing our job then what does that say about your argument to being with.

Mr. Sheldon stated that the information that he has found is that you are not doing your job, none of the people that are sitting, the elected officials who are supposed to be elected to work for the taxpayers to ease their burdens, you are not looking at easing our burdens. There are a lot of other things that you could be doing, other income sources out there. He knows that, he has looked at them. There are other income sources, he thinks that some decisions were made, he thinks we overpaid the contractors, we

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overpaid the vendors, we overpaid these consulting firms, that is all money coming out of our pockets. It is just like he sees in the paper, this bid for an HVAC system in the new building, well would two huge venting fans work better than paying all of this money to a consultant to draw the designs and then put this whole system in, maybe you can get by with ventilation fans. This is the logic that has to be used, cost savings, cost savings, what is it costing the Town.. It isn't just bring them in because we are going to charge the people and take their money, you are charging us too much. You need to find a way to fix it.

Public Hearing

Order Restricting Parking within Designated Areas - change from three (3) hour to two (2) hour parking downtown

Councilwoman Cooper explained that there have been a lot of discussions in Town about the parking situations downtown. It is hard when you come downtown on weekends and during the days to try to find parking spaces downtown. What they are noticing is a lot of the parking spaces are being taken up by vehicles that are there for two or three hours and sometimes all day. Which means that the business owners are not able to utilize the spaces in front of their businesses. Ticonderoga seems to be destination shopping, that means people drive here specifically to go shopping and they do what they plan to do and then they move on and if you have noticed we seem to have less parking spaces downtown than we did last year and we now have more businesses down town than we have. We want them to do well, it is very important for an historic town to have a thriving downtown, so we need to make sure that we have parking for our visitors when they come.

Mark Wright stated that all comes down to enforcement, but he believes the Chief has said that he can't enforce this unless he sits on a car. They could easily say in court that when they weren't there, they moved the car and then moved it back. How do you intend to do this. You go through this exercise, which is fine, but in the end he feels you will find that there is nothing that you can do about it. Have you thought about how you will enforce this.

Councilwoman Cooper explained that the Chief did feel he could not enforce this, but he is willing to check with other towns to see how they handle this situation. We have mentioned parking meters, but she doesn't believe that they will work either. We would be taxing our residents to shop downtown and that certainly is not right. What she does want is our merchants to do well downtown. She is thrilled that we have gotten four new businesses since last year and hopefully there are more coming.

Councilman Woods explained if we can get even a small percentage to adhere to it, we are gaining a little bit.

Laura Wright asked if documentation will be handed out to the apartments as well saying that this is the new law?

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Councilwoman Cooper explained that this law has been on the books for many years and her plan is to go to every building and apartment owner in town and tell them about this.

Lynn Reale explained that she owns a business and is an apartment owner in down town and she has lived here for 40 years and she never knew that there was a two hour or three hour or any limit to parking downtown and we have put in our leases that there is parking provided at the back of the buildings and not to park out front, but then they say it is public parking and they park there. She didn't know that she could tell them no, that it is only three hours. It has got to be publicized. Her son is a police officer in Barre, Vermont and they chalk the tires and the street. It is not defacing, it washes off the tire and the street. They chalk the tire and the street and then two hours later if they are still there then they give them a ticket. Even if we give them a warning, she didn't know about it. Publicize the fact that there is one, because now she can put in her leases not just that they are offered parking in the back and encourage them, we can state that they need to as it is limited in front.

Councilman Woods noted that chalking is illegal to do in New York State.

Dave Iuliano asked if the issue is a tenant parking.... (It is not - it is everyone).... he explained the parking ban in the winter for overnight parking, you would move the people in the apartments down back if you have the ban year round.

Supervisor Giordano, it is not just the tenants, it is the workers and even business owners.

Mrs. Wright noted that when they go after the winter months to clean there are typically four to five cars on the street every weekend. Unfortunately, she believes they are tenants. Secondly, she would suggest some kind of campaign where throughout the day flyers are put on cars informing them of this situation, not in a bullying manner by any means because they are going to end up on cars of people that have only been there for 10 minutes - but just an informational, by the way, kind of thing to let people know this law has been changed and that could be the impetus to do this campaign of information. Not in a threatening way because we don't want people to be offended if they are not breaking this law, but just for the information and hopefully you will hit the cars of the people that are breaking this rule. Maybe they just didn't know, and maybe this knowledge will take care of this problem.

John Sharkey stated that about 25 years ago, he believes that Brick Howe brought in a group of downtown merchants up to the hospital meeting room and parking was the number 1 issue. Out of that one hour meeting that we had to talk about our concerns as business men, 45 minutes was taken up by the parking discussion. He has a hunch that there will be more talk 25 years from now, it is a hard issue to tackle. He has a good friend that owned the gun shop and all of his friends would come in, he called them birds on a wire, one after another - they were taking up parking spots and not buying a think at the gun shop. So, it is a problem - he realizes that. Joe you know that, he gave you a vision for downtown that would be built behind the current down town stores on that McCormick Avenue and he can't take credit for the entire thing because he knows that

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Sue Rathbun was a big push on this also. She had a vision for a runway and merchants behind there, so if you want to do something, you are going to have to pretty much, start new - do something else - think big, not small. You have to do something big, if anyone wants to see a vision, look to Green Bay Wisconsin. One short word about Terrence Benedict, having been involved in Little League for 29 years, and Dave Woods also, it is great to see the work that you did at the Little League field, it was an excellent job and he just wants to put in a commendation for you, you earned your Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Wright also wanted to mention that even though she is a patron at Bain's, they take up quite a few spaces over by the crab apple trees, they park the vehicles that they work on as well as ones in front of Burleighs on Champlain, some of those are also employees, but she has also noticed that there is a lot of that happening and doesn't know if they can be instructed to park elsewhere. Nothing against Bain's.

Councilwoman Cooper noted that we do have parking lots, there is one behind the old Hacker Boat Place, there is several places at the end of Champlain Avenue, there is the Elks Parking lot which is the Town's parking lot and it will also have an electronic charging station there, there is parking behind the PRIDE building and there is parking behind the Pocket Park. There is plenty of parking off the street.

Heath Towne mentioned one possibility that may be slightly less terrible than parking meters. You have all that parking in the back and it is all public parking, maybe take one of the alleys - there are two or three and one is the alley with the red stone and take that alley to convert it into a proper walking alley, put up signage and you will have a gateway to the parking to the downtown that will make it easier to access from that back parking to the main street. It would make it easier if it was made into a proper walking alley. That is a very low budget thing to do.

Councilman Cooper explained that this is not Town property, PRIDE owns some of it and maybe the book store too, we will have to look into it. There is also one between Burleigh's Luncheonette.

Mrs. Wright asked if there was signage that there was parking behind those buildings from main street? (Yes)

Public Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

Report of Committees

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting was cancelled.

**Resolution #93-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joseph Giordano to appoint Art Ryan to the Airport Committee. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

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Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting  
February 24, 2020

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

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Mark Russell, Heath Towne, Chief Hurlburt, Rhiannon Peters.

Guests: Aaron Bush, Mark Wright, Courtney Brown, Paul LaRock.

Clerk to the committee: Jennifer Gendron.

Councilman Woods open the floor to the public.

Paul LaRock from Chilson Volunteer Fire Company goes over monthly report.

Courtney Brown for Lamoille EMS goes over monthly report.

Dave woods goes over Ticonderoga EMS monthly report.

Chief Hurlburt goes over the police monthly report.

Rhiannon Peters goes over codes monthly report.

There will be a rabies clinic at the Ticonderoga Highway Garage March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am

Next public safety meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

**Monthly Activity: February 2020**

**Calls to Service: 150**

**Arrests: 8**

**Traffic Tickets: 41**

**Accidents: 10**

### **CODES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**January 28, 2020 *thru* February 24, 2020**

***Contacted in office: 72***

**Building Permits Issued: 1**

**Order to Remedy Notices: 1**

**Remediated: Yes**

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Condemned Notices: 0

Fire Safety Inspections: 2

Pass/Fail: Passed

Do Not Occupy Notices: 0

Appearance Tickets Issued: 0

Complaints: 0

Chilson Vol. Fire Co. report

JANUARY CALLS - 4  
MUTUAL AID - 3

MVA - 1

STRUCTURE FIRE -1

TRAFFIC CONTROL -1

IN DISTRICT MVA - 1

JANUARY DRILLS-

SEARCH AND RESCUE; SMALL ENGINE CHECKS AND HAND TOOLS;  
PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

FEBRUARY CALLS MTD-

UTILITY LINES DOWN - 1

MUTUAL AID STRUCTURE FIRE - 1

FEBRUARY DRILLS -

EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION, PPE GEAR CHECK; AIR PACK QUARTERLY  
CHECKS; JAWS CHECK.

CURRENTLY HAVE 2 NEW MEMBERS ATTENDING THE BEFO CLASS  
AND WE WILL BE HOSTING THE FIRE POLICE CLASS IN CHILSON  
STARTING APRIL 6.

We will also be hosting a breakfast April 25. Starting at 0800 until 1:00 p.m. where  
we will be doing a demonstration of interior attack and rescue at our Community  
house building.

Also, At our Chicken Barbecue this year July 18 we will once again host the Honor  
Flag. This is a great honor as this flag has been used to honor line of duty deaths,  
it has been all over the country and also has been to the international space station.

**Lamoille EMS  
January 2020**

911 Calls

Crown Point 911's - 11

Ticonderoga 911's- 1

Putnam 911's - 1

Paramedic Intercept - 0

911 Transfer of Care by Ticonderoga EMS - 2

Cancelled Enroute Call's - 9

Totals 911's - 24

Emergent Transfers

Moses Ludington - 44

ECH - 11

CVPH - 5

Transfer from Ticonderoga Residence - 1

Total Transfers - 61

Non-Emergent Transfers

UVMC- 8

Total Non-Emergent Transfers - 8

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RMA/Standby

RMA was a Lift Assist Ti EMS Dropped Call – 1  
 Westport MVA RMA – 2  
 Crown Point RMA -1  
 Standby's - 0

Total RMA's - 4

Dropped Calls

Lamoille EMS – 0

Total January Calls – 97

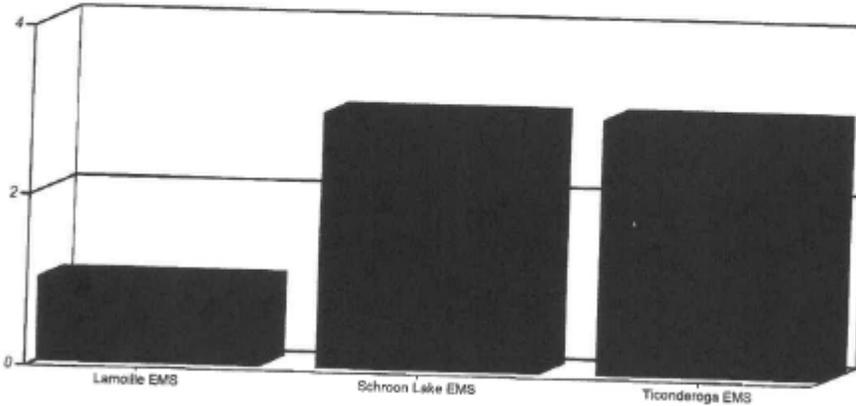
Average January 911 Response Time: 5 Minutes



**January EMS Dropped Calls**

From : 01/01/2020 00:00:00 To : 01/31/2020 23:59:59  
 Agency: AuSable Forks EMS, Crown Point VFD, ECH Ambulance, Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS, Essex EMS, Keene EMS, Keene Valley EMS, Keeseville EMS, Lake Placid EMS, Lamoille Ambulance, Lamoille EMS, Long Lake EMS, Minerva EMS, Moriah EMS, Newcomb EMS, Saranac Lake EMS, Schroon Lake EMS, Schroon Lk EMS, Ticonderoga EMS, Westport EMS, Willsboro-Essex EMS, Wilmington EMS  
 Disposition Code: Dropped Call

Number of Responses: 7



Agency	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)	Cumulative (%)
Lamoille EMS	1	14.29	14.29
Schroon Lake EMS	3	42.86	57.14
Ticonderoga EMS	3	42.86	100.00
	7	100.00	

**Public Safety Meeting  
 March 9, 2020**

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

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Chief Hurlburt, Rhiannon Peters.

Absent: Mark Russell, Heath Towne and Bill Ball.

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Guests: Robert Budwick, Mark Wright, Dave Iuliano, Patty Cook, Courtney Brown.  
Clerk to the committee: Jennifer Gendron.  
Councilman Woods opens the floor to the public.  
Dave Iuliano asks questions regarding the new bail reform bill.  
Chief Hurlburt goes over the monthly report.  
Rhiannon Peters goes over the codes department monthly report.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:20am.  
Next Public Safety meeting is April 13, 2020.

## **CHIEFS REPORT**

### **Monthly Activity: March 2020**

**Calls to Service: 190**

**Arrests: 5**

**Traffic Tickets: 22**

**Accidents: 1**

### **CODES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**February 25, 2020 *thru* March 9, 2020**

**Contacted in office: 31**

**Building Permits Issued: 1**

**Order to Remedy Notices: 0**

**Remediated: 0**

**Condemned Notices: 0**

**Fire Safety Inspections: 0**

**Pass/Fail: 0**

**Do Not Occupy Notices: 1**

**Appearance Tickets Issued: 0**

**Complaints: 0**

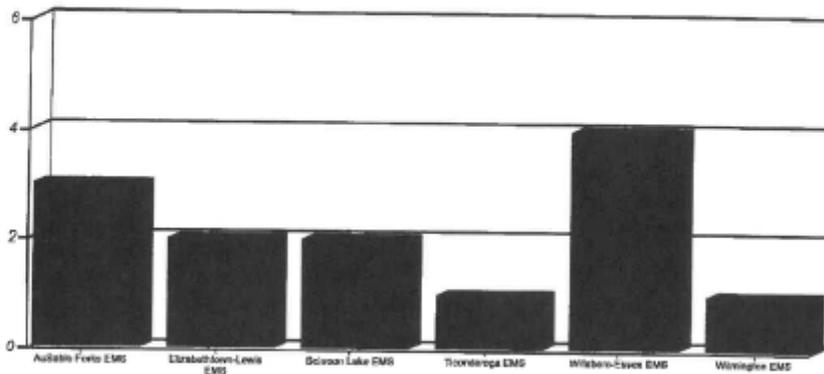
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**EMS Dropped Calls**

From : 02/01/2020 00:00:00 To : 02/29/2020 23:59:59  
 Agency: AuSable Forks EMS, Crown Point VFD, ECH Ambulance, Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS, Essex EMS, Keene EMS, Keene Valley EMS, Keeseville EMS, Lake Placid EMS, Lamolle Ambulance, Lamolle EMS, Long Lake EMS, Minerva EMS, Moriah EMS, Newcomb EMS, Saranac Lake EMS, Schroon Lake EMS, Schroon Lk EMS, Ticonderoga EMS, Westport EMS, Willsboro-Essex EMS, Wilmington EMS  
 Disposition Code: Dropped Call

Number of Responses: 13



Agency	Number of Responses	Percentage (%)	Cumulative (%)
AuSable Forks EMS	3	23.08	23.08
Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS	2	15.38	38.46
Schroon Lake EMS	2	15.38	53.85
Ticonderoga EMS	1	7.69	61.54
Willsboro-Essex EMS	4	30.77	92.31
Wilmington EMS	1	7.69	100.00
	<b>13</b>	<b>100.00</b>	

Highway/Transfer Station - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

- Grizzly is built
- Short on Salt Quota
- Working in Town Shed
- Working on Asset Management
- Gearing up for Sweeping season (may replace sweeper)
- Documenting signage
- Signage - \$100K from Betty Little, not released as of yet.
- Handicap Parking painting will be done in May
- Need Crosswalks put in place
- Requesting proposals on a new Office shed at the Transfer Station
- Working on Storm Water Run off plans
- Lake George Overlook - removing materials from storage there
- Discussion on utility line coordination on The Portage Project (Message Boards-traffic control)
- Grant funding for Equipment purchases

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- Letter of Authorization - one for Highway/General/Water/Sewer (In the past we have done small type of work on everyone of these committees and it becomes a little bit of a challenge to get the Engineering firm to bill appropriately - this will help that)

**Resolution #94-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of 100% of the costs of a transportation project which may be eligible for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid, or reimbursement from BridgeNY Funds. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #95-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into a Shared Services agreement with NYS DOT for Emergency Assistance for a term of 4 years. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #96-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise our annual bid looking for dirt, gravel, Item 4, etc. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

Buildings & Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

- Lighting in Legacy Park has been fixed
- Library Lights are being worked on
- Water blockage in Community Bldg Bathrooms - gravel in the line
- Furnace at Library

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Monuments, Beach & Cemeteries  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2020

Members present were Jerry Cooper, Bill Dolback, Renee Fleming, Nancy Kelley, Tonya Thompson and Chairs Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper. Town board Member Tom Cunningham was also present.

The majority of the meeting was spent on discussions of policy and readying the town's public areas for spring, summer, and fall use.

**Monument Cleaning:**

It was noted that the cleaning of the Liberty and Civil War Monuments requires specialized work. The Request for Bids should address the skills required.

**Park Repairs Needed:**

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All lights leading to the Trestle Bridge are not working. A board on the bridge also should be replaced. It is not known if The Beautification Crew can do the repair.

All exterior lights on the west side of the Black Watch Library are not working. The street light at the corner of Carnegie Place and Montcalm St. is also out. This whole area is very dark at night.

The two lights in front of the monument at Legacy Park are not working as well as the light pole there. Dave will contact an electrical contractor to get all the needed electrical work done.

Volleyball and basketball nets on town property should be checked and replacements ordered if necessary.

**Snowmobilers:**

It was noted that several snowmobile riders have not been staying on the marked trails and have been riding all over the Recreational Fields area and other town properties. These riders should be reported and ticketed. Joyce will contact John Cook of Adirondack Trailriders to give him a “heads up” about this problem and also to request a map of the entire trail system within the town.

**Bicentennial Park:**

The preschool playground at the park was discussed. The liner needs to be removed and the playground surface material replaced or brought up to playground standards. Safety reports from the town’s insurance carrier will be studied to learn of additional repairs, replacement, or additions to equipment needed throughout town public areas.

**Additional Discussion:**

Questions were also raised regarding snow removal in town parking lots and on town sidewalks. Two Beautification Crew members have been doing this work: Jacob Sawyer the sidewalks and Grant Spaulding the parking lots. The committee would like clarification as to who should be assigning these tasks, when this work should be done, and what budgets should cover the related expenses.

Human Services: Youth, Mark Russell, Councilman

**Resolution #97-2020** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint Wendy Barber as the Part-time Assistant Recreation Supervisor position at the hourly rate of \$15.00, no benefits, effective March 13, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #98-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for a Recreation Supervisor. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

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**Resolution #99-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise for lifeguards for the 2020 Summer Beach Season. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #100-2020** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for Day Camp Counselors for the 2020 Summer Youth Program. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #101-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise for Day Camp Director for the 2020 Summer Youth Program. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

Human Services: Seniors, Tom Cunningham Councilman

**TAS Monthly Minutes  
February 26, 2020**

Call to Order – Welcome

Opened meeting @ 1:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were read by Patty Reid for January 29, 2020. Motion to accept minutes was made by Aileen Rafferty and Seconded by Sara Guyette

**Financial Report:** Sue Thatcher was absent so the report was read by Joan Kay

**Old Business:**

- Discussed the Town payment not being received
- The Alcohol Ink class was cancelled due to weather. A new date is pending
- The Book Club held their first meeting today. Sharon Hall stated that there were 4 members in attendance. She discussed the Club's agenda and what book is being read this month.
- Discussed the dues that have been collected and the outstanding dues. We have \$625 in donations

**New Business:**

- Krissy Leerkes from the Office of the Aging talked about a program called Friendship Volunteer.
- Krissy Leerkes said that the Office of the Aging may be able to purchase pickle balls.
- There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in bringing refreshments to the monthly meetings

**Town Report:**

Tom Cunningham reported the following

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- The Senior bus has been ordered but they have no delivery date scheduled.
- Discussed the expansion and paving of the parking lot.
- The size of parking spaces was also discussed.
- Tom requested a copy of the minutes.

**February Birthdays** was read by Aileen Rafferty

**Activity Report:**

Marlene Charboneau reported the following:

- March Supper Club will be on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, and will be at the Burgoyne Grill. There is a sign-up sheet.

**Raffle:** was won by Fay Clemons

Motion to adjourn was made by Sara Guyette and seconded by Beverly O'Neil

Guest Speaker: Bob Dedrick. He talk about and showed a DVD of his trip to Italy.

**Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor**

**Key Project Updates**

1. Master Water Project
  - a. Baldwin Road, Chilson Tank, Water Line: Complete
  - b. Well Control Building: Warranty items are ongoing (drop pipe and chemical feed system).
  - c. Well Control Building: Additional items (air unit, chlorine residual analyzer, well abandonment, Defiance tank overflow) are ongoing. AES/Essex County/Town/EFC completing financial audit before any additional items are authorized.
2. Water Meter/Planning Project
  - a. Water District Consolidation: existing mapping in progress, next steps review of existing districts. AES and Matt Fuller to work on this task in early April.
  - b. Report (in progress) to include funding planning for meters and longer-term planning for Mnt Defiance Tank replacement, water transmission upgrades (to reduce dependence on Baldwin Road), and other distributions system upgrades. Report expected to be complete in May.
3. Potential Project: Veterans Road Water Main
  - a. AES determined that the existing income survey has expired and will not be sufficient to apply for an OCR grant (\$750,000). AES and Joe to meet with Essex County to determine cost of income survey and grant application and determine whether or not to apply.

**Key Project Updates**

1. Master Wastewater Project
  - a. WWTP Complete
  - b. WWTP Ventilation: Project is out to Bid. Bid opening end of March.
  - c. Portage: Project is out to Bid. Bid opening end of March. Next steps, update bond resolution to accommodate new \$5,000,000 grant. Temporary and permanent easements are being drafted and the group will be working to get those signed.
2. Project Planning: We discussed a number of upcoming and long-term planning projects that can/should be tackled this year involving both the wastewater treatment plant and the collection system. This planning is to aid in community growth (business development) as well as setting up applications for new grants. The committee's goals in the next few months is to prioritize which items to complete in 2020.
3. Baldwin Road sewer district expansion: The map plan and report has been completed. Public input meetings for the residents will be scheduled for the next month and grant application searches will begin for this summer's State grant program deadlines. A draft outline was presented. Revisions will be made and presented to the Board.
4. We discussed a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for engineering work by AES for the Sewer Department based on AES' term contract with the town. An amount of \$7,500 was agreed upon and will only be spent at Derrick's direction.

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Key Project Updates

1. The Portage Reconstruction: We discussed the project relative to the highway department. The traffic control plan includes two electronic message boards that can be placed at either end of the project to help direct traffic around The Portage. Sal was satisfied with the way the project is set up in regards to traffic control.
2. We discussed potential grant funding for equipment purchases. AES to research and provide feedback.
3. We discussed a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for engineering work by AES for the Highway Department based on AES' term contract with the town. An amount of \$5,000 was agreed upon and will only be spent at Sal's direction.

**Resolution #102-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to terminate the out-of-district water service contract for 12 Hall Road (David Gribneau) and make the account inactive per his written letter request on January 1, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #103-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for the residential property located at 1026 Wicker Street (Paul Sanguinetti). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #104-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for 196 Shore Airport Road (Don Maye) as the residential property has changed to a single family home. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #105-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for 27 Baldwin Road (Charlie Carlson) as the residential property has changed to a single family home. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**RE: AES Project No. 4842 – LOA 2020-04 General Highway Engineering Support**

1. AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:

In accordance with our Term Agreement dated January 1, 2020, between the Town of Ticonderoga (Owner) and Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC (AES Northeast) (Consultant) for providing periodic Professional Services, we hereby provide this request for authorization to furnish professional services in connection with the above referenced project.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Scope of services shall include the following;

- A. Provide general engineering, technical, project planning, project management, project funding assistance for Highway infrastructure related items for the Town that are not associated with a specific design project.
- B. Attend Town board and committee meetings as needed

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Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No report

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting this month

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

Still working on connecting the Servers.

Cable T.V.

Effective on or after March 31, 2020, Spectrum Mi Plan Latino monthly pricing will increase from \$44.99 to \$54.99 for **new** customers. Existing customers who subscribe to Spectrum Mi Plan Latino will not be affected.

To view a current Spectrum channel lineup visit [www.spectrum.com/channels](http://www.spectrum.com/channels).

On or after March 24, 2020, Charter Communications will launch Bull Dog Shopping Network on Expanded Basic and Standard HD Tier on Channels 195 and 475.

Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #106-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept the minutes of the Regular TB Meeting February 13, 2020, the February 27, 2020 Finance Meeting and the Informational Meeting on The Portage held on March 5, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #107-2020** 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;  
Derrick Fleury, NYWWA - Basic Laboratory Skills Training, Ticonderoga, April 1, 2020  
Eric Blanchard, NYWWA - Basic Laboratory Skills Training, Ticonderoga, April 1, 2020  
Doug McTyier, APA Local Government training, Lake Placid, NY, April 29-30  
Stephanie Mitchell, APA Local Government training, Lake Placid, NY, April 29-30  
Derrick Fleury, NEIWPC Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention of Brewery Discharges, Fort Edward, NY, May 12, 2020  
Tracy Smith, NEIWPC Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention of Brewery Discharges, Fort Edward, NY, May 12, 2020  
Laura Wright, PERMA Conference, Bolton Landing, NY, May 21-22, 2020  
**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #108-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham to approve an LOA for Wastewater Engineering support from AES (Project #4839). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

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**Resolution #109-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve an LOA for Drinking Water Engineering support from AES (Project #4840). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #110-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve an LOA for General Engineering support from AES (Project #4841). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #111-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve the LOA for Highway Engineering support from AES (Project #4842). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #112-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following budget adjustments:

- A.1680.494 Central Data Processing I.T. (\$ 29.00)
- A.1680.414 Central Data Proc. Computer (Pontem Software Inc.) \$29.00

**Reallocate funds between Central Data Processing contractual line items**

- SS09.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contract \$ 239.60

**Fund underfunded contractual expense for Sewer district #9**

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #113-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following budget transfers:

- A.1989.400 Contingency (\$9,499.67)
- A.1110.474 Justices Subscription (New Contract for Copier) \$2,358.67
- A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance (Pollution Liab Renewal) \$5,141.00
- A.7989.479 Other Culture & Rec. Historical Society Inc \$2,000.00

**Fund over-expended General account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$102,218.42)**

- DA.1989.400 Contingency (\$2,198.41)
- DA.1420.491 Attorney Highway \$ 337.50
- DA.5130.230 Machinery Equip (Construct "Grizzly Load") \$ 997.55
- DA.5142.120 Snow Removal Seasonal On Call (sidewalk plow) \$ 863.36

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**Fund over-expended Highway account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$11,094.09)**

- o SW06.1989.400 Contingency (\$ 12.74)
- o SW06.8340.870 Transmission and Water Vision Plan (LaBounty)\$ 12.74

**Fund over-expended Water account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$19,463.26)**

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #114-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-fund Loans:

- o A.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$8,201.56)
- o H17.0630 Ticonderoga Airport – Due To Other Funds \$2,200.00
- o H53.0630 Clean Water Main Project–Due To Other Funds \$6,001.56

**General to lend H17 and H53 funds until funding is received**

- o SS05.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$449.20)
- o H58.0630 WWTP HVAC Planning Grant–Due To Other Funds \$449.20
- o Sewer to lend H58 funds until grant funding is received
- o SW06.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$29,929.57)
- o H36.0630 Chilson Reservoir Replacement–Due To Other Funds \$29,929.57

**Water to lend H36 funds until grant funding is received**

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #115-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to pay Abstract #3-2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

2/14/2020 - Gross Payroll #4	100,096.74			
2/28/2020 - Gross Payroll #5	96,685.58			
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Total</b>	<b>\$196,782.32</b>			

Champion Electric Bill January	\$6,083.80			

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<b>EFT's &amp; Pre-Pays Total</b>	<b>\$6,083.80</b>			
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<b>ABSTRACT #3</b>	<b>3/12/2020</b>	<b>Cash Transfers</b>	<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>
General (A)	152,078.34	152,078.34	3,109,777.42	919,908.21
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-	-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie	-	-	-	6,519.20
CM Library Trust Special	-	-	43.32	-
Highway (DA)	113,089.22	113,089.22	1,266,675.56	361,980.03
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements	2,200.00		-	2,200.00
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	29,933.33	29,933.33	11,268.13	41,201.46
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main	-	-	0.05	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	4,317.84	185,429.59	-	4,317.84
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	65,215.39		0.49	461,355.93
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-		6.25	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	115,896.36		2.70	202,215.63
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	-		-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	-		0.30	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path	-		0.25	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project	449.20		-	449.20
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-		7.94	-
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	-	2,649.20	0.28	960.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery	-		43.62	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village	-			

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Joint Fire District			525,456.00	525,456.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	-		74,645.00	74,645.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	54.96		1,550.00	509.31
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	29.25		12,394.30	11,384.98
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	34.30		8,168.92	8,018.69
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	36.77		4,409.30	4,272.79
Central Sewer (SS05)	23,824.04	24,989.27	329,189.40	336,839.22
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	122.79		18,316.59	16,611.77
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	144.76		7,434.37	4,295.97
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	93.39		10,723.92	6,167.53
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	368.15		65,003.16	111,330.01
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	13.80		2,973.91	2,528.42
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	267.06		13,333.90	6,275.41
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	11.30		14,848.95	14,234.75
Street Road Water (SW02)	11.30		7,145.85	5,893.95
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		6,083.01	5,824.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		2,453.75	2,308.80
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		9,087.51	9,016.80
Central Water (SW06)	43,736.93	161,983.62	266,021.86	182,004.60
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-		7,292.27	6,858.80
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	118,224.09		56,374.90	137,765.90
<b>Multi Account Total</b>	<b>670,152.57</b>	<b>670,152.57</b>	<b>5,830,733.18</b>	<b>3,473,350.20</b>
<b>Total Expenditures This Abstract</b>	<b>\$873,018.69</b>			

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**Resolution #116-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted:

## Supervisor's Report

February 29<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB CD	Total
General	702,221.64	2,058,744.03	2,509,091.47	5,270,057.14
Airport	9,213.52	-	-	9,213.52
Highway	174,161.09	992,313.99	1,204,545.73	2,371,020.81
H17 - Airport	-	-	-	-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	3.76	-	-	3.76
H48 - FEMA CH. WA.MA.	422.74	-	-	422.74
H49 - GIGP	15.70	-	-	15.70
H50 - WQIP	7,988.47	-	-	7,988.47
H51 - R&D French Sawmill	16,419.79	-	-	16,419.79
H53 - Clean Water	44,534.12	-	-	44,534.12
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	2,594.47	-	-	2,594.47
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path	2,190.48	-	-	2,190.48
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant	-	-	-	-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC	69,234.13	-	-	69,234.13
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project	1,465.52	-	-	1,465.52
SS01 - Claymore	18,897.87	-	-	18,897.87
SS02 - Park Ave	16,829.20	-	-	16,829.20
SS03 - Alex Ave	7,690.66	-	-	7,690.66
SS04 - Homelands	12,794.39	-	-	12,794.39
SS05 - Central Sewer				

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	97,960.74	690,647.70	606,952.37	1,395,560.81
SS06 - Commerce	3,733.04	-	-	3,733.04
SS07 - Delano Point	4,912.14	-	-	4,912.14
SS08 - Baldwin	13,002.85	-	-	13,002.85
SS09 - Black Point	61,761.41	-	-	61,761.41
SS10 - Hague Rd	8,137.70	-	-	8,137.70
SS11 - 9N&74	21,647.71	-	-	21,647.71
SW01 - 9N&73	9,346.45	-	-	9,346.45
SW02 - Street Road	22,978.48	-	-	22,978.48
SW03 - Alex Ave I	10,179.39	-	-	10,179.39
SW04 - Homelands	6,184.79	-	-	6,184.79
SW05 - Alex Ave II	29,771.68	-	-	29,771.68
SW06 - Central Water	82,247.24	670,748.61	404,545.73	1,157,541.58
SW07 - Park Ave	13,472.17	-	-	13,472.17
SW09 - Shore Airport Rd	135,911.76	-	-	135,911.76
C/R - Carillon Park	-	5,106.47	-	5,106.47
C/R - Liberty Monument	-	20,453.37	-	20,453.37
C/R - Unemployment	-	30,185.59	-	30,185.59
C/R - Police Equipment	-	54,216.75	-	54,216.75
C/R - Senior Bus	-	21,258.88	-	21,258.88
C/R - Frazier Bridge	-	6,586.99	-	6,586.99
C/R - Forfeiture	-	1,726.10	-	1,726.10
C/R - Building Improvement	1,005.59	323,607.71	-	324,613.30

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C/R - Highway Equipment	-	63,971.10	-	63,971.10
C/R - Sewer Equipment	-	121,981.05	-	121,981.05
C/R - Sewer Infrastructure	-	229,574.81	-	229,574.81
C/R - Sewer Repair	-	100,110.61	-	100,110.61
C/R - Water Equipment	-	191,585.76	-	191,585.76
C/R - Water Infrastructure	-	50,820.60	-	50,820.60
C/R - Water Repair	-	77,796.67	-	77,796.67
CD21 - LISC	3,708.12	-	-	3,708.12
Library Trust	90.60	33,808.84	-	33,899.44
Mount Hope Cemetery	2.52	34,050.38	-	34,052.90
				12,117,163.24
<b>Total</b>	1,612,731.93	5,779,296.01	4,725,135.30	12,117,163.24

**Resolution #117-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to change the date of the April 9th Regular Town Board Meeting to April 16th at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Rabies Clinic will be held on March 17th and will be extended in hours due to the cancellation of further clinics as a precaution measure of the Coronavirus-19.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

With this virus going on we have some logistics to deal with as it is in the Town Law for special meetings for the Town Supervisor to have the power to declare them and cancel them. That is not the case of general meetings, such as general Town Board meetings and things like that. You do not have the power to do that. In light of this, the Town Board might consider a resolution granting the Town Supervisor the power to cancel any regularly scheduled meetings of any board of the Town.

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**Resolution #118-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper granting the Town Supervisor the authority to cancel any regularly scheduled meetings of the Town and any body of the Town and such power shall will expire June 1, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

Order Restricting Parking - 3 hour to 2 hour

Supervisor Giordano would like to talk about having an informational meeting on the parking in its entirety. Let's have the community work together to resolve this problem.

Mrs. Thompson would like to remind the board that the last time this law itself was even advertised that it was on the books was probably 20 years ago, so if we can advertise it again, publicize it, put the notes on the cars like you plan on doing if you are going to knock it down to the two hour parking and see what reaction you get from that. The publicizing of this has not been vetted again. That is the problem with having something adopted 20 years ago, new people come in and they don't know or remember that this even happened and it is on the books.

Councilman Woods agreed and liked the idea of having that walkway from out behind the buildings to the store fronts. Put up some signage.

Councilman Cunningham believes that reducing the parking to two hours is good as well, adopting this is probably ok and then you can still have this informational hearing to talk about any other ideas about downtown parking as a general purpose without affecting this. Three hours is a long time if you are sitting in front of someone's business, two hours is adequate and we can still advertise this to make sure everyone is aware of it.

**Resolution #119-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to adopt the Order Restricting Parking within Designated Areas - changing the three (3) hour parking to two (2) hour in the downtown business district and deleting the section of restricted parking on the West Side of Wiley Street, from its intersection with Uncas Drive to Montcalm Street. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Mark Russell - Absent. **Carried.**

Public Comment

Councilman Cunningham expressed his disappointment that the two gentleman that were concerned about the water and sewer rates didn't stay long enough to actually listen to the public water and sewer program and get educated on them. They left early and that is disappointing, because this is how you get education to the public.

Mr. Iuliano asked if you remove EDU's as you did tonight, does that put more money on the rest of the EDU's?

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Mr. Fuller answered yes, but it goes the other way as well. We have found EDU's that needed to be raised as well.

Councilman Cunningham agreed it goes the other way as well and any government, whether state or local, it is up to the citizen to inform themselves about what is going on and they are wanting us to basically send them a summary of what happens so they can be educated and it is out there. The minutes are out there, this is public, they can read it. He doesn't know what more the Town can do to educate them, short of them showing up to a meeting and getting educated themselves.

Mr. Fuller answered that participation takes effort.

Supervisor Giordano added that we set the rates in the fall and they don't change until the next budget year.

Tommy Jebb asked about the process by which local laws are made, how does that work.

Mr. Fuller stated that there are great websites out there from the NY Secretary of State there is a Local Government Website and there is a series of papers in there (James Coombs Series) that walks you through all of that. There is great information on there, in fact, when he hires a new young associate, that is where he sends them to start reading. It walks you through Comprehensive Planning for Zoning, there is local laws, water and sewer district information, budget information and also on the State Comptrollers Office there is similar information. Lastly, the Attorney General's Office also has similar information. There is also NY Town Law and Municipal Home Rule Law.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

AGENDA - As of 3/18/2020 6:04 PM

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Opening Remarks -- Announcements:**

CoronaVirus Update

**Presentations**

Eagle Scout Presentation – Terrence Benedict

Board of Health – no report

**Public Comment** (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

**Public Hearing**

- Regarding amending the Order Restricting Parking within Designated Areas

**Department Heads**

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**Committee reports:**

Airport JG

RESOLUTION to appoint Art Ryan as an airport committee member

Public Safety DW

Highway / Transfer Station JG

RESOLUTION authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of 100% of the costs of a transportation project which may be eligible for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid, or reimbursement from BridgeNY Funds

RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Superintendent to enter into a Shared Services agreement with NYS DoT for Emergency Assistance for a term of 4 years

RESOLUTION to advertise our annual bid looking for dirt, gravel

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

Human Services: Youth MR

RESOLUTION to appoint Wendy Barber as the part-time Assistant Recreation Supervisor position at the hourly rate of \$15.00, no benefits, effective March 13, 2020

RESOLUTION to advertise for a Recreation Supervisor

RESOLUTION to advertise for a Lifeguards for the 2020 Summer Beach Season

RESOLUTION to advertise for Day Camp Counselors for the 2020 Summer

Youth Program

RESOLUTION to advertise for Day Camp Director for the 2020 Summer Youth

Program

Human Services: Seniors TC

Public Works JG

RESOLUTION to terminate the out-of-district water service contract for 12 Hall Road (David Gribneau) and make the account inactive per his written letter request on January 1, 2020

RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for the residential property located at 1026 Wicker Street (Paul Sanguinetti).

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RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for 196 Shore Airport Road (Don Maye) as the residential property has changed to a single family home.

RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for 27 Baldwin Road (Charlie Carlson) as the residential property has changed to a single family home.

Health Insurance JG

Contract negotiations JG

I.T. / Cable T.V. JG

**Resolutions:**

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting February 13, 2020 and February 27, 2020 Finance Meeting

RESOLUTION authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates;

1. Derrick Fleury, NYWWA - Basic Laboratory Skills Training, Ticonderoga, April 1, 2020
2. Eric Blanchard, NYWWA - Basic Laboratory Skills Training, Ticonderoga, April 1, 2020
3. Doug McTyier, APA Local Government training, Lake Placid, NY, April 29-30
4. Stephanie Mitchell, APA Local Government training, Lake Placid, NY, April 29-30
5. Derrick Fleury, NEIWPC Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention of Brewery Discharges, Fort Edward, NY, May 12, 2020
6. Tracy Smith, NEIWPC Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention of Brewery Discharges, Fort Edward, NY, May 12, 2020
7. Laura Wright, PERMA Conference, Bolton Landing, NY, May 21-22, 2020

RESOLUTION to approve an LOA for Wastewater engineering support from AES (Project #4839)

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RESOLUTION to approve an LOA for Drinking Water engineering support from AES (Project #4840)

RESOLUTION to approve an LOA for General engineering support from AES (Project #4841)

RESOLUTION to approve an LOA for Wastewater engineering support from AES (Project #4842)

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments

- o A.1680.494 Central Data Processing I.T. (\$ 29.00)
- o A.1680.414 Central Data Proc. Computer (Pontem Software Inc.) \$ 29.00

Reallocate funds between Central Data Processing contractual line items

- o SS09.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contract \$ 239.60

Fund underfunded contractual expense for Sewer district #9

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers

- o A.1989.400 Contingency (\$9,499.67)
- o A.1110.474 Justices Subscription (New Contract for Copier) \$2,358.67
- o A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance (Pollution Liab Renewal) \$5,141.00
- o A.7989.479 Other Culture & Rec. Historical Society Inc \$2,000.00

Fund over-expended General account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$102,218.42)

- o DA.1989.400 Contingency (\$2,198.41)
- o DA.1420.491 Attorney Highway \$ 337.50
- o DA.5130.230 Machinery Equip (Construct "Grizzly Load") \$ 997.55
- o DA.5142.120 Snow Removal Seasonal On Call (sidewalk plow) \$ 863.36

Fund over-expended Highway account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$11,094.09)

- o SW06.1989.400 Contingency (\$ 12.74)
- o SW06.8340.870 Transmission and Water Vision Plan (LaBounty) \$ 12.74

Fund over-expended Water account from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$19,463.26)

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RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-fund Loans:

- A.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$8,201.56)
- H17.0630 Ticonderoga Airport – Due To Other Funds \$2,200.00
- H53.0630 Clean Water Main Project–Due To Other Funds \$6,001.56

**General to lend H17 and H53 funds until funding is received**

- SS05.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$449.20)
- H58.0630 WWTP HVAC Planning Grant–Due To Other Funds \$449.20
- Sewer to lend H58 funds until grant funding is received
- SW06.0391 Due From Other Funds (\$29,929.57)
- H36.0630 Chilson Reservoir Replacement–Due To Other Funds \$29,929.57

**Water to lend H36 funds until grant funding is received**

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor’s Report as submitted

RESOLUTION to change the date of the April 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Town Board Meeting  
to April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

**Public Comment – Please Stand and State Your Name**

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting