

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board meeting held on May 9, 2019  
commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing regarding a Local Law for Retirees  
Health Insurance**

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

**Others:** Heath Towne, Heather York, Tom Cunningham, Donna Van Wirt, Bob Dedrick, Pattie & Keith Osier, Maria Tedford, Mark Wright and Greg Swartz from AES.

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

Patti Osier - Sole Assessor addressed the public regarding the government changes in the Star Exemptions. If you make \$250,000 and above the exemption will be removed from the bill and you will need to sign up with the state for a check will be written. All residents who have Star now will need to choose to keep the Star as is or opt out and go into a check issue program. Please be certain what you choose because if you opt out and take it off your tax bill you will not be able to get it back onto your tax bill. The hopes if you opt out you will receive a check before the September taxes to help with that payment. The state is saying that you will make money in the end if you opt out and get the 2% increase; but if the Town or the School's budget goes up more than the cap you will not get that 2% check anyway - the School this year is talking about going over that 2% cap, so that means that we will probably not see this 2% check this year. There is another issue that happened. The State informed her at the end of January that this town was going to be at 92% equalization rate for the town so they said that she needed to do a trend to keep her 100% assessment and if she didn't keep that 100% assessment then this town would lose out on 8% on our special franchises, our Star Exemptions and our Veterans Exemptions. So that is why everyone went up this year, it went by neighborhoods - The neighborhoods of Lake Champlain and Lake George went up 5%, the Town neighborhoods and old village went up 10% and the neighborhoods of Pine Springs Park and Eagle Lake went up 15%, so we are now back at 100%. Because of this, the Enhanced Star for the Senior citizens went up to \$68,700. Last year it was \$66,800. So the state is saying if you stay with them to keep your Star on your tax bill, we will not get a raise from here on. It will stay that \$68,700 - so if she did a reval this year we would have lost 8% on \$66,800 so that is why she had to do the trend and people are receiving letters regarding their assessment.

Supervisor Giordano added that there are rumors around town that the increase in peoples assessments are due to the water and sewer project and that is completely false. The assessments are completely rated to market equalization and the water and sewer in this town is not run ad-valorem so the water and sewer rates are dependant on running the water and sewer plant and the amount of users. They have nothing to do with your property assessments.

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Mrs. Osier added that will all the assessments this year right now before grievance she brought 28 million dollars to the roll. On that was new construction and new special franchises because we won at court level fiber optic so we were able to tax them this year and also LaChute Hydro. So you have to think about that - we would have lost 8% if we didn't go up.

Heather York (teacher at Ti Central School District) - Be the Change; students have brought some concerns to her about feeling unsafe in the park in reference to drugs and needles. So she said let's do something - see below:

**Be The Change March**

Dear Parents & **Guardians** & Community;

In December and January, my students started sharing concerns **about** the park & community in Ticonderoga. I brainstormed ideas about things we can change and things we don't have control over. Eventually, it was decided that a March would shine a light on the issues that our kids see as problems that need to be addressed in our community. The students are concerned about the drug use in the park, the needles on the ground, and not generally feeling safe. There is a big wound in our community, and the kids feel disempowered, which leads to lack of empathy. Students would like to see **a park** that they can have fun in, a memorable place with more activities **to do** in the park for adolescents. They want to be proud of their town. They thought that the quote: *"Be the change you wish to see in the world"* by Mahatma Gandhi was a **good start for** their march.

**What it is:** A march/walk to bring awareness to some concerns in the park & community of Ticonderoga.

**Where & When:** Starting at the High School **parking** lot at 4:00pm on Saturday, June 1st. The March will **walk** down the Lake George Ave., and **go** on the LaChute Trail around the park, and to the Kissing Bridge. There will be some guest speakers to talk about their experiences, and "being the change". \*If people want to join the walk at any location, that is fine!\*

**Who:** Anyone & everyone is welcome, it is free! The more community involvement, the better!

Please contact me with any concerns you may have about this March, and you are welcome to join in with our current and future citizens.

Thank you!

Heather York

Middle School Spanish Teacher

hyork@ticonderogak12.org

Hopefully, this initial march will pick up steam and be an annual event.

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Supervisor Giordano announced the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be holding a boat safe course at the United Methodist Church on Saturday May 18th, please sign up or register with the phone number or email address below:

This year's National Safe Boating week will be marked by a joint effort of United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-13, The Town of Ticonderoga Recreation Department, The Ticonderoga School District, and The Lake George Association to provide a **Boating Safely Class on Saturday, May 18, 2019**, to all local residents interested in learning how to provide a lifetime of safe boating experiences for themselves, their families, and others.

Boating education has a dramatic positive impact on boating accidents, injuries and fatalities. Current Coast Guard as well as New York State statistics show that most boating fatalities are due to drowning, and in those cases 84.5% were NOT wearing life jackets. 81% of those fatalities were on boats being operated by a person who had not taken any boating education.

This course requiring eight hours of your time will provide you a lifetime of safe boating enjoyment. Laws in many states require anyone who wishes to legally operate a Personal Water Craft to take this or a similar course. Additionally, many states require such a course to operate any boat on their lakes and waterways. We offer the federal course, recognized by all 50 states. Upon successful completion, you will receive a pocket card to carry with you while operating a vessel, as well as a USCGAUX certificate of completion.

This course will be taught by USCG Certified Instructors. Course topics include the types of vessels, their parts, required safety equipment, basic navigation, safe anchoring, basic VHF radio operation, rules of the "road", stand-on and give-way vessels, safe trailering, and safe kayaking and paddle craft operation and more.

Course Location: United Methodist Church, 1045 Wicker St, Ticonderoga NY  
Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019. REGISTER BEFORE Saturday, May 11, 2019  
Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Light lunch provided; bring your own snacks  
Cost: \$16 per person; family member sharing a book testing separately: \$5  
\*\*Make check payable to "USCGAUX Flotilla 15-13"  
Ages: 12 and up; 10 & 11 year olds only with parent/guardian present

This class size will be limited; pre-registration is required. Please call FC Gene Frost at (518) 810-2283 or send an email with your name and phone number to VFC Seth Hopkins at this address: [uscgaux@usa.com](mailto:uscgaux@usa.com) .

Supervisor Giordano mentioned an informational meeting with Chilson/Eagle Lake Water users.

To: Chilson and Eagle Lake Water Users:

The Town of Ticonderoga would like to invite you to the first in a series of informational meetings that begins the discussion on how the Town, working with the contract water users in Chilson and Eagle Lake, can meet their drinking water needs into the future. This first meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall. Some light snacks will be provided.

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As you may be aware, the Town is under a consent order set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, to meet the drinking water needs of all district and contract water users. In response to this order, the Town has retained an engineering consultant, Barton & Loguidice from Albany, NY, to develop a plan that meets the drinking water needs of both the Chilson and Eagle Lake water users and the schedule requirements of the U. S. Department of Justice.

The goals of this first meeting are (1) to inform all Chilson and Eagle Lake water users of what has been set forth by the U. S. Department of Justice and the steps the Town will be taking to comply with this order, (2) to consider all the viable options as potential solutions to provide quality drinking water to this area and (3) to develop a productive dialogue, addressing concerns and questions, in regard to the development of this future project.

We look forward to your attendance and active participation. A second informational meeting will be scheduled for late June 2019.

Supervisor Giordano explained the NYS Grant available for Career/Support/Training Services for those individuals affected by the Opioid Crisis. It is not directly for those who are or have been affected but it is also for family members or anyone impacted by the opioid crises. A number to call about this is (518) 291-2371 or email [Katie@oneworksource.com](mailto:Katie@oneworksource.com).

Supervisor Giordano also wanted to update the board and the public regarding the Veterans Banners - they will begin placing them on May 13th.

Councilman Taylor asked about placement of banners.

Mrs. Thompson explained that any questions regarding the Veteran Banners should be directed to that committee (Porky Lamb), the town has no say in where the placement of certain banners will be, however, we do need to know what poles will be utilized in order to get permission for their use.

Public Comment

Bob Dedrick came tonight to primarily apologize to Councilwoman Cooper for last months meeting. He understands that Mr. Lamb was here at the last meeting and pretty irate over the whole situation. He had an understanding with Mr. Lamb, because he is on the design committee with Councilwoman Cooper. Just a bit of history - when he was Supervisor, we wanted to do everything we could to enhance the downtown area and one of the things we did was try to get banners and he thinks they are aesthetically pleasing to everyone. When the design committee and we were approached about the Veterans Banners, he was 100% in favor of this and stood up to say that. We had talked about for years having Patriotic Flags only circling the monument, for two reasons. One, it really enhances the Veterans Banners, and two that area is of historical importance. If you look at the monument it is history and what is more important than having an American Flag

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there. So he met with Mr. Lamb twice and he met with him one other time when he was driving the Senior Bus. They had basically agreed to use five (5) poles with the banners that have the American Flags that circle the monument - he was totally in agreement with that, absolutely. In fact, we walked up there together and pointed out the five (5) poles and just to make sure there was no misunderstanding they were marked with police tape so when they hand the Veteran Banners they will know what poles are for the flag banners. The design committee has been working on that for years and Councilwoman Cooper has spearheaded this and he has been on that committee with her. Mr. Lamb has agreed to that. There was one exception and that was John Ives' banner. He had a banner right next to the information booth and he did suggest that it be put on the next pole just down Lord Howe Street which is really close - less than 20 yards and that is actually the neighborhood where John was born and raised. He would never have an issue with that and probably not his wife either. It is still within the site of the monument. So as far as where those flags are going to be put, yes we asked that those five (5) poles would be used for the American flag. There are over 80 Veteran banners right now, that is a lot and he is probably overwhelmed, he has put over 2,000 miles on his car. So again, he wanted to apologize to Councilwoman Cooper, there is no way you should have taken that heat because he had an understanding with him. If you talk with Mr. Lamb, he is a Veteran at heart as all Veteran's are and he was just reading stats that there are 20 suicides a day with Veterans, 4 in the month of April in the parking lot of the Veterans Center down in Albany. That is what these Vet's are going through and he doesn't want to do any, and he knows the board doesn't want to do anything to prevent these banners what so ever. So there is an agreement with them, we shook hands again last night because we walked it again, so those five (5) banners will go up around the monument. It is a win/win for all of us. Those Banners will look nice circling the monument and the Veteran banners through the rest of the Town. There were families that were asking if their families could have like these three poles and sometimes one of those poles are already taken etc, so he is taking that heat. We understand and really feel bad.

Councilwoman Cooper added that the Banners are not strictly a flag - they are red, white and blue and have part of a flag in the corner and say welcome on the bottom, they are very attractive.

Mr. Dedrick continued that we did talk about having actual flags, but we didn't want the flags because of the wind blowing the flags around the poles and that is not how you should see an American Flag. These look sharp.

One other thing he wanted to mention, next year he will be coming to the board a few times - our Ticonderoga Alumni Association is really spending a lot of time and a lot of money to get the 2020 Extravaganza to be held in the Park next year, the last weekend of July, so we will be coming to request that and we will be having a Chicken BBQ next Saturday, so please come support us, we are trying to raise about \$15,000.00 for the event.

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Tom Cunningham asked about The Portage Project and if anyone had actually approached the utilities companies about putting them underground or are we running on assumption.

Greg Swartz, AES, stated that we are working with National Grid right now and we will formally ask this question, but we know the answer is that we will need to pay for that.

Mr. Cunningham asked if we did have to pay, what would that cost. If this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and there is many times that we let these things because of not enough money or not enough time, but we have to look back to the adage of never enough time or money to do it right the first time, but you can always find time and money to do it over. We would be remiss if we didn't follow this to ground and determine how much money this would actually cost to do this project and make a decision if we can find the money to do it, either raising the bond, grant or whatever we could do. You can't make that decision until you actually know what it is going to cost and he thinks we need to run that ground. If someone is looking or you need some help to talk with National Grid, he would be willing to offer his services to be a go between to assist with that process.

Donna Van Wirt asked if it was possible to put a beach by the water fall, so people could enjoy looking at it and also a bench down on the path which is along the LaChute river. This is an area that she doesn't think people in Ticonderoga are even aware of. Her friend and she have been walking down there since last year and there is nobody walking down there and it is so beautiful. It is mowed walkway, but she feels it would be very nice to have a bench down there.. she would be very happy to donate and try to do this. (Further discussion will be held at the Parks and Recreation meeting). In addition, she had asked about the situation with the house across from hers on Amherst that the owner has since passed away. (the board is working on this).

Public Hearing

Local Law Regarding Ticonderoga Retirement Rates

Supervisor Giordano explained that we have been talking about this law since January because there were some questions. We have worked through these questions and are ready for adoption later in this meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

Report from Committees

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
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**Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Tracy Smith,  
Nancy Treadway

**Others:** Greg Swart (*AES*), Don Fletcher (Barton & Loguidice), Joyce Cooper, Sandra Foley

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

**Items for Discussion**

1. Sandra Foley – 31 Black Point Road
  - a. Sandra addressed the Committee in regard to the property she purchased in Sept. 2018. She was highly frustrated over the Town not hooking her residence to the Town's main water line as it was her understanding that once everyone signed the petition it would be done. The current private water line that is in place has continually had issues, and she hardly has any water pressure. Contractors that she has spoken with will not do the work as the lines are in such bad shape. She was highly upset over the delay and feels lied to, and also asked what is holding the Town up from doing something. She demanded that the Committee gives her a date as to when the work would be done. The renovations on the house have been completed, but she can't live there if there is no water pressure.
  - b. Much discussion took place over the frustration of the situation, and the timeframe for something to be done.
    - i. The Committee explained that a timeframe cannot be given as there are other steps that need to be taken first before the Town can act. Although the petition was signed by the residents, that starts the process and doesn't immediately form a district (currently they are out of district water users). These are private lines not Town owned. AES is working on a MPR, but Thomas Meyer that lives on Bridget Lane asked about the cost associated with possibly being included in the district formation, as originally his property had not been included. However, Mr. Meyers would need to run a line to the main on Black Point which would be his responsibility. Greg will update the MPR and once numbers are pulled together, a response will be given to Mr. Meyers so the process can move forward. He is hoping to have the report in for review by the Committee in June and to the Town Board for review/approval in July. In the meantime, the Committee asks for patience with the situation and that the Town is working towards a solution.
2. Joseph Bodette – 133 Montcalm Street
  - a. Mr. Bodette wrote a letter to the Town asking for a reduction on his current water and sewer charges as the use for his building has changed.

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There is still a rental unit upstairs, but the downstairs area is now a candy store instead of a sit down restaurant.

- i. After Nancy looked up his account, it was discovered that the rental unit is currently being charged .25 of the water and sewer rate. To stay in line with the Town's policies of EDU charges, the Committee recommends to the Town Board to increase the rental unit to 1 full EDU of water and sewer charges.
  - ii. The Committee also recommends to the Town Board to decrease the downstairs area for the candy store to reflect 1 full EDU of water and sewer charges.
3. Sharon Barber Cooke – 8 Fort Ti Road
- a. As per the Codes Dept. and Town Assessor, the property will now be considered a single family home and reflected as such on the 2019 Assessment Roll.
    - i. The Committee recommends to the Town Board to reduce the water account to reflect a 1 EDU water charge.
4. Jean Zaleckas – Mossy Point Road
- a. Ms. Zaleckas contacted the Town in regard to two parcels that she has merged with the County, and asked that the vacant parcel no longer receive a sewer bill.
  - b. After a brief discussion on the parcels, it was suggested that the Committee review the paperwork that was filed with the County first, and a follow up discussion will take place once it's reviewed.

**Chilson and Eagle Lake Water Supply Discussion**

Don Fletcher addressed the draft of the informational sheet he created that would be handed out to the Chilson and Eagle Lake residents at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Today's discussion is to address how much information we are trying to relay at the first meeting.

- a. The Committee agreed it's about stating facts and listening to ideas. Generally speaking, residents just want quality water at an affordable price and it was suggested to address rough costs at the meeting with what options would be available. DOJ compliance dates should be included. The Town has to abide by the DOJ schedule that by 2025 residents can no longer take water from Gooseneck. Fire prevention should also be addressed.
  - i. Matt has marked up the draft and will send on to the Committee for review.
- b. Input from the Chilson and Eagle Lake residents will also be crucial for moving forward and the informational meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> is a good starting point.



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- c. There is a legal obligation under the consent decree for the town to continue to maintain Gooseneck. It will also continue to be monitored and staff time associated with monitoring can be tracked.
- d. The question arose as to how the village system will be disconnected as pressure is still needed for the Chilson and Eagle Lake users. Derrick commented that there is a throttle valve under the building and another near Elthorps. The water flow is regulated with a gate valve.
- e. Greg showed the Committee a map of the area where the tank is. Between the waterline project that FEMA paid for, and tank project, there is some new 12" pipe with stubs that would leave room for a small booster station, which is a possibility. It needs to be understood that there is maybe a one year timeframe, and decisions need to be made fairly quickly.
- f. The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. It will take place at the local K of C (Tracy will confirm) and light snacks will be provided.
- g. A letter to the Chilson and Eagle Lake residents needs to go out this week. A note can also be made that a second meeting date is expected in late June.

**Sewer Project Discussion**

1. WWTP

- a. The project continues to move along well and on schedule. UV disinfection started last Thursday, and tests were sent out on Thursday and Friday and were all less than 1 Fecal Coliform per 100 mil. There was a bypass on Saturday, but the test results were also okay. Everything goes through the UV system now. The system is working well, and today is the deadline for compliance. Matt will look over the draft letter to DEC from Greg, and will send it along to Sandy Allen.
- b. Tracy commented that the current SCADA panel boxes do communicate with the system in the office, but the new panels do not communicate with the old system. Jen at AES is working on a fix.
- c. Greg commented that he met with Kelly from DEC a couple of weeks ago, and there were a few flow monitoring questions that need to be addressed. It's suggested that a workshop be set up to discuss the permit information, and also with the new system there will be additional reporting and other tasks that will need to be done. Greg and Matt will meet to discuss financing and other items and report back to the Committee.

2. GIGP

- a. ATL will be taking the spoils samples to ESMI to determine if they can take the material. ESMI has a PFOA treatment plant and a regular plant, but it depends upon which treatment method DEC will approve of even though the levels are so low.

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- b. The sign and bench will be moved to lawn area.
  - c. Luck Brothers is finishing up with restoration, and should be paving in the next week or two.
3. Portage Project
    - a. Greg commented that an application could still be submitted for an OCR grant to help with storm drainage, but an income survey will be needed, and other details of the grant need to be looked over a bit more.
    - b. Matt and Greg will meet to discuss financing for the project, and also discuss the scope of the project. A discussion with EFC will also take place.
  4. Effluent Recirculation
    - a. Although it has not been completed, the preliminary work has been done and the schedule will be reviewed as work cannot go past August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Water Project Discussion**

1. A letter that was provided by AES will be mailed to residents to inform them about what to expect when the system goes online. Once the tank is filled, fully chlorinated and a sample taken, the system will be online. On Monday it's expected that the security system at the well building will be set up, and then the system is functional, automated and secure. Also, by Monday or Tuesday next week everything will be substantially complete.
2. Chilson Tank
  - a. The tank is being filled today. During the process the filter screen at the PRV by Racetrack Road got clogged and caused dirty water. This line feeds most of the village area, but the problem was addressed immediately and residents were informed of the issue by the Everbridge Notification System.
3. Water Main
  - a. All of the water lines have been chlorinated and tested and approved by the DOH for a few weeks now. Bellamy has a few service lines left to install on the upper portion
4. The Water Supply Permit has been received, and there are a few items that will need immediate attention. Identifying which test wells will be abandoned, and which will be used for future testing needs to be determined.
5. Gooseneck Monitoring
  - a. Derrick would like to get a meter installed at Gooseneck for monitoring. He suggests an outside doghouse manhole. Greg will be working on getting this accomplished.
6. Baldwin Plant
  - a. The Notice of Awards have been sent to out to meet the May 10<sup>th</sup> DOJ compliance date. A pre-construction meeting will need to be scheduled.

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- b. The Town will supply the pump, and DE Tank has specifications listed but they are all different sizes. Derrick will give Jen at AES the information on the current pump to see if that meets the specifications. If a new pump needs to be purchased it could be force account work through the project if need be.
  - c. Derrick commented that there is some electrical work that needs to be done, and Reale Construction asked if the Town had an electrician that could do the work. Steve Nadeau would like to do the work for the Town, and the Town can pay for the work through the force account.
7. Veteran's Road
- a. The County has asked for quote on how much it would cost for work on the waterline in the area where they will be doing bridge work. Greg will get a quote from Bellamy.
  - b. The first thought is to see if the County can help with the costs.

**Additional Topic of Discussion**

1. Leerkes Farm – Land Spreading
  - a. The Leerkes Farm will no longer have cattle on the farm. The question arose about the Town's land spreading permit, and the detail about growing corn (not for human consumption) on the property where spreading occurs. The Town will need to contact Erik Leerkes to see if he still plans to grow crops.

**Adjourn**

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 12:15 am.

The next Water/Sewer Committee Meeting is set for Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

Mr. Swartz (AES) Updated the board on the progress of the projects.

**Water Project**

- DOH has approve the tank, the wells and all the piping
- It is on-line - will be turned on Monday
- Water has been pumped to fill the tank
- Pressure testing has been completed - major hurdles are done
- Working on substantial completion, closing contracts out

Tank - Done all but for some final grading

Water line - about 20 services that are still being connected and restoration needs to be completed.

Well Building - a few electric things left, counters, and clean-up, along with landscaping.

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So far, so good.

Questions regarding the necessity of working on frozen pipes - they are plastic and can flex better than copper, water will be continuously moving through them.

Sewer project

- We are at full start up -UV Disinfection started on May 1st, functioning well
- Bacterial count can be up to 200 milligrams allowed in water, we are at 1 milligrams, 4 on the day it rained, going very well.
- Much more work continuing at plant - using the old clarifiers and turning them into sludge digesters

GIGP

- Landscaping is finishing up
- Still working on getting rid of the spoils
- Should be paving in the next week or so for the parking lot

Question regarding the Day light Stream's open culvert - will not be covered as it is a stream channel.

Baldwin Filter plant

- Bids have been awarded - Notice to Proceed will be issued tonight.

The Portage

- Working on the preliminary design
- Will need financial discussions from the board
- Will need an amendment in their contract for this project as it has grown from just a sewer line project

Supervisor Giordano added that we will look at costs for burying utilities and bring that back to the public.

**Resolution #162-2019** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to change the water assessment record for 8 Fort Ti Road (Sharon Barber Cooke) Road to reflect a 1 EDU water charge. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #163-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to change the water/sewer assessment record for 133 Montcalm Street (Joseph Bodette) to reflect a 2 EDU water and sewer charge. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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**Resolution #164-2019** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Reale Construction, Inc. for the Baldwin Filter Plant Settling Tank Modification (GC) NYS DOH DWSRF #17163 & AES #4327. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #165-2019** brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC for the Baldwin Filter Plant Train Meter Installation (P) NYS DOH DWSRF #17163 & AES #4327. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #166-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Wayne Taylor to issue a Notice to Proceed to Real Construction Inc. for the Baldwin Filter Plant Settling Tank Modification pending Counsel's approval. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #167-2019** brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Dave Woods to issue a Notice to Proceed to Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC for the Baldwin Filter Plant Train Meter Installation pending Counsel's approval. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Workshop  
May 1, 2019 – 8:00 am  
Stormwater Related Issues Near St. Claire Street and Grove Avenue**

**Town of Ticonderoga:** Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Tracy Smith,  
Nancy Treadway, Joyce Cooper, Sal Barnao, Matt Fuller

**Others:** Greg Swart (AES) and Shaine and Seanna Porter

The workshop was scheduled to follow up on a discussion that took place at the recent Highway Committee Meeting. Supervisor Giordano commented that as Sal couldn't make it to the previous workshops, today's workshop is meant to give him updates on what tasks have already been assigned, and to provide additional information on the issues at hand to keep him informed.

**Discussions:**

1. Greg had brought a few maps that illustrated what the infrastructure looks like. The group looked over the maps, which one included data on the piping of the

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- Town. The information was pulled together by some of GIS work that AES had done, and some sketching.
- a. As per a task from the previous workshop, AES will do a comprehensive statement and analysis of the current issues, and will outline short term, medium term and long term plans. The information will be available at the next workshop.
2. Shaine wanted to be sure that the group was on the same page about the 24” storm line by Wayne Avenue. He commented that a few months ago AES had said the line was at capacity. However, Greg commented that he did not believe the AES has the data on the capacity of 24” line to make that determination, but it would certainly be helpful to have it.
- a. Shaine commented that the logical place to start is to find out the 24” line capacity, which the group also agreed with. He commented that possibly by rerouting and straightening out the 24” line would assist with handling more flow, but without the knowing the calculations of the line it’s an unknown at this time. Also, there is currently an 18” line goes into a 12” line that overflows when there is a lot of rain, so more storm water needs to be removed. Water has been running under their property since the 1920’s, but once the property owner on the corner put fill on their property that added to the current issues as well.
  - b. Derrick commented that everything from NAPA to the south flows to the Porter’s property.
  - c. Shaine inquired if he could maintain the property himself, and have the rights to change out culverts, ditching etc., but doesn’t want to be held liable if something happened. Something needs to be done. He doesn’t want to sit back and wait any longer for the Town to do something.
3. A brief discussion then took place on the Lowe’s retention pond. Questions arose as to the where the water migrates to, and if it’s holding water at its full capacity.
- a. Tracy commented that an independent study was done by CT Male Associates who was the civil engineering firm that was hired. A survey of the area and capacity of the lines would have been addressed in the study. However, the Town does not seem to have a copy of the study. The Town’s engineer at the time, Jarrett Engineering did review the information, and the Town’s Planning Board also reviewed and approved the study. Matt stated that the study was not meant to solve the storm water issues, it was meant to improve the situation at the time.
    - i. Supervisor Giordano suggests that the Town look through files on the Lowes property to see if the study can be located, and also commented that George Landrie from NYS DOT will be able to have more information for the group by the next workshop on what DOT will be willing to assist with.

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4. Shaine addressed the Town and said that an option would be for the Town to purchase the property, which would be a cheaper option than investing in larger pipe.

**Action Items:**

1. Supervisor Giordano has set up another workshop for Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 12:00 pm. (*Date Change from May 21, 2019*)
2. The Town will look through files on the Lowes property to see if the CT Male Associates' study can be located that will identify the capacity of the 24" line.
3. AES will do a comprehensive statement and analysis of the current issues. They will outline short term, medium term and long term plans and have the information available on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The workshop adjourned at 9:00 am.

**Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman**

391 Calls for Services - 36 Arrests - 157 Traffic Stops - 6 DWI - 6 Drug Arrests

There have been enough points accumulated to start the proceedings on 170 Champlain Avenue regarding our Nuisance Law.

The board agreed to extend the no parking 100' further on Champlain Avenue to improve the sight distance.

Discussion regarding a grant to help with speeding issues on the Black Point Road.

**Resolution #168-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Wayne Taylor to accept the \$8,000.00 in mini-grant funds from Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CCHD) for safety signage along Black Point Road. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye.

**Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Highway / Transfer Station - Wayne Taylor, Councilman**

Ticonderoga Highway Meeting

04/25/19 8:00 AM

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

- The meeting opened with the pledge to our nation's flag.
- Sal reported on the upcoming paving schedule. Montcalm St will be paved from the Liberty Monument to Rte. 22 at a cost of \$ 140 k. This will occur in the end of May or beginning of

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June. The remainder of Lake George Ave will cost \$ 40k. Sal reported that the department would be renting a paver from FEI. This will occur in July. The plan is to pave the end of Lester Hack, Burgoyne Rd and Mohawk Trail.

- Dave Woods questioned if the highway department would be able to pave the new parking area at the Armory Senior Center. He stated that he has a quote to do this work for \$ 5,800.
- Discussed the situation at St Claire and Grove St. Sal presented a short-term solution which would require the installation of another line to the north side of St Claire St.
- Discussed the installation of the oil water separator at the highway garage. The project is waiting on a design from Todd Hodgson that will meet with DEC approval.
- Joyce Cooper inquired of the plan to repair sidewalks on Montcalm St.
- Sal requested authorization to replace the Grade All. He requested that the appropriate amount of fund balance be transferred to equipment line. Wayne Taylor will put together a resolution for the finance meeting later today.
- The committee determined that the no parking zone at the intersection of Cannonball Path and Champlain Ave be increased by 100 feet extending to south.
- Sal reported that Brad Granger is now working at the highway department. He stated that Tanner Wright is transferring to the Water Sewer Dept. Sal requested the board authorize the placing of an ad in the paper seeking to fill an MEO light position.
- Bill Ball reported that he is continuing to have a problem with a person parking at 37 Outlet Drive. Adam Hurlburt will approach the owner and have the items cleared out.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.
- Next Highway Meeting 05/30/19 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Taylor, 05/08/19

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting has been rescheduled to May 14th at 8:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

Armory - Minor repairs, moved Fire Ext. boxes, changed the swing of the door at the Senior Center room, paving will be bid out for the parking lot, the broken railing has been fixed.

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Monuments, Beach and Cemeteries

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

**Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2019**

Committee members present were Bill Dolback, Jerry Cooper, Annette Hurlburt, Nancy Kelley, Maria Tedford, Tonya Thompson, and Chairs Joyce Cooper and Dave Woods. Also present were Debbie Barber, Molly Bechard, Matt Courtright representing the Fourth of July Committee, Laura Wright, John Bartlett representing the Town Clean-up Week Committee, Head Groundskeeper Grant Spaulding, and Supervisor Joe Giordano.



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**Fourth of July Celebration:**

The Fourth of July Committee was invited to the April meeting to discuss issues that have occurred in the past and to develop a stronger partnership between the town and the committee to help ensure the success of the event. The Fourth of July Committee asked if gazebo lighting and electrical service could be improved for 2020. Dave will look into this.

**Fourth of July Committee** requests for 2019 are as follows:

- Walk Aabouts take place during the event with Dave, Joyce, Debbie Barber and Bill Ball, our Code Enforcement Officer so any observed issues can be dealt with immediately
- Police presence in the park during the busy times of the event
- Ask the Dog Warden to visit the park during the event
- Notify Debbie immediately if dumping of gray water/sewage is observed

The **Parks and Rec Committee** made the following requests:

- Campers/Rvs be restricted to the area near the Fishing Pier as stated in the vendor contract
- Use of cars by vendors going in and out during the event should be prohibited
- Vendors be informed where they can dump gray water and sewage
- Have Porta potties and dumpsters delivered earlier

**Ti Tri Festival:** The event's next meeting is this Friday. Someone from our committee should be present and if necessary voice their opinion in matters concerning the beach property.

**Recreational Park:** Grant mentioned damage done to the Tennis court fence by children unsupervised when the fields are being used. Dave and Grant will look into ways to keep children from using holes in the fencing to get into the courts. Cement curbing is one possible solution.

**Legacy Park:** Requests were made recently to place additional memorial pavers in the park. The committee supported the idea.

**Cycle Adirondacks:** This group will be using and camping in Bicentennial Park 3 nights this summer. Group organizers like to make a donation to town hosts as a thank you for use of their facilities. Joyce has suggested that this money be used for our park playground which gets heavy use by preschool children. New swings or slides could replace the aging wooden structures. Grant said the Beautification Crew would repair and paint the wooden equipment to extend their use until new equipment can be purchased.

**Disk Golf:** Work on the course has been done by two volunteers and Moriah Shock with assistance from the Beautification Crew. Course organizers need to look for more volunteers. Existing invasive vegetation will be a continuing problem. Hole locations need to be firmed up and an accurate map developed. The Beautification Crew can offer

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limited help in the shoulder seasons. A formal agreement between the town and the golf group should be drawn up. Organizers will be invited to attend the May committee meeting.

**Streetlight Conversion:** Tanko Lighting has contacted the town concerning the conversion of our present lights to led lighting. Joe Giordano asked the committee if they felt this should be pursued. The group was positive about the idea and wondered if grants for this type of project might be available.

**Resolution #169-2019** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to accept the resignation of Jacob Denton as groundskeeper effective August 31, 2018. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Human Services: Youth/Seniors - Dorsey Crammond, Councilwoman

Youth - May 2019

The After School Program is going vey well. Attendance stays steady and staffing is full. I visited the program Wednesday afternoon and they were all excited to be getting ready to go outside to play.

All the Summer program staff is in place and ready for the summer season.

Meredith has contacted all the lifeguards and has set June 15th @ 11 a.m. for Beach Preparedness Day.

Next Youth Commission Meeting is Monday May 20th at 6 p.m.

**Resolution #170-2019** brought by Dorsey Crammond, seconded by Joyce Cooper to appoint Jackie Palandrani (Silver Bay YMCA) as a member of the Youth Commission and Zac Smalley will attend in her absence. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Economic Development - Joseph Giordano, Councilman

Discussion regarding a resolution authorizing PRIDE to pursue a grant for out French Saw Mill project.

**Resolution #171-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize PRIDE to apply for a 2019 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant through NYS DEC on behalf of the Town of Ticonderoga to fund the site plan and professional design for the Reconstruction of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century French Saw Mill with a town match of up to \$25,000 provided through the Community Tourism Enhancement Fund. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorsey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No Report for this month

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Nothing to report.

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

On or around March 29, 2019, you received launch information for a video-on-demand fitness subscription channel, Gaiam TV Fit & Yoga. Gaiam TV Fit & Yoga will not launch in your area on or around April 30, 2019, but at a later date to be determined. Once we have a launch date, we will notify you with the updated launch information.

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

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact me at 518-640-8575 or via email at [kevin.egan@charter.com](mailto:kevin.egan@charter.com).

Charter Communications (“Charter”), locally known as Spectrum, has some exciting news to share with you. Effective on or around May 13, 2019, Charter will launch Spectrum Originals on-demand on channel 2010. Spectrum Originals is a premier destination for premium original series available exclusively to Spectrum video subscribers on-demand and ad-free. This free service will launch with the Sony and Bruckheimer-produced drama “L.A.’s Finest,” starring Gabrielle Union and Jessica Alba. Additional projects include the high-octane street race drama “Curfew,” co-produced with Sky UK, and the Lionsgate series “Manhunt.”

An initiative of Charter Communications, Spectrum Originals is the latest expansion of Charter’s market-leading video offerings, which include regional sports networks and its award-winning Spectrum News services. More information on Spectrum Originals can be found at [www.spectrumoriginals.com/lasfinest](http://www.spectrumoriginals.com/lasfinest).

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

Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #172-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting April 11, 2019 and Finance Meeting April 25, 2019. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #173-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates;

1. Bob LaBounty, AWWA Training, Troy, NY, May 8, 2019
2. Patti Osier, Ethics in Assessment Training, Lake George, NY 12845

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

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**Resolution #174-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to adopt a Local Law Amending Local Law Establishing a Health Insurance Policy for Training Elected Officials and Employees in the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No.174 of 2019  
Adopted May 9, 2019

Introduced by Joseph Giordano  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Dave Woods

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW  
ESTABLISHING A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY FOR RETIRING  
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWN OF  
TICONDEROGA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board previously adopted a local law establishing a policy for health insurance benefits for certain elected officials and employees retiring from the Town of Ticonderoga (the "Town") and the Town Board has determined that certain amendments to said law are necessary and a local law has been drafted amending said local law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Town Board on January 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Offices of the Town of Ticonderoga, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, New York, to hear all interested parties on the proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly posted and then published in the *Sun Community News*, the official newspaper of the Town, pursuant to and in conformance with Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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**RESOLVED**, the Town Board, upon due deliberation of the proposed Local Law and the comments presented at the public hearing, finds that the adoption of the same shall be in the best interests of the Town; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this resolution, is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Department of State; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT:

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

{Seal}

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Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk  
Town of Ticonderoga

**TOWN OF TICONDEROGA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK  
Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2019**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2015, AS  
PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL INSURANCE  
POLICY FOR RETIRING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE  
TOWN OF TICONDEROGA**

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

**Section 1. Declaration of legislative findings**

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

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such retired elected officials and/or employees. This Local Law shall supersede any previous versions hereof.

**Section 2. Title and Authority**

This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Establishing a Medical Insurance Policy for Retiring Elected Officials and Employees.” It is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Section 3. Definitions**

As used in this chapter, any inconsistent provisions of law notwithstanding, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Employees**” means all employees of the Town of Ticonderoga.

“**Elected Officials**” means the **Superintendent of Highways** and the **Town Clerk** of the Town of Ticonderoga.

“**Medical-benefit-eligible**” means that for employee, during the individual employee’s employment with the Town of Ticonderoga, the employee would then have been eligible for medical benefits, and for Elected Officials, that such Elected Official individually would then have been eligible for medical benefits, both during the time of his or her employment or his or her office.

**Section 4. Eligibility (employees)**

An eligible retired employee of the Town must meet all of these requirements:

- 1) hired as full-time employee of the Town of Ticonderoga before August 1, 2015;
- 2) served at least **thirty years** of employment as a full-time, medical-benefit-eligible employee with the Town of Ticonderoga (service does not have to be continuous);
- 3) attained at least **fifty-five years** of age;
- 4) retired directly from the Town of Ticonderoga; and,
- 5) receiving service retirement benefits from the New York State Retirement System upon retirement from Town service or within ninety calendar days thereof.

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

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

**Section 5. Eligibility (elected officials)**

An Elected Official in the office of Superintendent of Highways or Town Clerk is eligible provided such elected official meets all of these requirements:

- 1) took office before December 31, 2015;
- 2) credited with at least **thirty-five years** in the New York State Retirement System or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System with no less than **twenty years** of that service credited to the Town of Ticonderoga;
- 3) attained at least **fifty-five years** of age;
- 4) retired directly from the Town of Ticonderoga; and,
- 5) receiving service retirement benefits from the New York State Retirement System upon retirement from Town service or within ninety calendar days thereof.

Notwithstanding the above, an Elected Official who is removed from office due to disciplinary action will not be eligible for medical insurance or prescription drug coverage for retirees.

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

**Section 6. Dependents**

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

**Section 7. Filing Requirements**

Eligible retirees are entitled to post-retirement medical insurance as set forth herein provided the eligible retiree has notified the Town of his or her election to receive post-retirement medical insurance coverage at the time the employee or elected official submits an application for retirement with the Town. This notification must be submitted prior to the eligible retiree's completion of Town service.

**Section 8. Insurance Plan**

The Town Board will make available the same medical insurance plan(s) and prescription drug plan(s) that it makes available to active employees of the Town. When the retiree meets the eligibility criteria for Medicare coverage, coverage will be provided by

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Medicare and the Town **will not** continue to make available a medical insurance plan or prescription drug plan to the retiree.

**Section 9. Premiums and Deductibles**

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

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

**Section 10. Certain Persons Receiving Retiree Medical before December 31, 2015**

Those retirees who retired from the Village of Ticonderoga or the Town of Ticonderoga (pre-1994 to April 16, 2005) listed below and those retiree spouses listed below will be enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan and the Town will pay a portion of the monthly premium as set forth below. The Town **will not** reimburse the retiree for the monthly Medicare Part B premium.

Retiree

William Dolback - retire premium: 45%; Town Premium 55%

Sally O’Dell - retire premium: 45%; Town Premium 55%

Leon Wells - retire premium: 45%; Town Premium 55%

Clifford Herbert - retire premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

Lawrence LaPann - retire premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

Ernest Trudeau - retire premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

Retiree Spouse

Yvonne Avery - retire spouse premium: 75%; Town Premium 25%

Brenda Donovan - retire spouse premium: 75%; Town Premium 25%

Antonia Fuller - retire spouse premium: 75%; Town Premium 25%

Ellen Hebert - retire spouse premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

Judith LaPann - retire spouse premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

Sandra Trudeau - retire spouse premium: 50%; Town Premium 50%

**Section 11. Town Board right to modify post-employment benefit**

This Local Law is not a contract of employment, expressed or implied, and should not be construed as such. The Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga reserves the unfettered right, free from judicial review, to modify or eliminate the post-employment medical insurance benefit set forth herein and/or the contribution that the Town makes towards the premiums and/or the “high deductible” component of the medical insurance plan.



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**Section 12. Applicability**

This Local Law shall apply only to all eligible employees and eligible elected officials retiring on or after December 31, 2015.

**Section 13. Severability**

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

**Section 14. Effective Date.**

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

**Resolution #175-2019** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond advertise for the vacant Planning Board seat. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #176-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Wayne Taylor to advertise for bidders for the following: Screened Sand, Bank Run Gravel/Bank Run Sand, Crushed Stone 1A,2A, 3A, Item#4 Gravel, Cobblestone, Beach Sand, Screened Topsoil, Overburden. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #177-2019** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing the following budget adjustments

- o A.6772.463 Senior Bus Repair & Maintenance \$1,434.56

**Increase Senior Bus Repair budget for vehicle insurance recovery revenue received**

- o A.3120.230 Police Equipment \$600.00

**Increase police equipment budget for additional STOP DWI revenue received**

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

**Resolution #178-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing the following budget transfers

- o A.8160.862 Refuse & Garbage HSA/HRA \$525.50
- o A.1310.862 Finance HSA/HRA \$525.50

**Unbudgeted HRA Contract Renewal and Administration fees**

- o A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance \$435.60

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**Unbudgeted Comp & Collision for police vehicle**

- o A.3120.470 Police Towing & Storage \$175.00

**Unbudgeted police towing and storage**

- o A.1989.400 General Contingency (\$1,661.60)

**Cover unbudgeted expenses from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$115,678)**

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

**Resolution #179-2019** brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Joseph Giordano authorizing the following Due-To and Due-From Loans

- o SS08.0200 Baldwin Road Sewer Due-To Central Sewer \$3,280.94
- o SS05.0200 Central Sewer Due-From Baldwin Road Sewer (\$3,280.94)

**Loan from SS05 Fund to SS08 Fund until sufficient SS08 revenue is received**

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

**Resolution #180-2019** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to Pay the Abstract #5 of 2019. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Abstract	Board Meeting Date 5/9/19	
4/12/2019	Gross Payroll #8	\$98,478.69
4/26/2019	Gross Payroll #9	\$87,730.35
	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Total</b>	<b>\$186,209.04</b>

**EFT's & Pre-Pays**

5/9/2019	ABSTRACT #5	
	General (A)	\$101,106.13
	CD21 LISC Zombie	
	Highway (DA)	\$90,387.94
	H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	\$498,738.29
	H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase	
	H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	\$14,939.12
	H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	\$258,277.11
	H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	
	H53 - Clean Water Main Project	\$5,557.90
	H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	
	H55 - DASNY/SAM Grant Comm.Bldg.	
	H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	
	H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path	

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	SF01- Ticonderoga Fire District	
	SF02 - Chilson Fire District	
	Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	\$34.85
	Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	\$10,678.29
	Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	\$7,156.11
	Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	\$3,560.99
	Central Sewer (SS05)	\$21,852.76
	Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	\$15,259.38
	Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	\$3,535.42
	Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	\$20,594.15
	Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	\$19,091.14
	Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	\$2,257.72
	9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	\$4,961.67
	9N & 74 Water (SW01)	\$13,119.51
	Street Road Water (SW02)	\$5,420.30
	Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	\$5,376.00
	Homelands Water District (SW04)	\$2,131.20
	Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	\$8,323.20
	Central Water (SW06)	\$28,212.00
	Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	\$6,331.20
	Shore Airport Water (SW09)	\$18,020.79
	<b>Multi Account Total</b>	<b>\$1,164,923.17</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$1,351,132.21**

The board discussed having an attorney/board discussion regarding Zoning on May 16th at 3:30 p.m.

Councilman Taylor asked if there was really anything to report at this St. Clair/Grove Street meeting, we commission DOT and other staff to research the area, is there anything to report yet?

Supervisor Giordano stated that we do have some of those reports to go over.

Councilman Taylor stated that ultimately the water runs down this low lying area, collectively it all runs to this area. We keep studying it and studying it and at the end of it...the water pools down there. There is a catch basin that somebody blocked and the water will fill up to 4-6 feet high and it will sit there and kids play in it, cars have to travel through it and ultimately it goes down. The pipe isn't completely blocked and it runs down to this contested area where these people are up in arms about it. At the end of the day the water goes there anyway.

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Mr. Fuller asked if there is an easement somewhere?

Councilman Taylor stated that there is a paper street that lays out there, but there is buried infrastructure that lays beneath there.

Mr. Fuller stated then why don't we jet it, the proposal was that storm water was pulled off the sanitary. So it was going from the sanitary into that system - pull it off and .....

Councilman Taylor stated no, take that catch basin and take it to the north side of the street, there is a storm line there that daylight down the stream and that would take care of the public safety issue and the public health issue...that is the concern that Mr. Porter brought to him and he actually offered this as a solution.

Mr. Fuller then understands if this daylight onto his property then won't he allow us to go over there and clean this out??

Councilman Taylor stated that he wasn't asked this.

Mr. Fuller stated then we need to, if we are taking the infrastructure that is already there and cleaning it out then the issues go away. We should talk about this later.

Much further discussion was held regarding it being a town line, private line, it was buried.....

**Resolution #181-2019** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to reschedule the Monthly Financial Meeting with any other legal business to May 24th at 1:00 p.m. with an Executive Session. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Discussion was held regarding moving the Supervisor position from a two (2) year term to a four (4) year term.

**Resolution #182-2019** brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Dave Woods to place a proposition on the ballot providing for a four (4) year term for the Elective Office of the Town Supervisor. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 182 of 2019  
Adopted May 9, 2019

Introduced by Dorcey Crammond  
who moved its adoption

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Seconded by Dave Woods

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FOR THE  
ELECTIVE OFFICE OF TOWN SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF  
TICONDEROGA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, has determined that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Ticonderoga to increase the term of the Supervisor of the Town of Ticonderoga from two years to four years, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Town Law Section 24-a, the Town of Ticonderoga is desirous of adopting the within Resolution, subject to mandatory referendum, to provide that the term of office of the Supervisor of the Town of Ticonderoga shall be increased from two years to four years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, and after due deliberation, it is hereby enacted, ordered and resolved as follows:

1. **INCREASE OF TERM OF TOWN SUPERVISOR:** Pursuant to Town Law Section 24-a, the term of office of elective Supervisor of the Town of Ticonderoga shall be increased from two years to four years. Such four year term shall commence as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022, and shall apply to a person elected to such office of Supervisor at the biennial Town election to be held at the General Election in 2021 and to those elected thereafter, provided that a proposition submitted pursuant to Section 2 below is approved.

2. **MANDATORY REFERENDUM:** This Resolution is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters of Town of Ticonderoga at the biennial Town election to be held on November 5, 2019. A proposition in the following form shall be included on the ballot at such biennial Town election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless such proposition is approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon: “SHALL TOWN OF TICONDEROGA TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION DATED

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MAY 9, 2019 EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS BE APPROVED?"

3. At the biennial Town election next following the date of the adoption of this Resolution and every four years thereafter, the town Supervisor shall be elected for a term of four years.

4. Any other ordinance or Resolution inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT:

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

{Seal}

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Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk  
Town of Ticonderoga

Report of Department Heads

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

The Town Tire Disposal Day which was announced last month being June 8th will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon or until the bin is full. There are some stipulations to this, please call the office.

As discussed earlier in the meeting - the board did pass a resolution to add an additional 100' of no parking at our entrance here which is the intersection of Cannonball Path and Champlain Avenue.

The board discussed the Nuisance Law regarding 170 Champlain Avenue - the board may schedule a public hearing now.

**Resolution #183-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to schedule a Public Hearing on June 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. regarding 170 Champlain Avenue and the Town's Nuisance Law. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 183 of 2019  
Adopted May 9, 2019

Introduced by Joseph Giordano  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Wayne Taylor

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
170 CHAMPLAIN AVENUE, TICONDEROGA, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Local Law 2 of 2011, entitled “Nuisance Properties”, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga has the authority to declare certain parcels nuisance properties where they pose a threat to the interest of the public in the quality of life and total community environment, commerce in the Town, property values and public health, safety, peace, comfort, conveniences and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received reports from the Police Department and code enforcement relative to nuisance activities at property located at 170 Champlain Avenue, Ticonderoga, New York which tend to show that said property may have accumulated sufficient points under said Local Law to warrant action by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board does wish to provide the owner and tenants of 170 Champlain Avenue with notice and an opportunity to be heard relative to a potential finding of nuisance by the Town Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing is hereby set for 6:00 p.m. on June 13, 2019 at the offices of the Town of Ticonderoga, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, New York, for the purposes of determining whether or not the property located at 170 Champlain Avenue, Ticonderoga, New York has become a nuisance under Local Law 2 of 2011, entitled “Nuisance Properties”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the property owner and tenants of said property and any other parties required to be given notice of said public hearing as required by said Local Law, and that the notice be published as required in said law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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End-of-The Meeting Public Comment**

Maria Tedford inquired about the Black Point Water District Extension project being on hold?

Mr. Fuller noted that we are moving forward with getting this project together.

**Resolution #184-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to adjourn the Regular Town Board meeting and enter into and Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss matters of employment. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #185-2019** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to exit out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. and re-enter the Regular Town Board meeting. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #186-2019** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint Grant Spaulding as Head Groundskeeper at a pay rate of \$16.81 an hour part-time. Effective immediately. (Mr. Spaulding had tendered a resignation and has since rescinded it prompting the board to appoint him again to this position). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

AGENDA - As of 5/20/2019 12:53 AM

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Opening Remarks -- Announcements:**

Enhanced STAR and update on Assessments (Patti Osier)

Be The Change March (Heather York)

Boat Safety Course

Upcoming Chilson & Eagle Lake Informational Meeting

NYS Grant available for Career / Support / Training Services

Veteran Banners will be hung throughout town beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>

Board of Health – no report

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

**Public Hearing**

- Amending the Local Law regarding Town Retirement rates



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**Department Heads**

**Committee reports:**

Public Works JG

RESOLUTION to change the water assessment record for 8 Fort Ti Road (Sharon Barber Cooke) Road to reflect a 1 EDU water charge

RESOLUTION to change the water/sewer assessment record for 133 Montcalm Street (Joseph Bodette) to reflect a 2 EDU water and sewer charge

RESOLUTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Reale Construction, Inc. for the Baldwin Filter Plant Settling Tank Modification (GC) NYS DOH DWSRF #17163 & AES #4327

RESOLUTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Pipeline Mechanical of Plattsburgh, LLC for the Baldwin Filter Plant Train Meter Installation (P) NYS DOH DWSRF #17163 & AES #4327

Public Safety DW

RESOLUTION to accept the \$8,000 in mini-grant funds from Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CCHD) for safety signage along Black Point Road

Highway / Transfer Station WT

Airport JG

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

RESOLUTION to accept the resignation of Jacob Denton as groundskeeper effective August 31, 2018

Human Services: Youth/Seniors DC

RESOLUTION to appoint Jackie Palandrani (Silver Bay YMCA) as a member of the Youth Commission and Zac Smalley will attend in her absence

Economic Development JG

RESOLUTION to authorize PRIDE to apply for a 2019 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant through NYS DEC on behalf of the Town of Ticonderoga to fund the site plan and professional design for the Reconstruction of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century French Saw Mill with a town match of up to \$25,000 provided through the Community Tourism Enhancement Fund

Health Insurance JG

Contract negotiations JG

I.T. / Cable T.V. JG

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**Resolutions:**

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting April 11, 2019  
and Finance Meeting April 25, 2019

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

3. Bob LaBounty, AWWA Training, Troy, NY, May 8, 2019
4. Patti Osier, Ethics in Assessment Training, Lake George, NY 12845

RESOLUTION to advertise for the vacant Planning Board seat

RESOLUTION to advertise for bidders for the following: Screened Sand, Bank  
Run Gravel/Bank Run Sand, Crushed Stone 1A,2A, 3A, Item#4 Gravel,  
Cobblestone, Beach Sand, Screened Topsoil, Overburden

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments

- o A.6772.463 Senior Bus Repair & Maintenance  
\$1,434.56

**Increase Senior Bus Repair budget for vehicle insurance recovery revenue  
received**

- o A.3120.230 Police Equipment  
\$600.00

**Increase police equipment budget for additional STOP DWI revenue received**

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers

- o A.8160.862 Refuse & Garbage HSA/HRA  
\$525.50

- o A.1310.862 Finance HSA/HRA  
\$525.50

**Unbudgeted HRA Contract Renewal and Administration fees**

- o A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance  
\$435.60

**Unbudgeted Comp & Collision for police vehicle**

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RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

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

Executive Session – to discuss matters of employment

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting