

Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on February 9, 2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with the Continuation of a Public Hearing for Weight Limits on Certain Roads and a Public Hearing regarding Retiree Insurance

Present: Joseph M. Giordano, Supervisor
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Absent: Wayne Taylor, Councilman

Others: Victor LaVallie, Albert Powvorsnik, Laura Wright

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

The Supervisor explained that we were going to have a few people at the meeting to speak tonight, but they have all cancelled due to the weather.

The Supervisor noted that he has one announcement from the County and that is for a Lifeguard Course being held at the end of February the 27th through March the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 13th, 29th 30th, April 5th and 6th at the Moriah Central School.

Public Comment

Vic LaVallie knows that this board has spent quite a bit of time now trying to decide who will fill one of those chairs up there and knows that you have given it a lot of consideration and he would just like to make sure that we have a complimentary board. He knows we are missing a member tonight and that is his concern. He would like everybody that we have on this board to be present when you make that decision. His concern is that the board will make a motion tonight to fill the vacant position.

Supervisor Giordano explained that the board agreed that we need to come to a consensus and we have not reached that yet and that is why it is still where it is at.

Mr. LaVallie stated that we have had some comments coming, floating back as to when that is going to be done (he won't mention any names), there are people with concerns. He didn't think that you had any intentions of you addressing that this evening without Councilman Taylor present. The other thing is he is getting feedback off from Chilson Hill and he knows we are going to have more of that because of the action that you all took the other night rescinding that resolution that you passed back in September. That was to inform the public as how you were going to address zoning issues. It was for the things that you had to do before you passed zoning laws in the Town of Ticonderoga.

Supervisor Giordano explained that Councilman Taylor and Councilman Hunsdon were the two that initiated it and Councilman Taylor is the one that initiated the rescindation because now we have this EverBridge - Mass Communication System. Now that we have that we felt in some ways it superseded the ideas of having to have the separate meetings. We can now disperse information more readily and calls special meetings or special hearings, whatever the case may be to have those informational discussions.

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Mr. LaVallie agreed that the EverBridge is a great way to inform the people that you are going to have a meeting and that the meeting is going to be wherever, he knows that the Councilman had one of those meetings up on Chilson Hill and it got attended and there was a lot of controversy over the way the Planning Board assigns laws and that was a good meeting up there. All the EverBridge does is inform people that we are going to have a meeting. The other four or five ways that we had in there, three things that we had in there was information that would get disseminated as to how we would educate the people on what you wanted to do. So how are you going to do that with the Everbridge System?

Supervisor Giordano explained that those people that have email or texting capabilities will receive whatever attachments that they need to receive and everyone else that gets notified can be notified that there is a packet of information waiting at the Town Clerks office for those who would like to review it.

Mr. LaVallie stated that this is not where we were headed with this thing. We were going to have meetings so these people can be accurately....

Supervisor Giordano asked how many people attended this meeting in Chilson?

Councilman Hunsdon felt there were maybe 15 or 20.

Supervisor Giordano stated that this is only a small fraction of all the people in Chilson. So even though you had this....

Mr. LaVallie stated that you have to start somewhere.

Supervisor Giordano agreed and what Councilman Taylor is advocating with this EverBridge is that you can hit the entire population to let them all know that there is going to be a meeting to talk about whatever the topic is and hopefully we can get more than 15 people to attend to have a rash discussion.

Mr. LaVallie stated that one thing that we want to make sure of is that we are going to have those meetings.

Councilman Hunsdon stated that the problem was getting it out to the people, we used the Fire Department to get it out as far as we did. Otherwise, we have to go house to house to explain these things or call. That is why we didn't have a big crowd but it was well received.

Supervisor Giordano asked Mr. LaVallie to speak with Councilman Taylor when he gets back. There were reasons....

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Mr. LaVallie spoke with Keith Dolbeck last night and had a conversation with Councilman Hunsdon, so we have had some conversations and this all came about because we had comments coming off from Chilson Hill and this thing got cancelled.

Councilwoman Crammond stated that there are people out there that no matter how much information is out there, they won't bother to come to a meeting anyways and then they will sit back there and complain that they don't know what is going on. Well they need to get out there and find out what is going on. This EverBridge will tell them when and where and what the meeting is about and if they are interested they can come and

Mr. LaVallie believes that the EverBridge is a great way to do that but he things that we need to stick with that resolution. We will put an effort here and we will bring people here to bring this back to the table if that is where we need to go with it and if that is what you are telling him, if you want him to come in here with 50 people, 100 people, we will do it. If that is where you want it to go, then.....

Supervisor Giordano asked if Mr. LaVallie would start with Councilman Taylor, talk with him and then you can come back and we will have another conversation.

Mr. LaVallie stated that this is great, Councilman Taylor never contacted us. We were up front with you guys as to what we wanted, we worked with you all summer, he didn't go dog training for four months, he gave that up this summer to make sure we got this done and we spent a lot of time, we came to your meetings, we waited. We thought we were on board, we were on board and we said ok. The Town Clerk said she couldn't respond to this, that was back in September, we need more time, we said fine, we want to work with you, we said how much time to you need. A month or two, a couple of months, we will have this back in a position where it will go forward as a law and we will pursue that the first of the year. We asked that you wait till the end of December before you make anymore issues out of this thing. Now, all of a sudden, nobody contacts us, nobody calls us in to talk to us about it, big surprise.... We'll address this when Councilman Taylor comes back, he would like to see it stand where it was, he thinks we made a lot of progress and it was well received within the community and now the comments we are getting we are getting that are coming back from the community, coming right off from Chilson Hill. That is where these comments are coming from Councilman Hunsdon, right off Chilson Hill. That is your biggest voting district. We just need more conversation to see where we want to take this. Thank you for letting him come here and talk to you. There it is right there.

Albert Powvorsnik is here to back up Mr. LaVallie, but also wants to know if when you get a full board here if someone will make a motion to do something about removing that dam up there, applying for a grant and getting rid of that dam.

Supervisor Giordano explained that they were talking about this just the other day, right now it is something that we think at some point we will explore again, but right now we have a few other more pressing matters.

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Mr. Powvorsnik agrees that there is always more pressing matters, but he is wondering if we can get somebody to make that motion and just get something moving, even if it takes a couple of years. Let's get something going. Let's get a grant for it, he knows there are grants available for that.

Supervisor Giordano mentioned that when Mr. Powvorsnik took himself and Councilwoman Crammond on a tour of that, he mentioned that there were materials in the office, but he has not come across them yet. Perhaps you can stop by sometime so we can figure out what has been done and what information you have.

Mr. Powvorsnik can tell you right now that you have to talk with Enel. They wanted to get it done too, they went out and actually got a bid on it.

Mr. Fuller agrees that we send Enel a letter a few years ago and they never responded. He has also talked with DEC and they said that we could get a permit for it, it will be about \$150,000.00. That is also what it cost for the Moriah dam, however, they had bigger issues than we have. They have falling debris. He talked with them directly at DEC and the issue is money.

Supervisor agreed that it is money and time. The board has to be aware of what they are doing and when they are doing it and knowing that they have the resources to do it.

Mr. Powvorsnik added that the other thing that he wanted to know is what is the rule for replacing this councilwoman? What is the law.

Mr. Fuller explained that the Town Board appoints the replacement.

Councilwoman Crammond explained that we had great applicants and had great interviews. But all of us need to get together and have a consensus.

Public Hearings

Weight Limits on Certain Roads

This public hearing is already open and has to do with weight limits on roads, specifically Warner Hill. He would like to leave this open, we have talked about setting up some meetings with some of the other organizations when Councilman Taylor gets back to move forward with some other opportunities for dialogue, what exists and what could exist in the future to help remedy the issues.

Health Insurance for Town Retirees

This one has become apparent over the last year in terms of how many former village and town retirees we have on the books, but we don't necessarily have appropriate policies for those retirees. What the Town is trying to do is refine our policy, if you will, to handle those former retirees. At this particular junction we have come up with something that

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**TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK
Local Law No. ___ of the Year 2017**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR RETIRING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

Be it Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, as follows:

[New Language is in *Italics*, deleted language is noted in ~~strikethrough~~]

Section 1. Declaration of legislative findings

The Town of Ticonderoga (hereinafter “Town”), pursuant to General Municipal Law, § 92-a, has the authority to provide health insurance benefits to elected officials and employees whether active or retired. After due deliberation, the Town Board finds that it is necessary to adopt such a local law to determine the eligibility of elected officials and employees of the Town for health insurance benefits upon such elected official and/or employee’s retirement from service or employment with the Town. The Town Board finds that adoption of such a local law is necessary and in the best interest of the Town, Town residents and Town employees and elected officials to define a Town policy for such retired elected officials and/or employees.

Section 2. Amendments

This Local Law shall amend local law 2 of 2015, which was further amended by local law 5 of 2015. The amendments are as follows:

1. Section 4. Eligibility (employees) is amended as follows:

Section 4 *Eligibility of employees of the Town hired before August 1, 2015 who retire on or after December 31, 2015:* *Upon retirement from the Town, the Town offers medical insurance and prescription drug coverage to eligible employees who **retire on or after December 31, 2015** as follows:*

To be eligible for coverage, the retiree ~~An eligible retired employee of the Town~~ must meet all of these requirements:

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1) hired as full-time employee of the Town of Ticonderoga before August 1, 2015;

2) served at least **thirty years** employment *as a full-time medical-benefit-eligible employee with the Town of Ticonderoga (service does not have to be continuous) of full time employment with a government entity that participates in the New York State Retirement System or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System with no less than twenty years of that service with the Town of Ticonderoga;*

3) attained at least **fifty-five years** of age;

4) retired directly from the Town of Ticonderoga; and,

5) ~~entitled to receive~~ *be receiving* service retirement benefits from the New York State Retirement System on the completion of Town service or within ninety calendar days thereof.

Notwithstanding the above, an employee who leaves employment due to disciplinary action will not be eligible for medical insurance or prescription drug coverage for retirees.

The Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga reserves the unfettered right, free from judicial review, to modify these age and service eligibility requirements.

Dependent Coverage: Coverage is not available for the retiree's spouse and/or dependents.

Insurance Plan: The Town Board will make available the same medical insurance plan(s) and prescription drug plan(s) that it makes available to active employees of the Town. When the retiree meets the eligibility criteria for Medicare coverage, the Town will not continue to make available a medical insurance plan or prescription drug plan to the retiree.

Premiums & Deductibles: For an eligible retiree, the Town will pay fifty percent (**50%**) of the premium of the medical insurance and prescription drug plan for individual coverage and fifty percent (**50%**) of any "high deductible" for individual coverage.

When the retiree meets the eligibility criteria for Medicare coverage, the Town **will not** continue to make available a medical insurance plan or prescription drug plan to the retiree, however, the Town *will reimburse the retiree for the cost of the Medicare Part B premium on a quarterly basis.*

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2. New Section 5. A new Section 5 is added as follows:

Section 5. Eligibility of certain employees of the Town who retired under 2010 resolution: The two employees who retired under the enabling “retirement incentive” resolution in 2010 will receive medical insurance benefits in full compliance with said resolution.

3. New Section 6. A new Section 6 is added as follows:

*Section 6. Eligibility of certain retirees who retired before December 31, 2015: For those employees listed below who retired from the Village of Ticonderoga or the Town of Ticonderoga (pre-1994 to April 16, 2005) and for those **employee spouses** listed below, the Town will pay fifty percent (50%) of the premium of a medical plan for Medicare-eligible retirees over 65 years of age and a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. The Town will also reimburse the cost of the **Medicare Part B** premium on a quarterly basis.*

***Retirees:** Leon Wells (33 years service), Ernest Trudeau (37 years service), Sally O’Dell (21 years service), Lawrence LaPann (25 years service), and Floyd Scott (unknown years of service).*

***Spouses:** Yvonne Avery, Ray Borho, Brenda Donovan, Antonia Fuller, Ellen Hebert, Judy LaPann, Alberta Scott, Sandra Trudeau.*

4. Existing Section 4 is re-numbered Section 7, and amended as follows

Section 7. Eligibility of Superintendent of Highways and Town Clerk in office before December 31, 2015)

*Upon retirement from the Town, the Town offers medical and prescription drug coverage to elected officials in the office of Superintendent of Highways and Town Clerk who retire **on or after December 31, 2015** as follows: ~~An Elected Official in the office of Superintendent of Highways or Town Clerk is eligible provided such elected official meets meet all of these requirements:~~*

To be eligible for coverage, the retiree must meet all of these requirements:

- 1) took office before December 31, 2015;
- 2) credited with least **thirty-five years** in the New York State Retirement System or the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System with no less than **twenty years** of that service credited to the Town of Ticonderoga;

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~~3) attained at least fifty-five years of age—the applicable retirement age according to the laws, rules and regulations of the New York State Retirement System;~~

4) retired directly from the Town of Ticonderoga; and

~~5) be receiving service retirement benefits from the New York State Retirement System upon retirement from Town service or within ninety calendar days thereof. submitted an application for retirement benefits within three months of the completion of his or her final term of office; and;~~

~~5) entitled to receive service retirement benefits from the New York State Retirement System on the completion of Town service or within ninety calendar days thereof.~~

Notwithstanding the above, an elected official who is removed from office by the appropriate authority or who has forfeited such office at the suit of the attorney general will not be eligible for medical insurance or prescription drug coverage for retirees.

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5. Remaining Sections of Local Law 5 of 2015 shall be renumbered accordingly.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Report of Committees

Public Safety - Fred Hunsdon, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting
1/30/2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: Councilman Fred Hunsdon, Chief Mark Johns, Don Paige, Commissioner Margaret Lauman, Bill Ball, Danielle Holman, Dave Woods, Ross Kelly and Kortney Bessett

Guest: Supervisor Giordano and Councilman Wayne Taylor

Public: No Public

Councilman Fred Hunsdon reviewed the minutes from last month.

Ticonderoga Police Department Report

No formal written report this month.

Chief Johns updated the committee that the department members have stepped up and had a busy month with 25 arrest, 1 DWI, 29 tickets, and 11 accidents.

Everbridge

Chief Johns and Councilman Taylor updated the committee about the work they have been doing with the Everbridge system. This system is an alert system that will communicate important information to residents. This is a free system and open to everyone. Please see the town's website for more information.

- Ross Kelley asked a question about the test alert that was sent out today. He only received a phone call, but was expecting to receive an email and text. Councilman Taylor will look at the account for settings that can be adjusted.

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- Dave Woods asked for clarification on how to send out information. Kortney Bessett and Chief Johns clarified this for him.

There will be a vacancy in the department come February 19, 2017 as Patrolman Larmore will be leaving to join Warren County. Best wishes to Officer Larmore and his family.

Camera System

Councilman Hunsdon asked Chief Johns to update the committee on the camera system. Chief Johns has spoken with the vendor about replacing the camera system and is currently waiting for a quote. The cameras that we have now are 5 years old and were installed in 2011. The technology has changed dramatically and will make a significant difference in what is captured.

- Ross Kelley asked if the new cameras will get more magnification/zoom quality. Chief Johns explained how the cameras work now and how they will work with the new system.
- Dave Woods asked if the new ones have better resolution and if the vendor would take a trade in on the old system. Chief Johns explained that two cameras are completely down right now. He would recommend that the town keeps and maintains the others for use in another area.

Councilman Hunsdon stated that there was no public at this meeting so he did not ask for public participation.

Codes Report

Bill Ball handed out a printout of signs that he would like to purchase for hazardous/abandon buildings. The signs have different meanings and will be posted on these properties. Mainly these signs will be used to alert the fire department on the condition of the building. At any time a Fire Chief can override this and enter a building if need be.

170/172 Champlain Ave.

Bill Ball has concerns with 170/172 Champlain Ave., the buildings right behind the Community Building. Mr. Ball explained that the area around that building belongs to the town. The town has always allowed them to use that property but the tenants and landlords are not taking care of these areas. Mr. Ball explained that the town will be taking legal action on those properties and that he needs the support of this committee when that time comes.

Dave Woods asked if we could use the Nuisance Law with those properties. Mr. Ball explained that he had it all set to go but previous boards called them off. Chief Johns explained that the initial step went through with a letter sent to the property owner.

Councilman Hunsdon asked which law would be better the Nuisance Law or the Litter Law. Mr. Ball explained that using the Nuisance Law would allow for a Certificate of Occupancy to be pulled if necessary. Chief Johns explained the difference between using the Nuisance Law and tickets that the Police Department and the Codes Department write.

Councilman Taylor explained that someone needs to make a recommendation to the town board. There was a debate on what they can do and which way would be better.

Supervisor Giordano asked what the specifics are for the Nuisance Law, Chief Johns

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Chief Johns explained that the first step in the process of the Nuisance Law is writing a letter to the landlord. This has been used twice and if the board wants to take action they probably have enough justification to do so.

Mr. Ball still wants to make sure that the outside is cleaned up because it is town property. There was a discussion on the specifics of the different apartments in that building. Supervisor Giordano said that at this point Mr. Ball can by-pass the letter and go straight to a public hearing.

Commissioner Lauman asked Chief Johns about when he used to meet with Mr. Ball and the prior Supervisor. She asked if that would be helpful to continue that process so that everyone is aware of these properties and what the problems are. Chief Johns is in agreement that those meetings were helpful and he would be happy to continue them. There was a discussion on having the highway department clean up the town's property around those buildings. Mr. Ball also has plans to call the waste company and tell them to pick up their dumpsters and not to bring them back.

TI EMS REPORT

Dave Woods is still working with Kortney Bessett on a grant for 911 numbering.

TI FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Watts was absent for this meeting.

Councilman Hunsdon asked if anyone else had any information to report on.

Danielle Holman reported that she wrote 12 code violations this month.

Councilman Taylor asked if these people with the run down properties were directed to PRIDE. Mr. Ball said that yes he tells them about it but PRIDE is mostly for commercial properties there hasn't been a lot of money for residential.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm

The next Public Safety Meeting will be held at 5pm on February 27, 2017 in the basement of the Community Building.

Minutes prepared by Kortney Bessett – Records Clerk, Ticonderoga Police Department

Resolution #29-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept Jason Larmore's resignation effective February 19, 2017. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #30-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to advertise for both Full-time and Part-time applicants for lateral transfers of NYS Police Officer with the appropriate police training certificate, Position will be compensatory of the current contract bargaining agreement schedule in The Sun as well as the Press Republican and the Post Star. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

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Councilwoman Crammond mentioned that when these applicants come in, she feels that our Police Chief and the commissioners should do the interview and we act on their recommendations after they interview.

Councilman Hunsdon stated that we have not received an actual quote yet, but believes it will cost approximately \$12,000.00 for new cameras and system. To replace the two cameras that are currently not working it would be \$10,000.00.

Resolution #31-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Joseph Giordano to appoint the following members to the Public Safety Committee: Chief Johns, Don Paige, Margaret Lauman, Bill Ball, Danielle Drinkwine-Holman, Dave Woods, Ross Kelly, Kortney Bessett, Matt Watts, Fred Hunsdon Chair, Joseph Giordano Co-Chair. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Airport - Fred Hunsdon, Councilman

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Fred Hunsdon opened the meeting with a pledge to the flag at 0830 in the Town Hall. Members attending, Jon Hanna, Dave Iuliano, Joe Giordano and Ernie Tobin was on the phone.

Jon mentioned that Foreflight has our current fuel price on their web site of \$4.65.

Jon reported that we have 1516 gallons in the tank and have sold 4 gallons this past month.

Dave asked about fuel operation training that is required every two years. If Jon and Roger attend they will be able to give update training to Dave and Ernie. Tony will be contacted about dates and locations.

We then reviewed our pending work items report.

Fred had a contractor look at the nonworking Reil light and was told that it looks like a bad power board, a replacement will be obtained and installed.

On the Veederroot system water is listed and the question is this in the tank or in the containment area, Mark will be asked when he comes up to supply additional training and repair the trouble codes.

Joe will write a letter to Jim about the buried phone cable in order to resolve the issue.

Dave will review the operations manual and if it is acceptable will leave it in the hanger. The second copy will be kept in the town hall.

Next meeting will be at 0830 on Wednesday, 1 March, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

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Highway/Transfer Station - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor (Reporting for Wayne Taylor, Councilman)

Ticonderoga Highway Meeting

01/26/17

8:00 AM

In attendance: Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming, Dave Woods, Fred Hunsdon Sr, Joe Giordano and Wayne Taylor Sr.

- Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- There was no public participation.
- Minutes of the 12/29/16 Highway Meeting were accepted as presented.
- Sal Barnao announced the arrival of the new sidewalk plow. He stated the machine arrived without the plow. He said that the plow was being provided by another vendor. He requested that the plow be purchased ASAP to be sure the machine could be used this winter. He said that currently a modified plow from the Skid Steer could be used if necessary. He said that the plow to be ordered was from a quality manufacturer named FFC from North Carolina. He said that the plow could be delivered in 1 week if someone could issue a P.O. or provide a credit card number. Supervisor Giordano said that he would see to the necessary procurement of this plow.
- Sal stated that he was very frustrated without having up to date financial reporting pertaining to his budget. Needs specific balances on the particular accounts coming forward from 2016.
- Sal requested if it would be possible to have some clerical support at the highway department. He said that by not having any support he is unable to work with his crews and production suffers.
- Mitch Cole reported that he had been introduced to a person at the highway conference who has an interest in an adjacent property to the town highway department. This development may aid the town with some its special requirements going forward.
- Joe Giordano reported on a request for repaving of Caldwell Circle. Sal said that the request will be evaluated in spring for possible repair.
- Wayne Taylor added that Village Lane is in similar condition to Caldwell Circle and should be looked at as well.
- Joe Giordano asked if Sal had been able to update the highway data obtained by the summer 2016 interns, Sam Shelmidine and Colvin Chapman. Sal said that he had the icon on his computer but had not had time to do this.

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- Joe reported that he been approached by concerned citizens that there is duplication of survey work happening within the town.
- John Deming responded by saying that survey work is often very specific and is not general in nature. Any time that there is survey data available to be used without charge that the department does this. John went on to say that better communication between town entities participating in project work would help in making certain that there was not any duplication of services.
- Joe Giordano inquired as to the status of the drainage situation at the intersection of St Clair and Grove Sts. Sal reported that he felt it was not advisable to add anymore drainage to the existing storm sewer as the situation is being monitored by the DEC and others.
- Wayne Taylor suggested that a project be initiated to redirect the storm water being collected on Wicker St to an existing NYS DOT storm drain that daylights at Trout Brook. This project could potentially be used in the town's settlement with the US Dept of Justice compliance action and would subtract storm water flow from the natural drainage that serves St Clair and Grove Sts.
- Sal reported that he had agreed to assist Schroeder River Associates with the evaluation of the Patriot Poles in the downtown.
- Joe Giordano requested that the highway department take a look at a drainage problem with Tim Stanilka's property on Lake George Ave.
- John Deming reported that the alleged encroachment of a recently constructed solar array at 37 Grace Ave was not in the town highway right of way. He stated that his staff would produce a plot of this recent survey for filing with the town clerk.
- Mitch Cole reported that the highway department is running out of areas to dispose of fill material. He suggested that the town explore using a large ravine at its airport to dispose of this material. Mitch will look into it further and report back.
- Meeting adjourned 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Taylor, 02/04/17

Resolution #33-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to appoint the following members to the Highway Committee: Wayne Taylor - Chair, Joseph Giordano - Co-Chair, Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming, Dave Woods. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Building, Grounds, Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Monuments, Beach and Cemeteries - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

1/17/2017 Building & Grounds / Parks & Recreation Minutes

Attendees: Joyce Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Fred Hunsdon Sr. , Joe Giordano

- TMSP working with PRIDE to utilize \$15k Mainstreet grant to replace trees (3) [1 in front of PRIDE and 2 in front of Sugar & Spice] as well as install 2 new lights posts in front of Sugar & Spice

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- TACC is working with Healthy Communities (EC) to purchase and install 2 new benches in Town (perhaps, one at the Community Building and the other ??)
- Creation of a master set of maps (for discussion purposes) of
 - all beautification maintained areas
 - all Town properties
- made updates to the B&G-P&R Project List
- Committee members
 - Joe Giordano, Chair
 - Wayne Taylor, Vice-Chair
 - Joyce Cooper
 - Jerry Cooper
 - Tonya Thompson
 - Sharon Reynolds
 - Bill Dolback
 - John Bartlett
- 3 Goals
 - Complete energy improvements to Community Building
 - Initiate development of a Bicentennial Park Master Plan
 - Initiate Town participation in keeping our spaces clean and beautiful
 - Designate teams of Town employees to maintain specific spaces
 - Lead by example
 - Reach out to service clubs, schools
 - Keep track of designated roads, park
 - Be mindful of dangerous items

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next meeting is February 14, 2017 @ 8:30AM

Resolution #34-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to appoint the following members to the Building, Grounds, Etc. Committee: Joseph Giordano - Chair, Wayne Taylor Co-Chair, Joyce Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Tonya Thompson, Sharon Reynolds, Bill Dolback, John Bartlett. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #35-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to approve the Change Order for Hayes Contracting for the work on the Armory's Basement bathrooms. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Project:

Town of Ticonderoga

Pride of Ticonderoga

Armory Building Accessibility Improvements

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Alternate No. 1 Reconstruction of 1 toilet room into 2 toilet rooms accessible toilet rooms at the Armory

Original bid was \$69,600.00

Alternate No. 2 New Accessible Ramp at Armory

Original bid was \$15,000.00

Total Original Cost for Alternate No. 1 and 2 \$84,600.00

Extras - Up Charges due to the delay in the work there are a few changes to the bid:

Asbestos Abatement due to timing and it was not done all at once \$5400.00

Changes on all material due to re - quoting and changes in prices \$2500.00

Mobilization and relocating again \$2000.00

Overhead and profit \$1485.00

Total Changes \$11,385.00

New Total with Changes \$95,985.00

ARMORY BASEMENT WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 20th-MARCH 10th

Human Services: Youth/Seniors - Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

Youth Commission
February 2017

The Youth Commission met on January 26th. Many topics were discussed and many ideas were offered up for the After School Program activities.

Supplies have been purchased for making Valentines on February 13th. Other activities discussed were: Planting flowers quilting squares for a wall hanging, food science, making origami airplanes, an obstacle course to include-math, reading and solving riddles.

We need to advertise for Commission Board Members, our numbers are down.

We discussed what to purchase with the grant money from IP. Pam is compiling a list.

We have conducted an inventory of program supplies and Laura has them all organized and typed up. Joe has the book inventory on his Lap Top.

Pam Moser and I met with Kristine Larmore for a very informative question and answer period. Kris had questions she needed to be clear on and we also had questions for Kris. We really feel it all went well and a lot was accomplished.

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The ski program continues to be a big success with good attendance and no incidences. The next trip is scheduled for February 19th.

Due to bathroom construction that will last for three weeks, the After School Program will not be running from Feb 20th - March 10th. The program will resume on March 13th.

Next Youth Meeting will be February 21st at the Community Building.

Respectfully submitted, Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

Resolution #36-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to appoint Laura Wright to the Youth Commission. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #37-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to advertise for the Town's Summer Employees - Day Camp Director, Assistant Day Camp Director, Day Camp Counselors, Kitchen Staff and Life Guards. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #38-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to advertise for Youth Commission members. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Seniors
February 2017

We have received some letters of interest and applications for the position of Senior Activities Director. I feel that we need to address these, hire a Director and help the Program back on track. Because the Armory Basement will be under bathroom construction for three weeks, from February 20th to March 10th, we have plenty of time to get this all in place.

There was some misunderstanding that the whole Armory would be closed for these three weeks. The Silver Bay program will not be affected. It is felt that the Senior Pickle Ball and walking programs can be held upstairs in the Gym.

PRIDE is submitting a "Generous Fund Act" grant to be used strictly for seniors. A PRIDE members and some seniors have toured the building and made some suggestions if the grant is received.

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Again questioned why the hand rail has not been installed at the door entrance.
Explained that the door construction is not complete and it will be installed when that is done.

I have had a complaint that the over head heater in the Senior Room is not giving much heat. Any answers?

Respectfully submitted, Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

(Grant purchases - water cooler for drinkable water, shelving, exercise equipment)

Economic Development - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor
No Meeting.

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2017 – 8:30 am**

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

Others: Rob Wick (*AES*), Todd Hodgson (*AES*), Gregg Swart (*AES*), Jennifer Weeks (*AES*), Dorcey Crammond, Fred Hunsdon, Sr., Mike Mascarenas (*Essex County*), Anna Reynolds (*Essex County*), Hannah Jacques (*Essex County*), Dan Sadowski (*Essex County*) Bill Ball, Keith and Debra Hoffnagle

Pledge

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

Items for discussion:

1. 27 Water Street – Keith & Debra Hoffnagle
 - a. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffnagle were in attendance to discuss their property, and to dispute the two EDU (*Equivalent Dwelling Unit*) charges for water and sewer.
 - i. The Hoffnagles inquired how the Town’s billing works, and asked for clarification on the definition of an EDU.
 1. Supervisor Giordano explained that an EDU is defined by the number of fully livable spaces a home or tenant building has. (*For example if there is a kitchen, bedroom(s) and a bathroom in each living space it would be considered a two EDU charge.*)

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2. Mr. Hoffnagle explained that they are seasonal residents, and asked if there could be a fairer way to charge for being seasonal such as a metering program.
 - a. Mr. Fuller and the Committee agreed that currently the Town does not have enough money and resources to implement a metering program.
 - ii. Mr. Hoffnagle then inquired if there was a timeframe for fixing the Town's water issues.
 1. The Committee stated yes, and the timeframe is listed on the drinking water notices.
 - iii. Matt asked Bill if there are two separate livable spaces/buildings on the property.
 1. Bill stated that there are two fully self-contained livable spaces/buildings on the property both of which have a kitchen, bedroom(s) and a bathroom.
 - iv. The Committee stated that there is a moratorium in place to assist with charging residents fairly, and that seasonal rates are no longer charged.
 1. Mr. Hoffnagle asked when that had been changed, and who made that decision.
 - a. The Committee stated the moratorium has been in place for years now, and that there had been a public hearing in regard to it. The Town Board made the final decision about placing the moratorium on the rates.
 - b. Matt suggested that they sign up for Everbridge notifications so that they can stay informed of any future public hearings, Town emergencies etc.
2. 951 NYS Route 9N – Margaret Walraven
- a. Currently the property is being charged two EDU's for water and sewer. The Codes office wanted the property to be addressed as it is currently up for sale and is listed as a three family residence.
 - i. Derrick asked Bill if it is in fact a three family residence.
 1. Bill stated that on the Codes books it is a three family, but there are new owners and they claim it's a single family residence.
 - a. Bill will set up an inspection of the property and report back to the Committee on his findings.

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3. Black Point Road – Cathy Doering

- a. Supervisor Giordano received a call from Ms. Doering in regard to if she requires two pumps on her property.
 - i. Tracy stated that as the property is in the Town of Putnam district, he was unsure how Putnam assesses units. There is the home and a garage on the property and both have a pump.
 - 1. Tracy and Derrick will follow-up with Ms. Doering to let her know that she will need to contact Supervisor John LaPointe of the Town of Putnam to discuss the matter. However, they will also inform Ms. Doering that as the Town of Ticonderoga maintains the Black Point District system, there opinion is to keep the two pumps.

4. 2017 Workshops

- a. Supervisor Giordano stated that workshops are needed to discuss and clarify the timeframe when the Town can adjust EDU charges, the updates to the Sewer Ordinance need to be finalized, and the reassessment of EDU's needs to be evaluated further.
 - i. Matt stated that when any changes are made, they will need to be incorporated into the Water Use Local Law, and the Sewer Use Local Law.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent Report - *Derrick Fleury*

1. Black Point Water Leaks

- a. Derrick asked Matt what the next steps should be for the residents to remedy the issues of consistent water leaks.
 - i. Matt commented that they should be form a district which would make it easier to fix the lines. They would need to petition the Town, and if Matt receives a list of tax map numbers he can assist with the process.
 - ii. Derrick will meet with the residents, and will suggest that they attend the next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting.

2. Filter Plant

- a. Todd will be responding to Derricks email inquiry in regard to the plant by the end of the week or next week.

3. Burgoyne Road

- a. Derrick has had a few residents on Burgoyne Road complain about low water pressure.
 - i. Currently there about six to seven water users that have Town water but are out of district.

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- ii. Derrick inquired if an extension could be done by creating a small project by applying for grant funds to accommodate the users.
- iii. Matt commented that as a general policy if more users are added they need to be in a district. The residents could petition the Town, and then a public hearing could be set and they could then be added into the district.
- iv. Derrick will follow up with the residents.

Chief Plant Operator Report – Tracy Smith

- 1. MJ Engineering Letter - LCBP Asset Management Program
 - a. Tracy let the Committee know that he plans to meet with MJ Engineering on Wednesday about the LCBP (*Lake Champlain Basin Program*) Asset Management Plan. The Town is also a finalist for the DEC Asset Management Program.
 - i. Although this plan does not include the collection system as the DEC program does, the Town will move forward with working with MJ Engineering to complete the Asset Management Plan, and the program is for two years.
- 2. EPA
 - a. EPA has changed their requirements on the method of filing sludge reports. Tracy will now be filing the reports online, and will submit the current report by the February 21st deadline.
- 3. Septic station
 - a. Tracy reported that the valve on the septic station is being fixed today.

Public Comment

No public participation at this time.

Adjourn

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 9:30 am.

The next Water/Sewer Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28th at 9:30 am.

Resolution #39-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to appoint the following members to the Public Works Committee: Joseph Giordano Chair, Wayne Taylor Co-Chair, Derrick Fleury, Tracy Smith, Nancy LaVallie, Todd Hodgson. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Multi-Use Building - Wayne Taylor, Councilman

No meeting. The architect did meet with the Fire Department.

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No meeting.

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No discussion.

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

Working with the I.T. Firm to fully implement the system that was contracted as well as getting the Code Enforcement software installation.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #40-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept/correct minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on January 12, 2017 and the Special Town Board meeting held on January 18, 2017. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #41-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to pay the Abstract #2 of 2017. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

	Board Meeting Date 2/9/17		Voucher #	Check #
1/20/17 Abstract	Trust & Agency	\$1,421.79		25101- 25102
1/23/17 Abstract	Trust & Agency	\$2,094.18		25104- 25106
2/6/17 Abstract	Trust & Agency	\$476.69		25107- 25108
2/9/17 Abstract	General (A)	\$95,811.57	14488-14681	
	CD18 Entranceways Project	\$1,690.46		
	CD19 Streetroad WD Public Water	\$42,442.72		
	Highway (DA)	\$79,798.28		
	H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	\$9,823.21		
	H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	\$29,150.63		
	H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	\$439.00		
	SF01- Ticonderoga Fire District	\$491,700.00		
	SF02 - Chilson Fire District	\$51,589.00		
	Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	\$37.15		
	Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	\$9,589.25		
	Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	\$6,435.50		

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	Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	\$133.80		
	Central Sewer (SS05)	\$126,321.69		
	Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	\$13,164.58		
	Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	\$6,560.47		
	Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	\$8,031.52		
	Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	\$87,725.56		
	Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	\$2,031.96		
	9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	\$4,569.01		
	9N & 74 Water (SW01)	\$12,710.64		
	Street Road Water (SW02)	\$5,252.04		
	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)	\$18,844.91		
	Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	\$6,133.35		
	Shore Airport Water (SW09)	\$21,344.19		
	Multi Account Total	\$1,146,666.19		

Resolution #42-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon authorizing training vouchers for registration:

1. Robert LaBounty, Basic Laboratory Skills Training Course through New York American Water Works Association, Troy, NY, March 15, 2017
2. Brian Veneto, Basic Laboratory Skills Training Course through New York American Water Works Association, Troy, NY, March 15, 2017

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye.
Opposed - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #43-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to abolish the Municipal Bingo Inspector Position. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #44-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to support Ti'coustics purchasing a wooden sculpture of a historic figure to display along Montcalm Street. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Restitution #45-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting for Financial Matters on February 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

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Report from Department Heads

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

The Town has satisfied our portion of the Town & County tax warrant, we have collected over five million dollars.

The County will be holding a Rabies Clinic some time in March at the Ticonderoga Highway Garage. A definite date will be announced later.

Resolution #47-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to appoint Danielle Drinkwine-Holman to the Board of Assessment Review. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

We could still use an alternate on our Planning Board.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

GIGP project is ready to go out to bid. This is the project that pulls the storm water off from the Town's sanitary sewer system. It will daylight stormwater from the Portage down this lawn and through the park to discharge directly into the LaChute.

Resolution #48-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon authorizing to go out to bid on the Green Infrastructure Grant Program (GIGP) Project. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

TICONDEROGA TOWN BOARD
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 48 - 2017

Adopted February 9, 2017

Introduced by Joseph Giordano

who moved its adoption

Seconded by Fred Hunsdon

AUTHORIZATION TO BID GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANT PROGRAM (GIGP) PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga has worked with its engineers, AES Northeast, for the preparation of plans and specifications for a stream daylighting project which will help alleviate stormwater from entering the Town's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, removing stormwater from the Town's sanitary sewer system benefits the Town's publicly owned treatment works by reducing flow that does not otherwise require treatment; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for the project known as a "GIGP" project have been reviewed by Town staff and approved; and

WHEREAS, the project being a public works contract is required to be publicly bid in accordance with General Municipal Law §103 and the Town's procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to authorize AES Northeast to release the bids for such project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that AES is hereby authorized to release for bidding the plans, specifications and contracts for such project, with a bid opening date to be appropriately set forth therein as the Town Supervisor and AES shall determine, with a bid tabulation to be thereafter compiled and submitted to the Town Board for acceptance of the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with applicable law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor	Aye
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman	Aye
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman	Aye
Wayne Taylor, Councilman	Absent

SEAL

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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Last Summer we went through Environmental Review on our Water Project and you adopted a conditional Negative Declaration. At that time the Historical, Archeological element had not been completed and now it has. Now as a follow up we can declare a Negative Declaration because all of this work has been completed.

Resolution #49-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to adopt a negative Declaration and finding of No Significant Impact for the Town of Ticonderoga's Water System Improvement Project - DWSRF #17163. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

TICONDEROGA TOWN BOARD
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 49-2017
Adopted February 9, 2017
Introduced by Fred Hunsdon
who moved its adoption
Seconded by Dorcey Crammond

RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE
TOWN OF TICONDEROGA'S WATER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DWSRF #17163

WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga is currently under consent from the New York State Department of Health ("DOH") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") concerning certain deficiencies in the Town's drinking water system; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously, with the assistance of its engineering consultant, AES Northeast PLLC of Plattsburgh, New York, developed a Water System Project to address required compliance with the DOH and EPA orders, together with related improvements connected therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Town had previously coordinated review of an Unlisted Action and issued a conditional negative declaration on August 11, 2016, and published notice of its conditional negative declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

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WHEREAS, in working with this engineers, the Town has recently received a letter dated January 23, 2017 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation which noted: "...Based upon this review, the New York SHPO has determined that no historic properties will be adversely affected by this undertaking with the condition that the portion of the proposed waterline from approximately 43.880793°, -73.449398° to approximately 43.881371°, -73.449282° is directionally drilled to a depth of 10 feet below the current ground surface in order to avoid any potential burials that may extend beyond the current boundary of the Street Road Cemetery"; and

WHEREAS, the Town's engineers will build the foregoing comment into the plans and specifications and construction documents, thereby resolving any potential adverse impact to history properties; and

WHEREAS, since the foregoing letter has now resolved the condition that was included in the conditional negative declaration, the Town Board is prepared to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA and a finding of no significant impact under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that having received the foregoing letter from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Town Board hereby finds that the condition that was provided in the conditional negative declaration dated August 11, 2016 is hereby satisfied such that the Town Board can, and hereby does, find that the project will not have an adverse impact and that a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) resulting from the project is warranted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a negative declaration is hereby adopted and that a negative declaration of the foregoing shall be published in the environmental notice bulletin, and a copy provided to all involved agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) is hereby adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Joseph Giordano, Supervisor	Aye
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman	Aye
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman	Aye
Wayne Taylor, Councilman	Absent

SEAL

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

We had a proposed resolution for to sign a Master Contract for this Water project tonight with AES, but the Town had already adopted this contract at an earlier Town Board Meeting.

We are negotiating with EPA and the Department of Justice on the EPA Order and we will need a quick executive session at the end of this meeting. The EPA and the Department of Justice has sent us a draft order that will ultimately be entered into Federal Court because that is the extent of our non-compliance which has now gotten to what is ultimately a Federal Court action and the judge will sign off on a negotiated order. This is what we will discuss in executive.

Quarterly Water notices will be going out this February.

Code Enforcement matters have been moving along. Went to court on a property last month and are waiting for word on that.

Discussion regarding the 170 & 172 Champlain Avenue Apartments and the area behind the buildings. Concern regarding parking on the retaining wall behind this Community Building also.

Resolution #50-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to exit the Regular Town Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss litigation matters regarding the Department of Justice Order. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #51-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to exit out of Executive and re-enter the Regular Town Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Wayne Taylor - Absent. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on February 9,
2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with the Continuation of a Public Hearing for
Weight Limits on Certain Roads and a Public Hearing regarding Retiree Insurance
AGENDA**

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks -- Announcements:

Board of Health – no report

Public Comment (time limit 2-3 minutes)

Public Hearing

- Weight Limits on Road (still open)
- Health Insurance for former Retirees

Department Heads

Committee reports:

Public Safety FH

Highway / Transfer Station JG

Airport FH

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JG

RESOLUTION to authorize Hayes Construction to proceed with Armory change order (B/R and ramp work) and thereby accepting additional charges to complete this project

Human Services: Youth/Seniors DC

RESOLUTION to appoint Laura Wright as a member of the Youth Commission
RESOLUTION to advertise for day camp director, assistant director, counselors, kitchen staff & life guards

Economic Development JG

Public Works JG

Multi Use Building Committee WT

Health Insurance JG

Contract negotiations JG

I.T. / Cable T.V. JG

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting January 12, 2016, Special TB Meeting January 18, 2017

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

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RESOLUTION authorizing training vouchers for registration;

3. Robert LaBounty, Basic Laboratory Skills Training Course through New York American Water Works Association, Troy, NY, March 15, 2017
4. Brian Veneto, Basic Laboratory Skills Training Course through New York American Water Works Association, Troy, NY, March 15, 2017

RESOLUTION to abolish the Municipal Bingo Inspector position

RESOLUTION in support of Ti'coustics purchasing a wooden sculpture of an historic figure to display along Montcalm Street.

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

RESOLUTION to authorize AES to go out to bid on Green Infrastructure Grant Program (GIGP)

RESOLUTION to adopt SEQR Negative Declaration

RESOLUTION to authorize Town to sign the Master Contract for Water Project #4535 w/ AES Northeast for funding with EFC

Public Comment – Please Stand and State Your Name

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting