

**Minutes for a Special Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on
November 17, 2016 commencing at 6:00 p.m. for the 2017 Ticonderoga
Town Budget and any other lawful business that may arise.**

Present: Joseph Giordano, Supervisor
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman
Wayne Taylor, Councilman
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Michael Richardson, Chattie Van Wert, Deanne Montalbano, Dayton Dedrick,
Dan Dorsett

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

Supervisor Giordano did not have any public participation scheduled for this meeting for Little League, when he talked with Terry Benedict yesterday, he was going to put together a summarization from the concerns and comments that were brought forth from the Building and Grounds Committee and allow the league to mull them over and figure out the strategy moving forward. We are going to adopt this budget tonight, but we can always make adjustments in 2017 for whatever we feel we can work out between the league and the Town.

Mr. Dedrick asked then if any funds were being set aside for the league.

Supervisor Giordano acknowledged that there were no funds set aside anyway for any thing specific for buildings and grounds, that was all to come out of reserve. He would like to put together this summarization that came out of buildings and grounds and let you all take a look at that and then have another conversation to figure out what will be undertaken between the Town and the league.

Mr. Dorsett asked if the board will still take the information that they brought tonight, they have changed some things quite a bit since our last discussion.

Supervisor Giordano does not know if tonight is the meeting to have this discussion. Let him write up the comments that came out of the last committee meeting and get them to them. There were some concerns that were discussed that need to be hashed out.

Mrs. Montalbano asked if the board had any idea when they could expect those comments.

Supervisor Giordano was hoping to do it this week. After the holiday would be a better plan.

Councilman Taylor stated that some of the concerns were aesthetics to the neighborhood, impact on the neighborhood, planning board approval, three phase power installation, APA restrictions, mercury vapor lighting, disclaimer from Hour Electric in the proposal excluding the cost of a 3 phase installation., he talked with someone who was involved with the initial installation of those lights and he questioned about the poles, 10 foot in

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the ground there were a number of points brought up, especially the safety concerns of the building. We are not having a building and grounds meeting in November though.

Supervisor Giordano stated that there were a number of items and it would be better suited if it were written down so you can take it and decide how to address those things instead of going back and forth with this. It might be best to just set up another meeting with the board, provide that documentation to you and then bring back your suggestions to meet those concerns.

Mr. Dedrick stated that if we are to late then we are too late.

Supervisor Giordano would not say that you are too late, but there are items that need to be discussed and figured out.

Mr. Dorsett noted that the board is aware that the lights were given to us by the school and they are currently sitting in a rough spot and we are worried about that. We were made aware that we could possibly put them in the old shooting gallery at the Armory. We were told that they need them out of the area at the school. Could we move forward and get them somewhere at the Town.

Supervisor Giordano mentioned the building behind the Armory, maybe there could be space in there.

Councilman Taylor agreed that it could go in there. There should be room.

Mrs. Montalbano noted that the information that they would like to leave with the board explains that Little League has changed it's priority from the lighting being the main priority to the renovation of the building.

Mr. Dorsett added that it is the phase of it, not just all at once.

Mrs. Montalbano feels that this will address some of the things that were brought up at the committee meeting.

Supervisor Giordano again stated that he will draft up a letter for the concerns brought up during the committee meeting and the set up another meeting to discuss all the issues.

Mr. Dedrick stated that he has been to 5 or 6 different meetings and has yet to be at the right meeting. He has been to buildings and grounds meetings, he has been to Planning Board meetings, he has been to the Town Board meetings and it has gone nowhere. He is sorry if he seems upset about it, but he came to you guys with concerns about the building and then the lights got dumped on us so we switched gears to try to get the lights going.

Supervisor Giordano believes that may be the concern between public safety versus the cost to put up the lighting.

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Councilman Taylor added that it is one of those things that we are being concerned with quality of life issues, there are people around there in which you had a petition.

Mr. Dorsett stated yes, they spoke to all of them.

Supervisor Giordano noted that you had a list of about a dozen or so, but there were other people that probably should have been included in that list that are impacted by this project. We need to do our due diligence with this.

Councilman Taylor asked if Little League had approved this, in terms of kids playing at night and all that.

Mr. Dedrick stated yes, we are just trying to follow regulations.

Councilman Taylor stated that he is not against, he can support it if we can make it happen.

Mr. Dedrick asked if there will be funds available to us this coming year?

Supervisor Giordano stated that there may be.

Councilman Taylor stated that the initial proposal was \$31,0000.00

Mr. Dorsett stated that it is different now, that was for the lights, but we have totally revamped it now. What we wanted to discuss was, if you were not totally against the possibility of lights, say at the end of a three span and we had voluntary services to start certain steps that didn't cost the Town any money, would we get your approval on that. For example, if National Grid would put the poles up for free can we do that at some point. We are looking for your approval, we do not want to overstep our bounds, we would do this in phases as well and then we could get the lights out of storage and up even if they are not operational. They would be safer being up than in storage somewhere.

Mr. Dedrick stated that if we have to do it through volunteers then we can't do it in a year, we can get the poles set this year, but not without permission.

Mr. Dorsett agreed that we are trying to go through the right channels.

Mrs. Montalbano agreed that we just basically need permission from the town that we can set the lights and move forward with that.

Supervisor Giordano again stated that he would like to put this letter of concerns together and have a meeting with all concerned. He will get this to you after the holiday and then schedule a meeting.

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Councilman Taylor stated that we don't want to discourage people, if there are people willing to volunteer and work with the kids, that is one of the things that he said - he doesn't want to stifle people if they are willing to help, especially making it a better experience for children.

Resolution #460-2016 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Wayne Taylor to exit the Special Town Board Meeting and enter into an Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss the qualifications for a promotion. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #461-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Wayne Taylor to exit out of Executive Session and re-enter the Special Town Board Meeting at 6:50 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #462-2016 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to promote Derrick Fleury to the position of Water/Wastewater Superintendent effective 11/21/2016. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #463-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Joseph Giordano to make the following amendments to the 2017 Ticonderoga Preliminary Budget: SS05.8110.111 account will be re-titled, SS05.8110.121 delete the \$36,741.00 to zero. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #464-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Joseph Giordano to make the following amendments to the 2017 Ticonderoga Preliminary Budget: SW06.8310.111 - re-titled to Water/Waste Water Superintendent and change the funding of \$52,679 to \$68,500.00; SW06.8310.191 change the \$11,134 to zero; SW06.8310.192 change the \$1,000 to zero; SW06.8310.195 change the \$3,780 to zero. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #465-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Wayne Taylor to change the grade and establish a rate for Police Chief as Grade 8 in the amount of \$73,000.00. This is retro-active to April 1, 2016. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #466-2016 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hundson authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Mark Johns pertaining to his retirement: The terms are - Waive any claim to the cash out of sick leave, he will receive 50% of the medical insurance premium for individual coverage until he reaches Medicare Age and coverage will stop and the town will not reimburse the Part B, all other terms and conditions of employment will be as per the Employment Manual. **All in Favor**

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Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #467-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Wayne Taylor to make the following amendments the 2017 Preliminary Budget: A.3120.111 increase the \$68,484 to \$73,000; A.3120.199 increases the \$6,000 to \$8,000. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #468-2016 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Wayne Taylor to Adopt the 2017 Preliminary Budget as amended this date 11/17/2016 as the 2017 Ticonderoga Town Budget. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Mrs. Van Wert asked where the Contingency amount is in this budget.

Mr. Richardson explained that it is under the Town Board tab.

Mrs. Van Wert asked about this money mentioned earlier for the Little League.

Mr. Richardson stated that the money for this would have to be found in the reserve.

Supervisor Giordano agreed that this would need to be found under the Buildings and Grounds reserve. We will be working with our CPA and Leberge Group on figuring out these projects. They have the expertise to give to the Town.

Councilman Taylor asked about the possibility of forming a DPW.

Mr. Richardson also noted that Leberge Group would have great expertise with this. The time to propose a DPW would be when the Highway Superintendent is retiring. Every town should look into it, but there needs to be a lot of education on it.

Other Business

Resolution #469-2016 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hundson to offer provisional employment to Cassandra Potter as Part-time Activity Attendant rate of pay is \$12.00 per hour. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Mrs. Thompson asked the board to consider holding a public hearing regarding amending the Local Law providing for Weight Limits on certain road within the Town of Ticonderoga.

Resolution #470-2016 brought by Fred Hundson, seconded by Joseph Giordano to advertise and hold a Public Hearing providing for the amendment of Local Law #4 of 2014 to determine weight limits on certain highways in the Town of Ticonderoga for

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December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hundson - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Councilman Taylor inquired about adding additional highways to this local law.
(Shanahan Road, Killicut Mtn. Road, Corduroy Road, Stoney Lonesome Road, Lower
Road, Charbonneau Road, McCaughin Road, Canfield Road, Hall Road, Bullrock Road)

Mrs. Thompson stated that this would be the time to do that, he can check with the
Highway Superintendent on his suggestions.

Adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk