

**Minutes for the Regular Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on
September 13, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman

Others: Linda & Ben Fusco, Derrick Fleury, Heath Towne, Holly & Dick Dixon, R.B. Crammond, Bob Dedrick, Mark Wright, Herb & Maria Tedford, Shelly Young, Liz Lastowski, Greg Swartz, Donna Watton, Tim Rowland (Sun Community News).

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

Presentations

Linda Fusco - Adirondack Communities preparation/response Re: Climate Change.

- We need your help. Climate change in the Adirondacks is affecting our forests, waterways, economies, and communities; and how we respond to these changes will determine the region's economic and environmental viability in the years to come. As a result, North Country Climate Reality (NCCR) is inviting all communities to learn, plan and network in preparation for climate change's growing impacts on the Adirondacks. On October 27, 2018, NCCR is holding the first *Adirondack Communities: Planning for and Responding to Climate Change* conference at the Silver Bay Association, Silver Bay, NY 12874; co-sponsored by SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury.

Adirondack Communities: Planning for and Responding to Climate Change is a unique event; a one time opportunity for local communities and businesses to come together to address climate change in a very practical sense. It's not a debate, but will provide (1) climate change information and impacts; (2) proactive solutions for local town governments; and (3) actions for all community members.

Our speakers will include local politicians, researchers, state and local governmental departments, and residents. Sponsor funding will help underwrite this important conference by making registration costs feasible for community members of all socioeconomic levels.

Contribution Tiers

Gold \$5000—Logo and Company name on website and all conference materials

Silver \$2500—Company name on website and conference agenda

Bronze \$500—Company name on conference agenda

For more information about the conference, view our tentative schedule and speaker biographies at <http://www.northcountryclimate.org>. Please join us for a day of inspiring presentations, productive working sessions, and powerful music that brings us together to help our communities become more resilient and sustainable. And please help us financially if you can.

Checks can be written to **SUNY Plattsburgh Foundation with Queensbury Branch Campus** on memo line. Address: SUNY Plattsburgh Foundation, Hawkins Hall Rm 113, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-2681. You can also contact Stephen Danna at (581) 792-5425 with any questions.

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For a \$500 contribution, vendors will get space in our vendor/exhibit area and also be listed on our website and program brochure. More information about the conference, including our tentative schedule and speaker biographies, can be found at <http://www.northcountryclimate.org>:

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Holly Dixon - Town's EDU (Part III and Part I)

TICONDEROGA WATER AND SEWER BILLING

PART III - COMPARISON OF WATER AND SEWER RATES

Holly Dixon, 2018

To the Ticonderoga Town Board:

For this survey I contacted water I sewer authorities for 14 of the 18 towns in Essex County as well as 10 water / sewer authorities in towns nearby but outside of Essex County. The survey data apply only to residential water / sewer rates, not to commercial or business rates. Additional explanations for how rates are set and how I figure family usage amounts can be found at the end of this paper.

The intention of all three parts of this study is to provide the Town of Ticonderoga with information that may help in making the Town's water and sewer rates more equitable for all of the Town's residents.

TOWNS IN ESSEX COUNTY

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TOWN YEARLY WATER + SEWER BILL, RESIDENTIAL

	Family of 2, using <u>6,400</u> gallons per quarter or <u>25,600</u> gallons per year	Family of 4, using <u>10,000</u> gallons per quarter or <u>40,000</u> gallons per year
Chesterfield / Keeseville / Ausable	\$825	\$858
Crown Point	\$800	\$800
Jay*	\$350	\$350
Essex	\$1,370.37	\$1,370.37
Keene *-WATER ONLY (no sewer service)	\$518 district 1 \$655 district 2	\$518 district I \$655 district 2
Lake Placid, regular	\$673.84	\$673.84
Lake Placid, low income Seniors	\$88.12	\$88.12
Port Henry / Moriah*	\$813	\$813
Schroon	\$906.96	\$944.80
St. Armand	\$772.40	\$956
Willsboro*	\$857.48	\$857.48
Westport*	\$411.20	\$458
Newcomb	\$729	\$729
Elizabethtown (Sewer Service is Planned)	\$751 (includes proposed sewer)	\$751 (includes proposed sewer)
Ticonderoga	\$846	\$846

Essex County towns not included (due to time constraints) are Lewis, Minerva, North Hudson and Wilmington.

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NEIGHBORING NEW YORK TOWNS NOT IN ESSEX COUNTY

TOWN	YEARLY WATER + SEWER BILL, RESIDENTIAL	
	Family of 2, using <u>6,400</u> gallons per quarter, or <u>25,600</u> gallons per year	Family of 4, using <u>10,000</u> gallons per quarter, or <u>40,000</u> gallons per year
Bolton Landing	\$600.44	\$763
Ballston Spa	\$381.32	\$381.32
Malone	\$420	\$420
Plattsburgh	\$272	\$356.48
Saranac Lake	\$535.56	\$630
Glens Falls	\$404.92	\$404.92
Queensbury*	\$240.80	\$320
Saratoga Springs	<i>\$552.40</i>	\$552.40
Ithaca	\$611.56	\$681.32
Walden	\$373.60	\$561.40

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CONCLUSIONS

This survey includes 16 water / sewer districts in Essex County, as well as 10 water / sewer districts not in Essex County.

A 2-person family in Ti pays more for water / sewer than that same family living elsewhere in Essex County excepting Schroon and Willsboro.

A 4-person family pays more for the same services in Ti than that family would pay in all but five districts in Essex County: Chesterfield, Essex, Schroon, St. Armand and Willsboro. Rates in these towns may be higher due to the low number of customers paying into the respective water / sewer authorities; an extreme example is the town of Essex, where only 91 families pay for both town water and town sewer.

Based on the figures in the first table above, the average water + sewer cost for a 2-person family in Essex County is \$728 per year. Average cost for a 4-person family in the County is \$753 per year.

Water / sewer costs in Ticonderoga exceed these Essex County averages by \$118 / year and \$93 / rear for a 2-person family and a 4-person family, respectively.

In other words, Ticonderoga burdens its poverty-line, low-income and fixed-income families to a significantly greater degree than towns in Essex County as a whole.

To calculate averages I have eliminated the high figure (\$1,370.37 in Essex) and the low figure (\$88.12 for low-income seniors in Lake Placid). I also omit the two listings for Keene, which provides no sewer service. This leaves 12 total water / sewer figures used to calculate these averages.

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This cost-burden discrepancy comes into greater relief when we compare Ticonderoga's water / sewer rates with rates in the 10 towns outside of Essex County in the second chart above.

The 2-person family living in a non-Essex County town pays on average \$439 / year for water and sewer service; the 4-person family pays an average of \$507 / year.

Compared to towns outside of Essex County, Ti residents pay on average \$407/year (for a 2-person family) or \$339 / year (for a 4-person family) more for water and sewer than that same family would pay if they lived in a town outside of Essex County.

Again, while these figures may seem affordable, or even negligible, for higher-income families, they represent outsized and disproportionate burdens for the Town's lower-income families, many of whom struggle to make ends meet each month.

In Part II of this study I showed how the flat-rate billing system used in Ticonderoga both disproportionately burdens lower-income families and at the same time subsidizes higher-income families. This problem is exacerbated in Ticonderoga because its actual charge for water and sewer is so high in comparison to rates in other water / sewer districts both within and outside of Essex County.

I strongly urge members of the Town Board to make significant and meaningful changes in the Town's water / sewer billing practices in order to make burdens more proportionate for all households.

Notes regarding the calculations used in the tables in this study:

"*" after the town name indicates that the district charges *ad valorem* tax for water and/or sewer service. These taxes are not included in the bill amounts given here. They range in amount from \$.07 to \$1.96 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in Essex county towns.

Individual families' water usage will vary widely, depending on people's habits. Standard assumptions of per capita usage are 88-100 gallons of water per day for residential water consumption. These figures are derived from [USGS data](#) which in my opinion do not accurately describe common household usage. Residential water usage is declining, even according to USGS data. To estimate normal water residential water usage for a single household, any number of [water use calculator](#) are available online.

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RISING WATER + SEWER COSTS IN TICONDEROGA

Despite having a large percentage of poverty-line and low-income households, Ticonderoga water and sewer rates include no rate reductions for these families.

Combined water and sewer rates in Ticonderoga have more than doubled since 1999. In that time no appreciable, necessary infrastructure improvements have been carried out to justify these rising rates.

Infrastructure improvements that are currently underway should have already been paid for by these steady rate increases.

COST OF ONE WATER / SEWER EDU IN TICONDEROGA 1999 - PRESENT

Date	Water	Sewer	Total Quarterly	Annual Total
1999	\$42.50	\$57.50	\$100.00	\$400.00
2000			cc	
2001	\$50.50	\$57.50	\$108.00	\$432.00
2002	\$62.50	\$75.00	\$137.50	\$548.00
2003	cc	99	cc	99
2004	cc	99	cc	
2005	cc	99	cc	99
2006	\$65.00		\$140.00	\$560.00
2007	\$71.25	\$85.00	\$156.25	\$625.00
2008	\$77.50	\$95.00	\$172.50	\$690.00
2009	\$80.50	\$105.00	\$185.50	\$742.00
2010	\$82.00		\$187.00	\$748.00

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2011	(no information)				
2012	\$84.00	\$107.00	\$191.00	\$764.00	
2013	\$86.50	\$109.50	\$196.00	\$784.00	
2014	\$89.00	\$114.50	\$203.50	\$814.00	
2015	\$91.00	\$117.00	\$208.00	\$832.00	
2016	\$93.00	\$118.50	\$211.50	\$846.00	
2017	LG		GC		

Mrs. Dixon would like to enter Part I into the official record as it was not when she first presented it.

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES IN TICONDEROGA, NY

A Report to the Town Board, July, 2018

PART I

Water is necessary to sustain life. Water is not simply something that we want, but more than that, it is something that we need. Deprive a person of, say, shoes, deprive them of a smart phone, and the person will still

be alive. Deprive that person of water, and the person will die.

The proper role of government, though not of business, is to ensure the common good, where “common good” means the good of those who are governed, or the people, here the people of the Town.

Therefore, when people have to pay for water—when they cannot get water except by paying money for it—they have no options except to 1) pay for it regardless of whether they can afford to pay, or 2) find a way to obtain water illegally as some of the unfortunate residents of Flint, Michigan have tried to do when their water was disconnected because of non-payment. Nobody has the option of living without water. You must find a way to pay for it, even if that means cutting back on your food, medicines, children’s needs, and so forth.

In what must be a recognition that water is a human Need (not merely a “want”) there is no actual charge for water itself in the US. Water alone is free. The logic of charging households for water holds that what households are paying for is the infrastructure, energy, chemicals necessary to provide clean, potable water to their homes. Wastewater charges are then often keyed to water consumption charges.

“Paying for water”, then, is a shortcut expression for the reality of “paying for infrastructure”

or “paying for the supplying of water.”

In this report I am concerned primarily with residential charges for water infrastructure; in other words, with how households are required to pay for their water. How businesses are charged for water is beyond the scope of this report. I concentrate on residential charges because it is there, at home, that most people need and use water. While businesses may and do use water and sometimes provide water for customers, those people who own and work in businesses still must be able to use water at home, in their residences. This private, “at home” need for water—which is reflected in residential charges for water—is where the vital need for water to sustain life is actualized most clearly in our society.

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Ticonderoga, partly out of recognition of the life-necessity of water and of the fact that water is absolutely necessary at home, indexes its water billing to a category called “Equivalent Dwelling Unit” or EDU. The unit used for water billing is based on a concept of “dwelling”, not a concept of “business” (“working” or “earning”).

One individual private residence, then, is billed one EDU for water and wastewater. The figure for one EDU in Ticonderoga currently stands at \$211 per quarter, or \$844 per year.

This amount is derived from the total number of EDU’s that the Town distributes among both single-family private residences that are connected to the water system and also businesses that are connected to the water system. The dollar amount of each EDU is keyed to the Town’s total costs for water and wastewater infrastructure. The EDU figure of \$211 per quarter breaks down into \$93 for water and \$118.50 for wastewater.

As with many water authorities across the country, Ticonderoga charges more for wastewater conveyance and treatment than for water conveyance and treatment. The figure of \$844 per year is high, both for the area around Ticonderoga and for the state of New York. Comparable residential payments are generally lower than the rates paid here in Ticonderoga. In Part II of this report I will review costs for water and wastewater in surrounding communities and statewide, for comparison. For now, I will note that Ticonderoga’s water and wastewater infrastructure, like many such water authorities across the country, has recently been facing very high costs for rebuilding as well as costs for compliance with new and continuing EPA and DOH mandates. These high costs have to be met, but how?

The question here is how is the Town meeting those present and projected water system costs, and what are the effects on the Town’s households, of the Town’s attempts to distribute the costs?

I have attended meetings of the Town Board in the past, at which the Board members struggled with the problem of how to assign water EDU’s fairly. Although the Board made good-faith efforts to do so, it is apparent that the EDU system itself is grievously flawed as a means to achieve an equitable distribution of the Town’s water and wastewater costs.

In Part II I will show the extent of the unbalanced financial burden placed on lower-income families from Ticonderoga’s EDU-based system of distributing water and wastewater costs. Not all municipal water authorities use EDU’s as a basis for distributing costs. As a matter of fact I have not found any that do so. Some municipalities in California charge for wastewater based on EDU’s, but not for water. In general, though, the concept of the EDU is used for demographic assessments when various government authorities need to investigate how many families are living in a particular area; similarly, when developers obtain building permits for their projects, the municipal water authorities usually want to know how many EDU’s are planned in the project, because later the water authority will usually have to assume water and wastewater provision to that number of households. I have not found other examples, other than Ticonderoga, of the EDU being used for billing purposes. Instead, various municipalities have specified many, many different methods and parameters for establishing their billing amounts for water and wastewater. The two main methods are 1) metering for household water usage and keying wastewater charges to that amount, and 2) for non-metered water districts a general assumption is made for monthly, quarterly, and annual water usage, this amount of water usage is then specified as cubic feet or as gallons of water (100 cu ft = 748 gallons) to establish a ceiling on water usage, and then a flat rate is charged for that level of usage. This flat rate is usually keyed to the size of the water intake pipe, so that cu ft usage is assumed to correlate with the pipe size. This billing method then appears to approach an equitable distribution of costs. Some districts also add on another, usually very small, charge for “future upgrades” or other perceived costs; this is always a fixed amount per bill and is paid equally by all rate-payers. In Ti there debt servicing is

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added on.

Figuring out how to bill people equitably for their access to clean water is a vexed enterprise, for sure, fraught with contradictions and measures that miss the mark. Installing water meters, for example, seems to solve the question of how to bill equitably for water based on the amount of water used. Metering water appears to be analogous to metering electricity—you pay based on the amount of “product” you consume. But the analogy is misleading: while electricity can be thought of as a “product” which one would then “buy” and pay for according to the amount of product being bought, water is not a product, but a resource. Here in the Adirondacks this resource is abundant. And it is free, as mentioned earlier. So to charge households for water based on metered usage is deceptive and misleading: households are not buying water, they are paying for infrastructure. Thus an argument has to be made which is quite possibly a specious argument: namely, that the household using 1,000 gallons of water in one quarter is using up that much more of the infrastructure than the household using 500 gallons in the same period, and that higher bill of the first household is an adequate reflection of the greater wear and tear on the water infrastructure. At best it’s a questionable argument. Furthermore, this assumption looks away from the important community-based dimensions of water and wastewater infrastructure: the community as a whole—no one individual family—requires such considerable machinery, concrete, pipes and so on in order to have water. Individual families can only be said to “need” water conveyance infrastructure because those families are part of an entire community.

So the question of how to assign the financial burden of water and wastewater infrastructure costs to the families and households that are dependent on clean water remains a vexed one. More than for any other utility, families are held hostage to local water rates. It is worth noting that families and households in New York State, like those in Flint, Michigan, are subject to tax foreclosure in the event that their water and sewer bills run into arrears. While water and wastewater charges are billed separately from normally recognized taxes such as property tax and income tax, unpaid water bills in NYS are then re-levied on the family’s property taxes and can thereby become legal grounds for tax-foreclosure, meaning that the family is vulnerable to losing its home in the event that they cannot pay for water.

Faulty and confused reasoning is found everywhere when one begins to research, as I have done, how people are made to pay—and often to pay too much—for this vital resource, water.

Shortly after the establishment of the federal Environmental Protection Agency the Clean Water Act was passed by Congress. It recognized that local water authorities faced the need for very expensive upgrades to their clean water and waste water infrastructure. Again in recognition that local authorities would be hard-pressed to come up with adequate funding, Congress authorized \$17 billion in 1976 to help municipalities pay for water infrastructure upgrades. According to research from [the University of North Carolina](#)

[f]or a period of 10-15 years in the 1970s and 1980s, the federal government provided substantial amounts of subsidized funding (largely in the form of grants) to water and wastewater utilities across the Country. Since the mid-1980s, the federal government reduced subsidized funding, and switched from providing mostly grants to providing mostly subsidized loans. While the federal funding programs have been maintained at relatively steady levels in nominal dollars, the real purchase power of these programs have [sic] diminished over time.

In contrast, state and local governments have increased real spending on water and wastewater utilities nearly every year until 2009. This may have occurred as local and state governments took on the costs that were no longer being funded by the federal government [. . .] The gap between state and local government spending and federal government spending on the utility sector widened over time; by 2014, state and local

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Graphed by the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Source: Congressional Budget Office supplemental data for the *Public Spending on Transportation and Water Infrastructure, 1956 to 2014* report (March 2015). Displays public spending on supply systems for distributing potable water as well as wastewater and sewage treatment systems and plants. Real spending is shown after adjusting nominal spending to their 2014 dollar equivalent using infrastructure-specific price indexes.

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governments accounted for 96% of all public spending on water and wastewater utilities. [. . .] [I]t is likely that the majority of the state and local government spending nationally were actually spent by local governments.

The chart on page 5 above, from the linked UNC report, illustrates the overall trends in funding:

In Ticonderoga, the steep increases in the cost of one EDU for water and wastewater have followed this trend: in the year 2000 1 EDU amounted to \$400; by 2009 1 EDU amounted to \$742 and today (2018) 1 EDU amounts to \$844. As reflected in the increased billing, local water and wastewater utility spending here has more than doubled in the past 18 years.

From the 1970s to today, the amount of funding available from the federal government to assist local water utilities in upgrading and operating water and wastewater utilities has declined from covering [more than 60 percent of costs](#) to less than 4% today. Local governments such as the Town of Ticonderoga are being subjected to increasing financial burdens as older structures deteriorate and new agency regulations mandate ever higher expenditures while federal funding decreases. Funding issues are exacerbated in smaller communities such as ours which have a smaller population base from which to extract funding for compliance and upgrades.

Facing local resistance to ever increasing water bills, local governments have been forced to pay for water and wastewater by reaching into funds allocated for different local needs and projects. This has produced a nationwide revenue gap of \$195 billion in just the last 16 years, according to a 2018 [report from the United States Conference of Mayors](#). To my knowledge the Town of Ticonderoga, while having experienced considerable increases in both costs and revenues over the last 16 years, is not experiencing a revenue gap such as the one just outlined. The EDU billing method, then, has brought in sufficient revenues to cover all of the Town's costs for water and wastewater provision..

While it is good to pay your bills in full, and it is not a good idea to borrow from other Town funds in order to pay for increasing water utility costs. The EDU-indexed method of paying for ever-increasing water and wastewater costs, including unfunded mandates such as the cryptosporidium-related mandate, has produced a bizarrely unbalanced distribution of costs for the households of the Town of Ticonderoga.

In Part II I will examine this unfair and unbalanced distribution of costs for water in our Town.

Thank you.

H. M. Dixon,
54 Amherst Ave.

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Public Comment

Elizabeth Lastowski - 57 Mt. Hope Avenue representing Mt. Hope Area Neighbors Alliance, which is a direct response to St. Joseph's buying the apartment building across the street which is 64 Mt. Hope and using it exclusively to house their clients who are Drug addicted on a variety of different addictions. We want the town leadership to be aware that we are extremely concerned about the decision that this be a residential dwelling to be used a commercial enterprise. This has been purchased by St. Josephs for a commercial purpose to rehabilitate their clients. We are very concerned about the depression of our home values in the placement of this complex. We are very concerned about the potential uptake in crime, we know at one of the previous safety meetings that we do have the support of our opinion from the Ticonderoga Police Department as well. You will see that we have done a formal Zoning Board Appeal, with our hope to reverse the decision to have this be zoned as a residential dwelling that it constitutes a commercial enterprise at this point that should be designated for a special use and they should be permitted as such. She does have the support of many neighbors, it only took her signature to file this appeal but we did go around and have the support from most of the neighbors and secured about 16 or 17 signatures and so she is here acting tonight acting as well as their spokes person, so for the entirety of the neighborhood and not just herself. The reason they want the Town leadership to be aware about this is that they are very concerned about the lack of advance notice that this was happening, we did not really have a lot of time to look into the ins and outs of what was being proposed here, but as she mentioned you will see in her appeal that many of the aspects of what they are doing would constitute a change in Zoning from a residential establishment to being commercial and even the letter saying it was going to be a residential establishment gave it a commercial name of Joseph's Manor. Whether or not that is what or how they applied, that is the name that was applied to them by the Town. In her opinion, that immediately recognizes that this is a commercial enterprise. We do not feel that this is a traditional landlord/tenant relationship because these tenants have certain requirements in order to live there because they must be clients through St. Joseph's to receive these services that they do have obligations of receiving certain treatment and that therefore it is almost discriminatory housing because therefore that housing has been taken off the market for people who are regular, every day, ordinary working people, it also supposedly going to be exclusive to single women and their children so there will not be any true family structure allowed to be in these dwellings so that is not necessarily a positive sign for us that it is a residential unit where there can't be a family unit of two parents and a child living there. So we are greatly concerned and we want to bring this to the Town leadership because whether they are successful to this appeal or not, we would like moving forward for the town to be aware of this problem when future state dollars come in to build these type of dwellings that maybe they are placed in more appropriate locations maybe in locations that are closer to a downtown or commercial district and not sandwiched in a residential district where they are the only renters. They are also concerned that it destroys their animosity to live their live without a critical eye, now every one in the neighborhood will label it as every adult in that house would sort of be a known drug addict and that is concerning. This doesn't give them the opportunity to grow in the environment they need whereas if they were just renting through a private

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landlord where that particular aspect of their live would not be that transparent. So we find it to also be in the best interest of their clients to not be sort of grouped together in housing at Joseph's Manor which just provides them no privacy protection what so ever. Obviously, we as neighbors, if this goes forward will be as supportive as we possibly can. Obviously, we are not going to try to alienate our neighbors, but we are very concerned and especially concerned that this was never brought to our attention and it is possible for a private enterprise to scoop up an entire apartment building and use it only for their designated use. So we want everyone to know that we find that not to be under the guidelines of residential.

R.B. Crammond inquired if any progress had been made on the solar law yet.

Supervisor Giordano stated that we have not specifically on solar but are working on our Zoning and Site Plan Review Law.

Much discussion was held on how to get a solar law, how to get it passed, what is currently available, examples to look at, the law existing on the books, legalities, etc.

Donna Watton (TRA) - some of their activities: Letter was sent asking for funding for the organization as we work toward a new phase in the work we are doing to support some really strong economic infrastructure to start doing some really good economic development here in Ticonderoga. Two things. 1) derelict buildings and 2) the School of Applied Technology for NCCC. This proposal is moving forward, the benefit the town will see is that there is some trade education located here in Ticonderoga. The timetable includes four different counsels that are involved with these consultants on this project 1) curriculum counsel, 2) recruitment and employment counsel, 3) fundraising counsel, 4) ...(can not remember at this time). These counsels are made up from people in our community, each one is headed up from one of the Executives from NCCC. The final report is due the second week of November. This will let us know how to move forward.

Report of Committees

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting
August 27, 2018

Councilman Dave Woods called the meeting at 5:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following committee members were present: Councilman Wayne Taylor, Ross Kelly, Bill Ball, Heath Towne, and Matthew Watts.

Clerk to the Committee: Jennifer Gendron.

Guests: Joe Giordano, Dominic Veneto, Nancy Huestis, Patricia Reid, Gary Knight, Mark and Laura Wright, Alice and Joe Vilaro, Charles Bolstridge, Elizabeth Lastowski, Shelby Davis, Stephen Teer, Joe Namer, Shelly Young, Herb and Maria Tedford, Jim Bartlett, Joyce Cooper, Adam Hurlburt, Mark Belden, Cheryl Phinney, Cory Phinney, Brandon Titus and Bob Ross,

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Dave Woods open the floor for public participation.

Shelly Young asks what is going on with the apartment building on Mt. Hope Ave, asking if it will be a rehab center.

Brandon Titus introduces himself as the Associate director of housing for St' Josephs, Brandon oversees the housing aftercare services and vocational services throughout the state, Brandon States they have acquired a four unit apartment building that will not change, the apartment building is part of a permanent housing program that the state has issued state wide.

The program is called ESHY, it stands for Empire State Permanent Support Housing service Incentive.

Brandon stated the building will be used to provide case management services, vocational services, any sort of services that an individual or small family may have, a case manager will be going into the home

and assisting them maintain state worth, so the facility will remain a four unit house.

Brandon states that they will be meeting the needs of young women and children that are in recovery, that are trying to keep their family together.

Shelly Young asked if there was an original resident of that apartment house, Brandon replies yes there is currently one tenet with children right now who was a Ticonderoga resident.

Joe Vilaro asked if the only people that can rent are ones that are in a program and Brandon says yes.

Unknown speaker asked if there is anything that disqualifies them from the program.

Brandon says that if there is a problem St' Josephs maintains landlord rights and can evict when needed.

Dave Woods asked what happens if they bring male friends in.

Brandon says that will probably happen.

Dave Woods asks if they check in on them daily.

Brandon says the program is staffed with 30 hours of man power, meeting the needs of the people that live there, and the majority will be vocational work. taking them out and teaching them the skills they need to better themselves, Brandon also states that they really want them to maintain their recovery on the own.

Wayne Taylor asked if the staff will live in-house.

Brandon states that they will not and will probably be at St' Josephs down town.

Dave Woods asked what happens if the police Department gets called on a regular basis.

Brandon states he expects a close working relationship with the Police Department and doesn't see it happening on a regular basis.

Adam Hurlburt asked if it's just woman from Ticonderoga or are they bringing people from down state.

Brandon states he expects most will come from Essex County DSS.

Adam hurlburt asked what made them come to our town with this program, Adam also states that this program will bring in a whole new network of people from different area's with drug problems and that is something Ticonderoga does not need.

Joe Vilaro requests that the Town board classify the building as Special Use and St' Josephs go to the planning board so there is a public hearing, Joe also states that the planning board will have to take into account the existing character of the neighborhood and the impute of the neighbors.

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Joe Vilardo states that Bill Ball needs to be persuaded to classify the building as Special Use because it is not strictly an apartment building. It's only for St' Joes clients.

Many community members have concerns with what this could possibly bring to their community, more drugs and drug dealers.

Brandon states he don't see that happening, if it does happen then it will be addressed on a case by case basis,

Brandon introduces Bob Ross, CEO of St' Josephs.

Unknown speaker has a concern about the noise, he lives across the street from the apartment, worried about the drinking parties and bonfires.

Brandon States there is no alcohol on the premises.

Unknown speaker asked how they came about purchasing this house rather than other ones around town.

Bob Ross states because they want to treat it exactly like what it is, a small apartment building.

Wayne Taylor asked Bob Ross if he would voluntarily submit to the terms and conditions that the neighborhood has asked.

Bob Ross agrees to review and see if there is a problem and need a special permit then they will look into it.

Dave woods states that everything he has herd tonight, it is definitely a special use unit.

Shelly Young States that this is something that is not welcome in our community and that it should be brought up to the planning board so the board can hear our concerns.

Wayne Taylor asked about the property maintenance. Brandon states they handle that.

Bill ball states that he only herd about this 10 days ago and if the procedure was followed he would of herd about it back in April. Also states we could have sat down leisurely and discussed this but now feels like he's being put in an article 78.

Bill Ball states that there is a lot of questions on this because if Social Services is paying the rent on these people you can't deal with them, the first thing they will do if there is a problem is say they cannot discuss the issue because of privacy.

Bill states that is Social Services standard procedure.

Dave Woods Asks Bill if this is going to go to the planning board.

Bill states he is not ready to make that decision without talking to the lawyer first.

He will contact lawyer tomorrow and then make a decision.

Shelly Young will call to find out outcome.

John Bartlett wants to know if anything is being done about a school resource officer, and what can we do to make it happen.

Dave woods states that everyone wants it to happen but they need to go over some numbers.

Bill Ball also states that he will be sending out orders to clean up empty lots.

Bill Ball States about a month ago he Supposedly made a statement about the Judges upstairs, sounded like I misspoke about the garbage hound got a 50 dollar fine and it ended up costing the town two or three thousand dollars in fees, I agreed to make a public apology to them.

Wayne Taylor asked Bill if they have found anyone to fill the open position, and Bill states they are looking at a couple to take the civil service test.

Dave Woods reads of the Sergeants notes for the month.

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July 25 through August 24

25 arrests, 40 tickets, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 DWI, 413 calls of service 1 suspicious fire and several domestic disputes.

Matt Watts makes the motion to adjourn at 6:23pm Wayne seconds the motion.

The next Public Safety Meeting is September 24, 2018 at 5:00pm

Resolution #253-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joseph Giordano to offer Rhiannon Peters for the full-time position of Clerk in the Code Enforcement Office, at the hourly rate of \$16.32 with benefits, effective September 21, contingent upon the civil service requirement. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Building & Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

- Shed/Warming Hut @ Armory is completed
- Senior Citizen Room is painted, electrical completed and it is back together
- Library and Liberty Monument will be starting before the end of the month

**Black Watch Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 28, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Members Present: John McDonald, Steve Boyce, Virginia LaPointe, Susan Gravelle, Cheryl O'Connor

Others Present: Heather Johns, Library Manager; Chattie Van Wert, Town of Ticonderoga

Review of the Minutes: Steve Boyce moved that the minutes be accepted. Cheryl O'Connor seconded; all were in favor.

Report of the Director:

- Heather Johns reported on several incidents that had occurred at the Library over the last month:
 1. A patron reported that his wife had been a victim of an inappropriate display of self-gratification. It was not discernible on cameras, but police were notified in the event of future incidents.
 2. A crack pipe was found on the back lawn of the library's property.
 3. Wreaths were being sold on the Library's property.
- A discount pass for Fort Ticonderoga is now available at the Library. It is good for a 10% discount for up to four (4) people.
- The computer policy needs to be updated with the following changes:
 1. Remove the sentence: "An express computer is available for ten (10) minute use (no printer) on a first-come, first-served basis." from #1.
 2. Change the wireless connection information in #12.
 3. Eliminate the wireless printing information in #12.
- Heather Johns reported that we changed our charter through the NYS Board of Regents in 2010. We have not changed our by-laws to reflect the charter changes. A motion was made to change the by-laws (see attached).

Report of the Town: Chattie Van Wert was present at the meeting to discuss the proper designation for funds received by the Library through electronic transfer and donations. It was determined that the revenue has been going into the Town's General Fund. Chattie recommended that the Library Board attend the Town's financial meeting to discuss the correct designation for the funds.

Report of the Friends: Not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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The following motion was made to change the By-Laws of the Black Watch Memorial Library to reflect the amendments made to the Charter and accepted by the State Education Department on December 14, 2010 as follows:

In Article I, Organization, Charter:

The library shall be known as the BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, Ticonderoga, New York as chartered under that name by the Board of Regents of the State of New York on December 14, 1905.

Shall be changed to:

The library shall be known as TICONDEROGA BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY as chartered under that name by the Board of Regents of the State of New York on December 14, 1905.

In Article II, Board of Trustees, Numbers:

There shall be a Board of five (5) members.

Shall be changed to:

There shall be a Board with a range of five (5) to fifteen (15) members; with not less than five nor more than fifteen.

Motion made by: Steve Boyce

2nd: Cheryl O'Connor

Vote: All in favor.

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

**Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Committee
August 21, 2018**

Committee members present were Bill Dolback, Jerry Cooper, Nancy Kelley, Maria Tedford, Tonya Thompson, Vice Chair Dave Woods and Chair Joyce Cooper. Also in attendance were Dorsey Crammond and Linda Mackey.

Ticonderoga Dog Park

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Linda Mackey, who led to the development of the town's Dog Park, spoke of some issues regarding the park. Some pet owners have brought unneutered male dogs to the park that have shown annoying and often aggressive behavior to other dogs. She has checked websites the rules of other dog parks in the area and notes many state "Unneutered and unlicensed dogs are not allowed in the park". The committee agreed this language should be added to the rules for Ticonderoga's park. Some pet owners also do not clean up after their dogs. Fortunately, the park is kept reasonably clean by the many responsible pet owners who use the park.

Other than mowing, monies collected through the bottle redemption center have helped keep the park maintained. Linda feels her time overseeing the park will become more limited. She is considering a move to warmer climate. It is not clear who might continue this work. Linda was praised for all the hard work she has put into developing and maintaining the Dog Park.

Bicentennial Park

Joyce Cooper noted more funds should be allocated in the Town Budget for improvement in this park. Some of the playground equipment which was built and installed by Kiwanis is about 25 years old. This playground which targets preschool children gets heavy usage. Committee members were asked to take a look and be prepared to recommend whether the wooden equipment should be repaired or torn down and replaced.

The Highway Dept. will install the bollards as soon as the Daylight stream project is finished. Joyce is still working to get the old colonial style light fixture installed near the park main entrance.

No real problems with noted regarding this year's Fourth of July Celebration in the park. There were 2 gray water issues. Some gas bottles were not removed in a timely manner. Vendors should be rearranged next year so those vendors requiring less power could be placed near the poles with 110 power.

Recreational Park

Maria Tedford of PRIDE confirmed that Healthy communities grant money is now available for the Disk Golf Course group. The group is considering whether to use the money to purchase 9 baskets or supplement the money and purchase the 19 baskets that are needed for an eighteen hole course. Most of the sites needed for the first 9 holes has been cleared by a volunteer from the group. Due to other observed practices in the town's parks, the group was given permission to solicit sponsorships for holes and signage. The town, through the Parks and Recreation budget lines, will provide the primary signage which will include a course map and rules.

Liberty Monument

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The base of the Liberty Monument still needs re-pointing. A fund exists for monument maintenance and will be used for this work. Le Barge will be doing the work.

Cemeteries

Bill Dolback noted that although work orders have been turned into the Highway Dept., the work has not yet been done

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Cooper. Town Board Member & Parks and Recreation Chair

Resolution #254-2018 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Wayne Taylor to advertise for part-time Library Aids. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #255-2018 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Joseph Giordano to close Montcalm Street from the intersection of Lake George Avenue to the intersection of Tower Avenue for Halloween Fest on October 31st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Police Commission - Dave Woods, Councilman

**Ticonderoga Police Commission
Meeting Minutes July 24-30, 2018**

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

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

**July 24 and July 27, 2018
Executive Sessions**

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

**July 30, 2018
Executive Session**

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On July 30, 2018 Commissioners Joyce Cooper, Margaret Lauman, and Dave Woods met again at 8:00 a.m.. With no candidates with the required qualifications for Interim Police Chief available for immediate consideration, Commission members decided to consider another avenue for finding someone to assume leadership of the department by creating the position of Sergeant in Charge.

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

The Commissioners then closed the Executive Session and went to an Open Meeting at 8:30 a.m. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolution 01-2018 PC brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Margaret Lauman to create the position of Sergeant in Charge in the Ticonderoga Police Department. **All in Favor: Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. Opposed-none. Carried.**

Resolution 02-2018 PC brought by Dave Woods and seconded by Margaret Lauman to promote Officer Mark Belden to Sergeant and appoint him Sergeant in Charge. **All in Favor** Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. **Opposed-none. Carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Cooper, Police Commissioner and Town Board Member

**Ticonderoga Police Commission
August 7, 2018
Executive Session**

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018 the Commission met again in Executive Session at 8:00 a.m. to consider filling department openings. Former officer Adam Hurlburt had sent a letter expressing interest in serving the department as a part-time officer. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:20 and went into an Open Meeting.

The following actions were taken:

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Resolution 03-2018 PC brought by Dave Woods and seconded by Joyce Cooper to offer part-time Ticonderoga Police Department employment to Former Officer Adam Hurlburt. **All in Favor** Joyce Cooper-Aye, David Woods-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye. **Opposed-none Carried.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Cooper, Police Commissioner

**Ticonderoga Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018**

On August 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Police Commissioners Joyce Cooper, Dave Woods, and Margaret Lauman met with the town's Consultants Ian Loehner and Michael Richardson. At 11:05 the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employment matters as well as the responsibilities of the Commission and rules governing the work of the Commission was made by Dave Woods and seconded by Joyce Cooper. All in favor Joyce Cooper-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye, Dave Woods-Aye. Carried.

The Commission came out of Executive Session and into an Open Meeting at 1:45 p.m. During the meeting the following actions were taken:

Resolution 04 -2018 PC brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Margaret Lauman to amend Resolution 02-2018 PC "To promote Officer Mark Belden to Sergeant and appoint him Sergeant in Charge" adding "*starting on July 31, 2018*". **All in favor** Joyce Cooper-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye, Dave Woods-Aye. **Opposed-none. Carried.**

Resolution 05-2018 PC brought by Margaret Lauman, seconded by Dave Woods to amend Resolution 03-2018 PC "To offer part-time Ticonderoga Police Department employment to Former Officer Adam Hurlburt" adding "*at the hourly rate of \$25.44, effective August 20, 2018.*" **All in favor** Joyce Cooper-,Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye, Dave Woods-Aye. **Opposed-none. Carried.**

Resolution 06-2018 PC brought by Margaret Lauman, seconded by Dave Woods to advertise statewide for a full-time Police Chief. **All in favor:** Joyce Cooper-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye, Dave Woods-Aye. **Opposed-none. Carried.**

Resolution 07-2018 PC brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to sell the town's police dog Tusko to Dale Quesnel for the sum of \$1500. **All in Favor** Joyce Cooper-Aye, Margaret Lauman-Aye, Dave Woods-Aye. **Opposed-none. Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p. m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Cooper, Police Commissioner and Town Board Member

**Ticonderoga Police Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2018**

On August 24, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. the Ticonderoga Police Commissioners met in an Emergency Executive Session to discuss financial issues as well as employment and promotion issues in the Ticonderoga Police Department. In attendance were Commissioners Joyce Cooper, Margaret Lauman, and Dave Woods. Also present was Chattie Van Wert. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Cooper, Police Commissioner and Town Board Member

Police Commission Meeting
August 27, 2018

Present, Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper.
Absent from meeting was Margret Lauman.
Clerk to the Police Commission: Jennifer Gendron
Guests: Laura and Mark Wright, Dale Quesnel, Heath Towne, Adam Hurlburt, Mark Belden,
Matthew Watts, Wayne Taylor and Herb and Maria Tedford.

Dave Woods calls the meeting to order at 4:34pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Dave Woods asked if there is any public participation.
Resolution 06-2018 PC was brought by Dave Woods and seconded by Joyce Cooper to offer employment to Adam Hurlburt for full-time position of Provisional Sergeant starting September 3, 2018 at the rate of \$29.25 hourly with benefits and to recognize his previous service and seniority in the Ticonderoga Police Department.

**All in Favor, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Opposed-none, Margret Lauman – Absent
Carried.**

The Commission thanks Mark Belden for stepping up and taking charge when the department needed it.

Laura Wright asked if the meeting could be moved to 5:00pm instead of 4:30pm.
Dave Woods says that moving the time does not work for him or others, and that Public Safety is at 5:00pm.

Dave Woods also mentions Ian Loehner is sending out a state wide search for Police Chief.

Joyce Cooper states that Ian Loehner has sent a copy of the Qualifications and restrictions for Police Chief.

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Fire Chief Matthew Watts thanks Dale Quesnel for all his years of service with the Ticonderoga police Department.

Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper also says thank you to Dale.

Joyce Cooper also thanks Dale for his excellent service with K9 Tusko.

Dale Quesnel says it was a pleasure to work for the Ticonderoga Police Department but is looking forward to this new chapter in his life.

Herb Tedford asked if there is any talk of a new K9 unit.

The Commission states, not at this time.

Joyce Cooper states that a special press release has been issued by the Town Supervisor explaining the sale of K9 Tusko to Dale Quesnel.

Wayne Taylor asked about the new K9 vehicle that was purchased, Dave Woods said they are going to try and get the seats for it.

Dale mentions he has unused fence at is house, Dale says he can return it or someone from the town can come get it when they find a place for it.

Meeting Adjourned at 5.00pm

The next Police Commission meeting will be Monday September 24, 2018 at 4:30

Police Commission Meeting
September 12, 2018

Present, Dave Woods, Joyce Cooper and Margaret Lauman

Clerk to the police Commission: Jennifer Gendron

Guests: Kelly Whitman

Dave Woods calls the meeting at 8:05am

Dave asked if there is any public participation.

Kelly Whitman brings up a vehicle accident that she was involved in 2016 with Sergeant Adam Hurlburt being the officer on scene, Ms. Whitman had some concerns about how the Police report was written.

Resolution 09-2018 PC was brought by Joyce Cooper and second by Dave Woods to go into executive session at 8:20am to discuss employment matters. **All in favor, Margaret Lauman- Aye, Joyce Cooper- Aye, Dave Woods- Aye. Carried**

Resolution 10-2018 PC brought by Joyce Cooper and second by Dave Woods to exit executive session at 8:50am and return to special meeting. **All in favor, Margaret Lauman- Aye, Joyce Cooper- Aye, Dave Woods- Aye. Carried.**

Resolution 11-2018 PC was brought by Margaret Lauman and second by Dave Woods to appoint

Sergeant Adam Hurlburt to Sergeant in Charge at his current rate of pay. Mark Belden will retain his Sergeants positions with investigator duties. This resolution is to take effect immediately.

All in favor, Margaret Lauman- Aye, Joyce Cooper- Aye, Dave Woods- Aye. Carried.

Conversation:

Civil Service requires two years of supervisor experience to be eligible for the chief's test.

Sergeant Adam Hurlburt will be taking the test in March of 2019.

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Sergeant Mark Belden will qualify for the test in 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15am

The Next Police Commission meeting will be September 24, 2018 at 4:30

Highway/Transfer Station - Wayne Taylor, Councilman

Ticonderoga Highway Meeting
08/30/18 8:00 AM

Present: Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming, Joyce Cooper and Wayne Taylor Sr.

- The meeting opened with the pledge to our nations flag.
- Joyce Cooper asked as a taxpayer to have the driveway apron in front of her property repaired. She cited recent work in the area that had contributed to the problem.
- There was no highway meeting in July, minutes not available.
- Sal reported that the highway garage repair project is awaiting specifics from the Essex County DPW staff before it can move forward.
- The committee considered several cost saving ideas. Sal will begin looking into cost savings ideas.
- Mitch reported that repairs at the transfer station would be happening within the next two to three months.
- John Deming reported on the Keast Rd situation. Based on his research it is his opinion that this is not a town road as of today. John went on to say that he believes the public responsibility lies with Essex County. He said that if the county were to release the road to the town, the town would be obliged to take it.
- Sal requested a resolution to post the seasonal maintenance roads. He will provide a list of the roads to be included in the resolution.
- Mitch requested the authorization to install a no littering sign on the Vineyard road at the town line.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

- Next Highway Meeting 09/27/18 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Taylor, 09/12/18

Resolution #256-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dave Woods to install a NO LITTERING sign on the Vineyard Road. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorsey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Airport - Dave Woods, Councilman (Reporting for Supervisor Giordano)

- Looking at prices on patching and coating the runway
- Accident at the airport - plane landing and malfunction of landing gear/all ok
- Permission from IP to cut trees down by landing - must be done after October 15
- Bees will be sprayed by Derrick Fleury at the fueling station kiosk

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Resolution #257-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor extending the submission date for Request for Qualifications From Airport Consulting Firms to Tuesday, October 9, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Human Services - Seniors/Youth - Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Ticonderoga Area Seniors

The Seniors' Meeting/Activity Room was recently repainted. Members present at the meeting were most positive about the new color and 'fresh look' of the room. Several requests were made to further improve this space. Wooden trim is needed around the room's door. There is no trim at present making the entrance a safety hazard as well as look unfinished. A telephone and/or cable wire outside the room needs to be extended inside the room to allow the new placement of the Activity Director's desk and computers in the area south of this door.

It was announced the Senior Bus will not be available the next day due to needed repairs. Joyce Cooper encouraged the seniors to sign up for the Everbridge system so they can easily be informed of town matters such as this.

The seniors also inquired when the new signage and parking area might be completed. They also noted the deteriorating shelter on the west side of the building outside the main floor gym. Could this be repaired or replaced?

The seniors also heard a presentation about the Foster Grandparents Program and were encouraged to apply to become one.

Youth

Resolution #258-2018 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint Helen Barton-Benedict as Recreation Specialist for the Ski Program. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #259-2019 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise for Recreation Specialist for Bidy Basketball. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2018 – 8:30 am**

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

Committee Member Excused: Wayne Taylor, Sr.

Others: Greg Swart (*AES*), Paul DeDominicas (*AES*), Justin Dechen (*AES*), Susan Kennedy (*NYS DOH*), Marlene Martin (*NYS DOH*)

Pledge

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Items for discussion

1. Elk's Filed – 35 Delano Road (*Out of district / Water Service Contract*)
 - a. The property has a well onsite. As it's an out of district property, a letter to the Town requesting to terminate the water service contract will be needed.
 - i. Nancy will call Marge Hurlburt to let her know that a letter is needed. Once the letter is received it will be presented to the Town Board for review.
2. USDA Rural Development
 - a. Greg mentioned that a representative will attend the September 25th Water and Sewer Committee Meeting to discuss possible grant opportunities for current and future projects.

Sewer Project Discussion

1. GIGP
 - a. Luck Brothers started on the project August 20th.
 - b. Greg will follow up on the response he received from the Army Corps of Engineers.
 - c. The easement with the Hydro Plant is currently being worked on.
 - d. The parking lot plan is almost finished. It will be a separate cost from the project to perform the work, and the Committee agrees to get quotes from a few different contractors. The Town's procurement policy needs to be followed.
 - e. The National Grid expenses to set two new poles will be fully fundable through EFC.

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- f. Mike Metcalf (AES) will send EFC updates on the progress of the project.
2. WWTP
 - a. The project is moving along well and on schedule. The footers were done yesterday
 - b. Derrick is hoping that the aeration basin gates will be done this week or next.
 - c. Tracy is hoping to have one clarifier online before the end of this year. Greg commented that the contractor is working towards the first clarifier being online in October.
 3. Recycling Effluent at the WWTP
 - a. The pumps and tanks are being worked on. Greg will discuss with EFC on financing.
 4. Clean Water Main – Portage Work
 - a. The project will be out to bid next year. After a brief discussion on possible funding options, Supervisor Giordano asked Greg if he could put together information on the project for the Town Board to review at the September 13th meeting. Greg will plan to have information available for the Board, and will also plan to attend the meeting.

Water Project Discussion

1. Well Building
 - a. Wall was poured today.
 - b. Gallo is still on schedule.
2. Matt will work on the Title Certification and it should be finished today.
3. Chilson Tank
 - a. DNS Tanks will be requesting a time extension for exterior color coating. Once the request is received in writing, Greg will pass along to the Town. The time extension will not affect the tank being online, but Greg will confirm to be sure. He will also check to see if the tank would need to be drained in order to perform the work.
4. Bellamy Construction will need a Change Order for a time extension.
5. Baldwin Plant
 - a. The Basis of Design Report for the filter plant improvements was filed on August 16th to meet the August 17th deadline.

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- b. As per the DOJ Decree, installation of continuous filter turbid meters on each individual filter at the plant is required within 120 days from the effective date of the Decree (July 11, 2018).

Other topics of discussion

1. Derrick had contacted Walt Lender (Executive Director of the LGA) in regard to the need for generators at three pump stations on Lake George, and inquired if there may be grant opportunities available that would assist with purchasing them.
2. Upon Wayne's suggestions from the July Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, Greg followed up with the hospital in regard to their proposed entrance road project, but he has not heard back yet.
3. Chilson RFP/Q's – There will be information available at the September 13th Town Board Meeting.

Adjourn

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 10:45 am.

The next Water/Sewer Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 25th at 8:30 am.

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Ticonderoga Elks Lodge #1494
5 Tower Avenue
P.O. Box 310
Ticonderoga, New York 12883-0310

Tonya Thompson - Town Clerk
Town of Ticonderoga
Montcalm Street
Ticonderoga, NY 12883

Town of Ticonderoga:

This letter is to inform you that we have had a Water Well at our 35 Delano Road property for the past 40 plus years and have been paying water rent to the town for all those years.

It is fortunate for us that a water leak at the property led us to this discovery but it is also unfortunate that we were not able to use the money paid (which is well over \$10,000) for the charitable programs we provide for our Youth, Veterans and Community.

As there is no access to Town water at this property, we are requesting that you take this property off the tax rolls for future water bills.

Our account # is 53-0013460-0 and our tax ID # is 139.4-1-38.000.

If you need any further information you can contact me at 518-321-3825.

Stella Kolysko
Secretary
Ticonderoga Lodge #1494

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Derrick Fleury - Water/Wastewater Superintendent, brought to the board's attention a petition signed by homeowners on Black Point Road asking for an extension of the Water District so they can attach to the main. There are about eight (8) houses that are on two or three different lines. They are small plastic lines that leak all the time and every time they fix one a month later another pops up. It is old outdated plastic. There is a 4" water main that runs up through that area so he would also like to see the Town extend that district and take over that water main.

Discussion - there may need to be a MPR done, maybe it already exists; but it can be described and conformed. Board was in favor.

Mr. Fleury reported that the projects are going excellent - the at the plant; the one clarifier has most of the mechanisms in it. They are going to start cutting the gates to the UV channels, they are working on the gates in the aeration tanks right now. The Well Building has most of the footers done, they are working on the electrical right now, hoping to put the generator in before they build the walls. Most of the Piping is through the field, they are working on the 30", it is almost to the building. The Tank is getting the floor poured tomorrow. The line on Street road is done, now we need to tie everyone in. GIGP project has a lot of it's structures in, ran into a power line that needs to be removed.

Greg Swart - AES Northeast - overview of project and what to do moving forward.

Background

As part of the overall Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Stream Daylighting sewer project, the reconstruction of new sanitary sewer and storm sewer work on The Portage has been planned and has been awarded grant funds.

With the stream and WWTP underway, we are ready to proceed to the design of the work on The Portage. The work will provide a new storm pipe to convey storm water and stream water from near-by Mt. Defiance to the new stream that is currently being constructed right next to the Town Hall. The goal of the project from the sewer standpoint is to reduce flows to the treatment plant and prevent overflows as required by NYSDEC.

Project Scope

With the base sewer project funded we have a chance to add significant value to this project on two fronts.

- Water
- Street Condition

We are looking for general direction tonight such that we can research and provide more details for final decisions in the near future.

Water

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When scoping the original water project (well system) there were several alternate projects that were to be completed if funds allowed. However, there were no additional funds and these projects remain highly critical, but unfunded.

One of these items is a water main to connect the new water main on RT 74 to the southern part of town. A portion of this water main can (and should) run down The Portage.

It would make financial and practical sense to incorporate this work into the Portage Sewer Project which we are required to do in the next 2 years.

- Project costs always go up as years go on, if this water main was pushed into the future, it will be more expensive.
- Much of the funding needed is in place, or could be in place, for this project (see below). The current grants & loans packages available to the Town are extremely favorable, and it is unlikely the Town will "get a deal" this good in the future.
- Many of the costs of the road repair are already budgeted for (see below).
- Larger projects cost less (economy of scale).
- This water main is part of the ongoing system upgrades to help reduce water main breaks and other issues in the system. The FEMA funding was granted because it was demonstrated that a replacement water main was cheaper in the long run than paying for all of the repair work. A similar philosophy applies here.
- Tear up and disturb The Portage only once.

The exact mechanism for funding needs to be determined as there is not likely significant grant money available, but after all project budgets (and user rates) were set for the big project, Ticonderoga was awarded approximately \$1.3 million in grant from FEMA for water main work. If we take the value of that grant and apply it to this water main, we can essentially "kill two birds with one stone."

Street Condition

Even without the water main work stated above, we will be replacing storm & sanitary pipe for this project. Just this work would consist of 2-3 pipes being replaced on many sections of The Portage.



Fig. 1 Typical Existing Pipes along The Portage

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At that point, almost the complete road will be torn up. This means a curb-to-curb paving of the roadway would be needed. We will also be tearing up and patching many sections of sidewalk.

For a normal pipe replacement, consisting of a single line running along a street, the pavement would simply be patched. This does not address any issues with the road or its features. We have a great opportunity to reconstruct the road completely, including the road, sidewalks, curbing, etc.

This reconstruction allows The Portage to be a signature street that is safe to walk along, has appropriate traffic control for the residents, and has the correct drainage for both storm and sanitary flows.

What is a full reconstruction of a road:

- The entire road corridor is rebuilt. This means that the road is completely removed, all layers. The layers are rebuilt and graded properly for storm water flow. The driveway and roadway elevations are graded properly for safer sight distances.
- New curbing and sidewalks are installed where desired/required.
 - o This helps with storm water control (prevents flooding of homes and yards).
 - o Other storm water controls are used where there is no sidewalk.
 - o The curbing can be placed around the power poles so they are not in the roadway.
 - o Sidewalks are brought to code for those with disabilities.
- Parking spaces are thought through and placed appropriately.
- Depending on desired costs, other items such as signage and beautification work can be incorporated.

Costs?

The big question.

The sewer and storm water work have been funded as part of the stream and WWTP project. Of the remaining budget, there is the budget for the sewer and storm water work and part of the road reconstruction work.

The water main must be funded separately. We would pursue additional grant dollars, if they are available. The most likely option is to take out a loan, but the cost to the users is reduced by the savings from the FEMA grant dollars on the last project.

Sewer & Storm	\$ 2,800,000.00
Road Reconstruction	-
Water Main	\$ 1,000,000.00
Soft Costs	\$ 350,000.00
Contingency	\$ 620,000.00
Total	\$ 6,770,000.00
Sewer & Storm funding (25% Grant)	\$ 4,700,000.00
Water Main funding	-

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Funding Gap	\$ (1,070,000.00)
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To complete a full reconstruction, we are approximately \$1,000,000 short.

Project Options

1. Complete the sewer and storm work and as much reconstruction as possible (reconstruction from Cannonball to Battery Street and patch and repair from Battery Street to Alexandria Ave)
2. Seek Alternative funding sources to bridge the gap.
3. Budget to bridge the gap.

Recommended Option: 2. Seek additional funding with the backup plan of completing only the work within the current funding allocation.

Board Decisions Needed

Today

General direction: work to pursue water main and additional road funding (or not).

Near Future

Formal direction on scope of project. We can meet again to go over specifics.

Longer Term:

Exact scope of work for reconstruction (i.e. where do you want sidewalks, etc.

Councilman Taylor would like to recognize everyone who has been working on this.

Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting to be held on September 19, 2018

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

I.T. Cable - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

August 15, 2018

Re: Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

Dear Municipal Official:

Charter Communications (“Charter”), locally known as Spectrum, is making changes to our channel lineup for customers in New York. English Premier League Soccer channel discontinued Spectrum’s right to carry its channels located on SPP Tier 2/Spectrum Gold/Standard TV channels 420-424, and effective on or after August 24, 2018, the channel will no longer be available.

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

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Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #261-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the minutes of the Regular TB Meeting on August 9, 2018 and the Monthly Financial Meeting on August 23, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #262-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates; Cindy Childs, Court Training, Lake Placid, NY, September 17-18, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #263-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joyce Cooper reappointing Sandy Morehouse and Pam Nolan as well as appoint Chris Mallon and Robert Porter to the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance for a three year term beginning Sept. 1, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #264-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano to Advertise for the town's annual Gas/Diesel/Propane bid. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #265-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods approving a \$500.00 voucher in sponsorship to the Fund for Lake George regarding the upcoming Salt Summit being held at the Fort William Henry Hotel in Lake George on October 3, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #266-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following budget adjustments:

- o A.3089 Other State Revenue \$4,000
- o A.1620.462 Buildings & Grounds Rep & Maint \$4,000

NYS Grant received for Disc Gold Course Supplies

- o A.2705 Gifts & Donations – Library \$716.03
- o A.7410.411 Library Supplies \$716.03

Task chairs for Library from GFNB Black Watch Memorial C/O John McDonald account

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

Resolution #267-2018 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano authorizing the following budget transfers:

- o SS05.8110.477 Waste Water Treatment Plant Training \$2000.00
- o SS05.1989.400 Contingency -\$2000.00

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Expenses related to training for new employee Eric Blanchard
(Contingency remaining balance is \$22,047)

- o A.1355.494 Assessor ORPTS Data Processing Charges \$259
- o A.1989.400 Contingency -\$259

Essex County Office of Real Property Tax Service – Data Processing underfunded
(Contingency remaining balance is \$110,098)

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

Resolution #268-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to pay the Abstract #9 of 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

8/17/2018	Gross Payroll PP#17	\$110,924.83
8/31/2018	Gross Payroll PP#18	\$92,490.09
	Trust & Agency Total	\$203,414.92
9/14/2018	ABSTRACT	
	General (A)	\$119,564.73
	CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	\$0.00
	CD21 LISC Zombie	
	Highway (DA)	\$65,713.78
	H17 - C/P Ticonderoga Airport	
	H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	\$1,488,221.95
	H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase	
	H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	\$38,795.94
	H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	\$293,229.46
	H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	
	H53 - Clean Water Main Project	\$6,672.13
	H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	
	H55 - DASNY/SAM Grant Comm.Bldg.	
	H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	
	SF01- Ticonderoga Fire District	
	SF02 - Chilson Fire District	
	Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	\$36.50
	Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	\$25.47
	Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	\$30.58
	Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	\$247.00
	Central Sewer (SS05)	\$80,308.79
	Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	\$472.01

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	Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	\$232.93
	Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	\$494.42
	Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	\$7,595.43
	Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	\$290.60
	9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	\$1,365.75
	9N & 74 Water (SW01)	\$10.77
	Street Road Water (SW02)	\$10.77
	Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	\$0.00
	Homelands Water District (SW04)	\$0.00
	Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	\$1,651.48
	Central Water (SW06)	\$104,866.11
	Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	\$0.00
	Shore Airport Water (SW09)	\$12,873.37
	Multi Account Total	\$2,222,709.97

Total Expenditures **\$2,426,124.89**

Resolution #269-2018 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the easement from LaChute Hydro Co. LLC for the GIGP Project. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #270-2018 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to execute the consent order with NYS DEC regarding the Town's SPEDES Permit. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Dorcey Crammond - Absent. **Carried.**

TICONDEROGA TOWN BOARD
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 270-2018
Adopted September 13, 2018
Introduced by Joseph Giordano
who moved its adoption
Seconded by Dave Woods

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
CONSENT ORDER WITH THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION

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WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga (“Town”), on behalf of its sewer districts, operates a wastewater treatment plant known as Ticonderoga Sewer District #5 WPCP (the “facility”); and

WHEREAS, to cure technical violations outlined in reports from DEC, the Town has negotiated a consent order (the “Order”) with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (the “DEC”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes the Order to be in the best interests of the residents of the Town and wishes to authorize the Town supervisor to execute same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the Order with the DEC and authorizes the Supervisor to execute same and to take any further action necessary to carry out the requirements of the Order; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor	Aye
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman	Aye
Wayne Taylor, Councilman	Aye
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman	Absent
Dave Woods, Councilman	Aye

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Announcing the Fall Rabies Clinic on October 16, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town's Highway Garage.

End of the Meeting Discussion

Mr. Fleury wanted to make the board aware that Eric Blanchard has now passed his basic exams, his lab exams and his Activated Sludge exams and has passed all of them. He has turned in all of his paperwork this week to the State to get approval to take the 1A Wastewater License.

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Bob Dedrick wanted to ask some questions on behalf of the Senior Citizens.

- When do you think the water will be in service for them?
Ideally the end of the year, but realistically by the spring.

- How are Water and Sewer Rates looking?

We are in budget now - looking to phase in the costs - we have some debt that we are able to retire to keep these costs down.

Supervisor Giordano wanted to mention that the Town is still working on 130 The Portage, we are looking at piggy backing on the county contract with asbestos contractors to finish the survey. The county still owns this property, but we are taking the lead in the remediation work. When they sell it we hope to recoup our costs.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

As of 9/19/2018 12:51 AM

AGENDA

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks -- Announcements:

Presentation - Adk Communities preparation/response re Climate Change (Linda Fusco)

Presentation – Holly Dixon (EDU part III)

Board of Health – no report

Public Comment (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

Public Hearing

Department Heads

Committee reports:

Public Safety DW

RESOLUTION to offer employment to Rhiannon Peters for the full-time position of Clerk in the Code Enforcement Office, at the hourly rate of \$16.32 with benefits, effective September 21, contingent upon the civil service requirement

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

RESOLUTION to advertise for part-time Library Aids

RESOLUTION to close Montcalm Street from the intersection of Lake George Avenue to the intersection of Tower Avenue for Halloween Fest on October 31st

Police Commission JC/DW

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Highway / Transfer Station WT

Airport JG

RESOLUTION to approve extending the submission date for Request for Qualifications from Airport Consulting Firms to Tuesday, October 9th

Human Services: Youth/Seniors DC

RESOLUTION to appoint Helen Barton Benedict as Rec Specialist for the Ski Program

Economic Development JG

Public Works JG

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UPDATE on The Portage Sewer Project (Greg Swart – AES)

Health Insurance JG

Contract negotiations JG

I.T. / Cable T.V. JG

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting August 9, 2018 and August 23, 2018 Finance Meeting

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RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment – Please Stand and State Your Name

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting