

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Monthly Financial Meeting held
on March 23, 2017 commencing at 2:00 p.m.**

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

Others: William Down, H. Wayne Judge, Chattie Van Wert, Erin Allison

Supervisor Giordano opened the meeting and asked Mr. Dow or Mr. Judge to speak.

Mr. Judge explained that the Town's attorney suggested that the best way that we could find out if you were too busy to answer our inquiries was to attend a board meeting and see what was going on. So at his invitation, we are here.

Mr. Dow stated that we have a lack of communications problem which the Steamboat Company doesn't deserve. Your Town was formed and incorporated in 1804, and the first Steamboat of our company landed down here on Baldwin, Homelands actually in 1817. Every year for 200 consecutive years, we have gone up and down and we have dropped folks off and picked folks up out of your town. We have always been treated well by your town and we have had some of our greatest Captains come out of your town. We are down there, we have improved our dock where we haul the ships out on the Marine Railway, 1927. The Marine Railway on the end there is now on the National Registry of Historic Places. We pay taxes on about six or seven parcels and the parcel in question right now, we don't own, we did but we sold it to you all because you desperately needed to get water out of the lake and we sold it to you for peanuts. Truly peanuts, 400 odd feet for \$25,000.00. Then we discovered, that you built your water plant on about 25 feet on our property and when you service it you go across well outside of the right-of-ways that we all laid out and we met with your previous supervisor out there and the water guys and lawyer and all and something was going to be done, but you were too busy working with your federal people about your water system and then here just a couple of months ago, we met with Mr. Giordano and the lawyers and some other folks including the guy working on your water system and we gave you an agreement, of we are just going to let you do what you are going to do and we got a page and a half double spaced agreement and we said yes, go ahead keep working on your water problem until a certain date and we drew it up and sent it to you all and nothing. He has since written Mr. Giordano, twice, three times and never got a reply. We deserve to be treated better. We deserve to have our problem looked at, that is all we ask and that is why we are here. Simple as that and if Mr. Fuller or Mr. Giordano would get back to us, fine, we want to get our questions solved. Go ahead and get your water problems solved and once you do we'll talk again, but we are not getting any responses as you well know.

Councilman Hunsdon stated that as one of these board members, he personally apologizes.

Mr. Judge stated that it is not important to apologize. We just want to move this along. We agreed in our meeting in November to let everything just stay the way it is until you

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guys could work out your water problem and we asked the Water Department and the attorney how long it would take and he said it would take about two to three years. So we made a one and a half page agreement that says we will leave everything the way that it is for one and a half or two years and then at the end of the two years we will deal with it. That is basically what it says and we can't get any response about whether this is acceptable or unacceptable. Is there something wrong with this? He thinks they deserve and explanation of what is wrong with it then. We don't need it right now either, we just need it sometime. What the agreement says is that we understand that there is about a 25' encroachment that nothing can be done about it right now and also our trucks go around your water plant and your trucks go outside the easement areas. So let's let everything stay the way it is until you work out your problem with the water issue and then we will deal with it. We also added a provision there that if you want to get rid of that property the Steamboat Company would like to have an option to buy it as market value, however it is appraised, the Steamboat Company is willing to buy it.

Mr. Dow stated that he would love to buy that property back, develop the hillside behind the landing with housing and make it look nice. Consequently, it would be very difficult with the industrial area down there. That is just an aside.

Supervisor Giordano explained that when they meeting was held in November, the understanding was that this was going to be provided to our Attorney and he was going to look it over and draft it up for us to sign.

Mr. Judge agreed, the idea was that someone was going to get back to us saying that this was unacceptable for one reason or another.

Supervisor Giordano explained that there was no maltreatment of us not getting back to you fast enough, it was not something that he had of not wanting to get back to you. We have just been overwhelmed with a number of projects. He did have a specific conversation with our Attorney Mr. Fuller and Mr. Judge, you had responded to him via email about where you want this on the priority list because that is also on our list. One thing that the board has to have is a meeting with our Attorney because we have so many projects big and small going on and there is just not enough time to get all of these things done. That doesn't make any excuse for why not being able to get back to you, but obviously this thing has implications on our water system and that is why our Attorney said until we get our water system moving forward to the point to where we know what and how we are doing it, if you sign something or move this thing forward it can create problems down the road two years from now. So the Attorney did respond, it was not out of not wanting to move forward.

Mr. Judge stated that one of the problems here is that he has been practicing law for 53 years and his nephew here has been around for a long time and we have dealt with Town's and we have dealt with lawyers and we have dealt with other businesses, but we have never run in to a situation where someone couldn't pick up the phone and say we don't like your damn contract and these are the reasons. That is all we want to know.

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Supervisor Giordano doesn't feel that it is just that simple.

Councilman Taylor stated speaking for himself, what are the implications when this expires. What is the selling price. Technically, this.....

Mr. Judge sated that your lawyer is going to tell you what the implications will be and whether there are any risks that you are going to assume, he is going to have to explain that to you and then you have to come back to us and say, there are too many risks.

Councilman Taylor doesn't see that as being the case, he thinks really though this will have to be part of or Abstract. This kind of thing will count in the Abstract cause we are going to have to go to long-term financing with environmental facilities.

Mr. Judge agrees and you might need a longer period.

Councilman Taylor agrees and stated that this is probably what held it up. He is just guessing. He could sign right now if he knew what the terms would be, to him he would like to get it resolved for you.

Supervisor Giordano agreed and added that there is no hesitation at trying to get it resolved. There are just a few outstanding items that need to get figured out. That is no excuse for not getting back to you in time, but unfortunately the board has to prioritize what we need to get done and this solar issue came up out of the blue and that has taken a lot of his time and this got pushed a little further back and of course you did not get an answer and naturally you are upset and we just need to make this a priority.

Councilman Taylor asked how much more time can we have.

Mr. Dow stated that there is time, we just want to be spoken to. We have a grievance and it is a legitimate one, we are good citizens and we just want someone to talk to us.

Councilman Taylor agreed and we want to do right by you, you have done right by us and we appreciate it. We will get this resolved as soon as possible.

Resolutions for Consideration

RESOLUTION #84-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Wayne Taylor to advertise for "Senior Bus" Drivers. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #85-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept Kristine Larmore's resignation from Recreation Supervisor. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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RESOLUTION #86-2017 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to offer provisional employment to Cassandra Potter as Recreation Supervisor, Part-time, year round, up to 29 hours a week, at the \$18.00 hourly rate. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #87-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to remove Kristine Larmore as Petty Cash Officer for the Youth Commission. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #88-2017 brought Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to add Cassandra Potter as Petty Cash Officer for the Youth Commission. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #89-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor for the Highway Superintendent to enter into a two-year Shared Services Agreement for Emergency Assistance with NYS DOT. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #90-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing training vouchers for registration;;
Sal Barnao, 2017 Highway School through Cornell Local Roads Program, Ithaca, NY, June 12-14, 2017
Mitch Cole, 2017 Highway School through Cornell Local Roads Program, Ithaca, NY, June 12-14, 2017
All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION #91-2017 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Joseph Giordano authorizing the creation of new budget accounts:
SS05.0870.030 Central Sewer Repair Reserves Account
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H55.3097 Aid from General Government Capital Projects
H55.5031 Interfund Transfers
H55.1430.400 Administration Contractual
H55.1440.400 Engineering Contractual
H55.1620.400 Construction Contractual
All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Creation of a capital account H55 for DASNY SAM Renovations to Community Bldg

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RESOLUTION #92-2017 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing the following budget adjustments:

SS05.1989.400	Contingency Account	\$131,000
SS05.0870.030	Central Sewer Repair Reserves	\$88,000
SW06.1989.400	Contingency Account	\$69,000
SW06.0870.030	Central Water Repair Reserves	\$46,000
H55.3097	Aid – Gen. Govnmt Cap. Projects	\$200,000
H55.5031	Interfund Transfers	\$250,000
H55.1430.400	Administration Contractual	\$3,000
H55.1440.400	Engineering Contractual	\$70,000
H55.1620.400	Construction Contractual	\$377,000
DA.1989.400	Highway Contingency	\$20,000
DA.5110.466	General Repairs Road Materials	\$10,000
DA.5142.466	Snow Removal Road Materials	\$10,000
DA.1989.400	Highway Contingency	\$550
DA.9045.800	Life Insurance	\$450
DA.9060.800	Hospital & Medical Ins	\$100

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

RESOLUTION #93-2017 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded Dorcey Crammond authorizing the following budget transfers:

A.1989.400	Contingency	\$6,280.00
A.7620.479	Senior Bus Trips	\$2,500.00
A.7620.499	Senior Activities Director	\$3,780.00

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

Resolution #94-2107 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to enter in a contract with Ticonderoga Area Seniors for services provided. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #95-2017 brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Wayne Taylor to authorize a Budget Transfer of physical money from Glens Falls National Bank out of the Capital Reserve account in the amount of \$250,000.00 over to the Capital Projects Account. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #96-2017 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to schedule a Public Hearing on April 13th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in regards to amending our Zoning Ordinance in reference to Solar Installations. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon -Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Councilwoman Crammond inquired about the Mobility Pole that the board held a presentation on. Where is this?

Supervisor Giordano explained that we need to see what purpose this is actually going to serve Town. Does this even make sense for the Town. We are looking at a getting a lease agreement drafted, but we need to put that a little lower on our priority list.

Supervisor Giordano introduced Erin Allison from AES Engineering. She is going to give the board a brief overview of this Community Building project.

Erin Allison, AES: Scope of Work - Community Building

1. Direct rain water away form the South Side of building to prevent flooding of the boiler room/redesign the rear parking lot
2. Air seal roof and attic penetrations (insulate attic floor and ceiling)
3. Repair the stone wall in the rear of the building
4. Repair stone walls on the portico
5. Repair roof of portico
6. Caulk all windows and doors
7. Re-point & reset lower main entrance stairs
8. Reinstall the west entry door and add weather stripping

These items are included as alternates

1. Paint the Cupola
2. Replace the intermediate landing between upper and lower steps in front of building
3. Survey of asbestos abatement
4. Redirect and re-root the internal roof drains

These items may have been done, but we may defer until we do the heating project

1. asbestos abatement of the basement
2. Upgrade the air conditioning/renovate the meeting room HVAC

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk