Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on January 9, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with continuing Public Hearings for the Annual Chilson

Volunteer Fire Contract and the Ticonderoga EMS Contract

Present: Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Mark Russell, Councilman Tom Cunningham, Councilman Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman Dave Woods, Councilman Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Mark Wright, Rich Stonitsch, Mitch Cole, Patty Cook Renee Swinton, Paul LaRock, Mike Trybendis, Jim Davis, Stephanie Mitchell

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

Supervisor Giordano welcomed the new board members, Mark Russell and Tom Cunningham.

Public Comment

Mark Wright would like to thank the Ticonderoga Police Department, specifically Sgt. Belden for the successful investigation and retrieval of some property that had been stolen from his lawn.

Public Hearings

Annual 2020 Chilson Volunteer Fire Company Contract

This Public Hearing was opened back in December and it has to do with our contract with Chilson Fire Department. We contract services through the Town and the Town collects money in the taxes for exchange for that agreement. We were having conversations about making sure we execute an assessment management and a long term plan on how items are purchased in the future. More or less it is the same that it has been in the past with the exception of the amounts to be collected which is \$74,645.00.

Councilman Cunningham asked if the only change was in the dollar amount from previous years.

Supervisor Giordano stated yes, they provide us with a budget for consideration when we are going through our budgeting process for the town. This amount has been included in our adopted budget for 2020.

Paul LaRock stated that they have answered 70 fire calls last year, 1 structure fire in our district and 9 structure fires outside of the district that we were mutual aid for a total of 459 man hours total for the year, just for fire calls. That doesn't include fund raising, training, meetings, etc, etc.... He would like to speak with the supervisor to push for county training down here in our area.

Councilman Russell inquired about a date in paragraph 3 as to when the existing contract expired; it should say December 31, 2019.

Councilman Russell also asked about the two (2) year plan and it was stated that they are working on it.

Supervisor Giordano ask that a representative from the Fire Department attend the Public Safety Meeting just to give updates as to what is going on at the Department.

Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m.

Annual 2020 Ticonderoga Emergency Medical Services

What we are doing with this contract is mirror some of the requirements with the county for the state grant, because that is ultimately going to determine what the future holds for them. Right now Essex County is a testing ground to see how well a state wide emergency services can operate. We have tried to incorporate some language as to the unique situation we have with the Ticonderoga squad as we are one of the 4 towns that the state has provided funding to phase in paid staff and then we are also utilizing what is required by the metrics they have used to provide an ongoing assessment of success month by month to see if they can meet those requirements for what the state is looking to see to move us from Phase 1 to Phase 2 and that has to do with Ti having the largest call volume of 911 calls in the county. On average about 600 and we had the most dropped calls as well, the highest percentage of dropped calls. What we are trying to do is reduce the amount of dropped calls and right now we have paid staff from 8-4 Monday through Friday and that is what is the state grant is for to provide funding for them and administered through the county level, for Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Moriah and Wilmington. We will moderate the dropped call volume each month, the dropped calls each month with the response time, you have to respond within 10 minutes, 75% of the time. So all these measures will show that a county wide system will be viable in the future and so we have incorporated those items into this contract. One of the driving factors was the scheduling and based on staff it is hard to schedule that far out, but if it can be communicated to the EMS staff to, as much as possible, provide what the anticipated coverage would be a month as far in advance as possible. If we could get a schedule at the beginning of the month as well as one at the end of the month. One other item, is automatic mutual aid and it is stipulated in here that if Ti EMS does not have a full crew able to respond that our automatic mutual aid will be dispatched and Essex County will make that call. As stated on the front of the contract we are trying to provide the utmost care to our residents and visitors to the town by providing the quickest and most professional level of care in their time of need. We are also changing some of the restraints as to how the Town pays out to Ti EMS, instead of an annual lump, it will be distributed on a monthly basis based on the performances that are outlined in here, so that is \$20,000 divided by 12 months. We also would like to have someone from Ti EMS attend the monthly Public Safety meetings.

Renee Swinton asked we are at \$20,000.00 per year? EMS is essential just as much as fire is so she doesn't know how they are even going to survive.

Supervisor Giordano stated that based on some of the data that we have looked at, last year there were 168 calls that were answered by Lamoille, so we are also looking at this particular board meeting to set up a public hearing at next months meeting with Lamoille to set up a contract because they have been responding to mutual aid calls. So we are trying to provide an incentive in terms of getting the ultimate success that we would like to see out of Ti EMS in conjunction with the county program which is currently in place in for which they are provided 40 hours of a full duty crew Monday through Friday in the day time hours and trying to put some measures in place to have Ti EMS meet their part because at the end of this year if we don't show that we can beat those response times of less than 10 minutes, 75% of the time and dropped calls aren't being mitigated because of the additional resources we have put into it then we lose the chance of having any additional funding from the state and that particular point we don't know if a volunteer service is really going to be able to provide that for us. We have been mulling over this for quite a time....

Ms. Swinton asked if there was a reason why no one reached out to them? She has sent emails and have heard back, but nothing about this.....

Supervisor Giordano did show up at a few of the EMS meetings, more to see how the scheduling was being handled even back as far as October and September it didn't seem like much of the scheduling was changing in terms of trying to meet the outside hours of when the paid staff is there during the day. This is drafted from concerns that he is hearing from the public, board members, the county as to what we need to move forward so this program will be successful, not only Ti EMS but the county program.

Councilman Cunningham noted that there were a couple of marks to hit from the county.

Supervisor Giordano agreed yes, responding to calls in less than 10 minutes, 75% of the time. That response time is from the time the 911 call gets dispatched to the time they actually leave the station.

Ms. Swinton stated that they have met that, so she is not so sure of the dropped calls that you were

Councilman Cunningham asked how this is determined, does the county track this? The answer is yes.

Councilman Russell mentioned that he would like to see this summary report of the data from the county.

Public Hearing will remain open for now.

Report from Department Heads

Mitch Cole, Deputy Highway Superintendent, asked who is responsible for issuing the notams for the airport.

Normally, Ernie Tobin issues the actual notams, from the committee members on the ground at the airport.

Mr. Cole stated that the last time they were plowing the runway, a plane landed.

Supervisor Giordano will check into a radio frequency to use when a truck is plowing to alert any planes that plan to land.

Report of Committees

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety December 30, 2019

Councilman Dave Woods called the meeting to order at 8:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Wayne Taylor, Rhiannon Peters, and Chief Hurlburt.

Guest: Mark Russell

Clerk to the committee: Jennifer Gendron

Councilman Woods open the floor to the Public.

Rhiannon Peters goes over the Monthly Code Enforcement report.

Chief Hurlburt goes over the Monthly Police Report.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55am The Ti Fire Department will be approached to have a member attend the monthly Public Safety Meeting.

Next Public Safety Meeting will be January 27, 2020

CHIEFS REPORT

Monthly	Activity:	December	2019
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Calls to Service: 200

Arrests: 18

Traffic Tickets: 47

Accidents: 19

DWI Arrests: 1

CODES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

November 26, 2019 <u>thru</u> December 30, 2019

Contacted in office: 88

Building Permits Issued: 2

Order to Remedy Notices: 1

Remediated: 1

Condemned Notices: 2

Fire Safety Inspections: 1

Pass/Fail: Pass

Do Not Occupy Notices: 0

Appearance Tickets Issued: 0

Complaints: 0

Highway/Transfer Station - Dave Woods, Councilman (Minutes taken by Wayne Taylor)

Ticonderoga Highway Meeting 12/26/19 8:00 AM

Present: Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming, Dave Woods, Mark Russell and Wayne Taylor Sr.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to our nation's flag.

There was no November Highway meeting and therefore no minutes to approve.

Mark Russell introduced himself to the committee and outlined his plans for his coming town board term.

Sal reported that the crew had completed work on one bathroom at the highway garage. He went on to say that they are working on the second bathroom and the entrance to the building.

Sal reported that all the equipment is in good shape heading into 2020 and that he is optimistic looking to the future.

Sal reported that the catch basin at St Claire and Grove Streets has been installed and is taking water. He went on to say that, he is still awaiting a temporary easement, which lies with the town attorney. The easement being necessary for him to complete the work that has been agreed to on the Porter property.

Sal had some photos of the work that the highway crew had performed on the garage. It was felt that these pictures would be great fodder for the town website. To illustrate how much the highway crew does beyond highway maintenance.

The committee does not feel that every situation has to be submitted to the town engineer for analysis. The feeling is that this is wasteful and unnecessary use of taxpayer money. Mark Russell questioned who actually is responsible to maintain the sidewalk that leads to the Middle School. Sal explained that this section is of Alexandria Ave is a county road and that this question needs to be answered.

Sal asked about the status of the pending NYS Dormitory Fund grant to rehab sidewalks. It was unclear if this funding is still available for use in 2020.

The committee discussed several items that have been pending for years. The use of seasonal on call highway workers, the exclusive use of salt only on highways where there are catch basins connected to the WWTP and to consider publishing an RFP for catch basin maintenance. There was no clear action to be taken on any of them.

The committee discussed the town's assuming the maintenance of the new hospital entrance road. This issue will be a high priority item and will need to be explored further in 2020. It was felt that given the current staffing and available equipment that the road could not be assumed.

Sal mentioned that if the town replaces its road sweeper that there are ones available that have a vacuum capability. This unit could clean catch basins as function of sweeping the streets.

Mitch Cole requested a policy that would prohibit the laying of utilities that interfere with town ditching work. This will be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Next Highway Meeting 01/30/20 at 8:00 a.m.

It is finished, Wayne Taylor, 01/07/20

Resolution #8-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joseph Giordano to approve the Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds as follows:

		AGREEMENT TO SPEND TOWN HIGHWAY FUNDS		
		TOWN OF. Ticonelerog~		
		COUNTY OF: ESSE X		
	Purs	uant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that the moneys levied and collected		
		and improvement of highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be ollows:		
1.	GEN	GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$ 172,000 may be expended for general repairs upon 2.8		
		s of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.		
2.	IMPR (a)	ROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways: On the road commencing at WYS RT GN		
		And leading to A/V/5 RT 22 a distance of 1-33 miles, there		
		shall be expended not over the sum of \$		
		Type as phalt Width of traveled surface 24' Thickness 2'2" Subbase Grave / esphalt		
		Thickness 21/2" Subbase Gravel / esphalt		
		Burgayne Mill + fill		
	(b)	On the road commencing at		
		And leading to CRT 56 a distance of 0.8 miles, there		
		shall be expended not over the sum of \$		
		Type asphalt Width of traveled surface 22'		
		Thickness 2 1/2" subbase Grant/ Asphalt		
		old Chilson Rd Overley		
	(c)	On the road commencing at wicker ST		
		and leading to RT 74 (LVS) a distance of 0.7 miles, there		
		shall be expended not over the sum of \$		
		Type asphult Width of traveled surface 22'		
		Type asphult Width of traveled surface 22' Thickness 212' Subbase Gravel/esphalt		
		Recetrick Rd Overlay		
		Received		

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #9-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to set the Highway Committee meeting for the last Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Discussion was held on storm water run off in the town and regulations - there is a trigger in our new zoning. More discussion will be held.

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

- Fuel sales were 168 gallons for December
- Discussion with regards to night time landing approach
- Payment box was installed
- Continuing to take fill per our understanding with APA @ the silt fence line
- Issue with the seal at the pump looking for a long term solution
- Issue with gate sticking with ice & snow

Resolution #10-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to appoint the members of the Airport Committee as follows: Dave Woods, Ernie Tobin, Jon Hanna, Bryan Douros, Dave Iuliano, Joe Giordano. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #11-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to request quotes from airport engineering firms to perform an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) of professional services in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular150/5100-14E for an Apron Reconstruction & Taxiway Rehabilitation - Design project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #12-2020 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell to request quotes from airport engineering firms to perform an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) of professional services in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150.5100-14E for a Pavement Management Program project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6) Building Grounds. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Buildings & Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

- Lights at Old Rite Aid bldg have been disconnected need to discuss lighting
- Light installed at Kissing Bridge and a lock cover on the outlet
- Light fixed out front of Community Bldg
- Light and thermostat fixed at Armory

- Library issue with fire alarm has been fixed
- Highway the original price tag to replace that building was over a million dollars, to day the highway workers have put in a mandated oil & water separator, repaired the structural steel on the doors and columns where they had been damaged, they installed new lighting and completely rehabbed two bathrooms. Now the plan is to repair concrete work in the spring and looking at more energy efficiency. He would like to commend them for all their work that they have done.

<u>Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments & Cemeteries</u> <u>Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman</u>

Minutes of Park and Recreation Committee Meeting December 17, 2019

Members present were Jerry Cooper, Renee Fleming representing PRIDE. Nancy Kelley, Tonya Thompson and chairs Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper.

Wooden Statue Project:

An update was requested regarding the installation of the Lord Howe sculpture in the area east of the daylight stream and the Community Building. Work should begin in the spring through an agreement between TRA and the Ticonderoga School District. High School technology students will work on the project under a program called Contractors in the Classroom. With the help of local contractors, students will design and build the shelter for the statue. Local businesses Builders FirstSource and Aubuchon Hardware are donating materials. Work should be completed by June 2020.

Proposed Festival Guild Pavilion:

It was noted that the Festival Guild has expressed discouragement regarding building a structure/pavilion for performances and other uses in the park area behind PRIDE and the bookstore. The organization does not feel the town is supporting the project. Purchasing or renting a tent is not an option. The committee expressed their support of the Festival Guild's continued efforts to design and seek funds for the proposed building.

Third Field Trail Area:

The walking path behind the Third Field dugouts is in poor condition. There is considerable erosion and the path is gone in one section. Grant Spaulding should be consulted, and a plan made to use budget funds to repair and/or reconstruct the path in this area before summer.

Town Sidewalk Repair:

Many sections of town sidewalks need repair or replacement. The receipt of grant monies through Senator Betty Little and the state Dormitory Funds was discussed. These potential funds had been requested through the efforts of Jim Cawley with the goal of improvement of sidewalks in the business district. Tonya noted other sections in town

had received complaints from Ticonderoga residents including Lake George Avenue. Highway Superintendent Sal Barnao should be contacted regarding his plans for sidewalk repair.

Crosswalks and Handicapped Spaces:

It was noted that no handicapped spaces or crosswalks were painted in the section of Montcalm Street between Lake George Avenue and Champlain Avenue after the repaving of Montcalm Street last summer. Several parking spaces were also eliminated when the spaces were painted adding to the challenge of downtown parking during busy times.

Lighting of Parking Areas near Library:

There are presently no working lights in the old Rite Aid parking lot and the street light in front of the Library is not working. Although the parking lot is privately owned, many people use this lot and the spaces on Carnegie Place after dark. Some solution must be found to better illuminate this area. The Pocket Park area lighting is also inadequate.

Budget Expenditures:

A new light fixture for the Kissing Bridge parking area will be installed. The cost has not yet been determined. The Parks and Rec monies will also be used to purchase new bows for the town's Christmas wreath decorations. The present bows are faded and need to be replaced. Monies will also be transferred for the purchase of new chairs for the town's meeting room. The present chairs are in poor condition.

PRIDE Report:

Renee Fleming reported that PRIDE has been involved in many projects. The work on the replacement of 5 mobile homes has started. PRIDE continues help citizens through its Restore Program with corrective work and repairs due to storm damage for 6 homes now under way. Six more requests have been received.

PRIDE also received a \$100,000 grant from the state for engineer drawings for the sawmill project. Once the drawings are completed, they can apply for grants to construct the building.

<u>Human Services: Youth - Mark Russell, Councilman</u> No Report

Resolution #13-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to appoint the following Youth Commission Members: M. Mark Russell to act as the official representative for the Town of Ticonderoga on the Youth Board/Planning committee and that Joyce Cooper, shall act as her alternate, along with Pamela Moser, Tonya Thompson Lynn Sawyer, Jackie Palandrani, John Bartlett. All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. Opposed - none. Carried.

Resolution #14-2019 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell approving the expenditure of \$82,542.00 for the 2020 recreation program. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #15-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to appoint Corinna Woods as Ice Skating Rink Attendant for the 2020 season (pending receipt of her letter of interest). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #16-2020 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to designate the Youth Commission meeting on the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Armory basement. (The next one will be January 27). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #17-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods to advertise for the Summer Day Camp Director. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Human Services: Senior - Tom Cunningham, Councilman

The Town was put on notice and had since advertised for ADA Compliant Transit bus. Bids have come in and the low bidder can be awarded the bid.

Resolution #18-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to award the ADA Compliant Transit Bus bid to Matthew Buses Commercial in the amount of \$45,387.00, which includes the trade in allowance for the 2018 Senior bus in the amount of \$22,500.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Town of Ticonderoga Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes December 19, 2019

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Nancy Treadway, Tracy Smith

Others: Greg Swart (AES), Jocelyn Racette (AES), Matt Fuller, Bill Ball, Jonathan Koskey, Harry Treadway, Tom Cunningham, Walt Lender (Executive Director – LGA),

Joe Conroy, Deb Conroy, Pat Titus (*Director of Plant Operations for Elderwood*), Matt Nolan, Larry Lee

Pledge

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

Public Comment

- 1. Walt Lender presented updates to Deb and Joe Conroy on the potential Baldwin Road district extension.
 - a. Walt met with the Town earlier in the morning, and discussion took place about Outlet Drive and Sagamore Drive, and the potential for a water and sewer district extension. An Engineering Report has been produced, but will need to be updated with estimated costs which would also include operations and maintenance. Once that is completed, it will be presented to the residents. Everyone would need to be on board with what is presented, and then the residents could petition the Town to form a district (if decided).
 - b. Essex County Community Resources will be helping with grant applications. CFA applications are due by June/July, but an announcement on if a grant was awarded wouldn't be until a year from December. The process takes time, and possibly after the first of year a community meeting could be set up to discuss questions that the residents may have.
 - i. Current questions:
 - 1. If Outlet Drive residents decide they do not want to be included in the extension, can the process still move forward?
 - Answer: Walt explained that currently both neighborhoods are included for the potential water and sewer district extensions, so if a change happened the process would need to start over. However, currently there have not been enough conversations with the residents at this point.
 - 2. Is there a timeline for when the costs associated with the extensions would be available?
 - Answer: The hope is shortly after the new year, but the capacity of the Town's WWTP will also need to be addressed.
 - 3. Will the water that's provided be from the new water source?

<u>Answer:</u> Derrick commented that currently the water is from the Baldwin plant. Although it's ideal to feed as many people as possible from the new well source and the Town is trying to work towards that. However, it won't happen right away.

4. How long would it take to form a district?

<u>Answer:</u> All of the paperwork takes time so a set timeframe is hard to give.

5. The Conroys do not have water now as their line is above ground and it's not permittable to go underground due to the lake. Is there any way to get Town water now?

Answer: It's a policy decision as the property is not in the district now, so then they would be a contract user. Supervisor Giordano commented that more details are needed first, and he cannot speak on behalf of the Board. The question will be addressed in the new year and the Town will be back in touch.

6. Why haven't the residents been approached yet for easements? The property owners that would need to grant easements have been spoken to by the Conroys, and they didn't have a problem with being asked.

Answer: There are no solid numbers yet, so the residents have not been approached about easements. However, once costs become available easements will be addressed.

- 2. Pat Titus Director of Plant Operations for Elderwood, addressed the Committee in regard to the nursing home not having water when the fire at the bowling alley happened. Water was down to a trickle into the building which compromised their fire protection.
 - a. The new well system has the capacity in the tank as well as in the water source itself, but the infrastructure in the ground needs to be updated. The fire department was drawing a lot of water and filling their tanks at fire hydrants, and unfortunately not much can be done in an emergency situation. If pumps were throttled up high, the infrastructure wouldn't be able to handle it and bust lines.
 - b. Pat stated that this has been an issue for years, and with the hospital expanding it's not getting any better. They want to be sure to keep the residents safe. He assumes that the fire company is aware that they are taking water supply from the Town, and asked why they don't draft?
 - i. Derrick commented that they did draft on the Lord Howe bridge, and took water from multiple sources. Possibly a discussion with

the chief could take place to understand why they had been drawing from a hydrant near the nursing home building.

- c. Supervisor Giordano commented that the Town is working on improving its infrastructure, and looking for opportunities to apply for grants to replace lines.
- d. Pat then discussed his concerns, and the nursing home resident's concerns, over the quality of water. There is a lot of calcium build up in their equipment as well and they are currently looking into a water softener for the Elderwood portion of the building. The hospital already did install a softener on their portion of the building. An electronic mixing valve had failed and was ~ \$4,500 to replace, dish washing machines and ice makers both have calcium build up as well.
- e. Is there any plan for helping to resolve the hardness and quality of the water? Another concern is that some of the nursing home residents have hypertension, so adding the softener to the system would increase sodium intake which may adversely affect the residents.
 - it. The new system will continue to be a transition. The main goal of the new water supply was to meet the mandate for drinking water standards set by the DOH, and the new well source was the most affordable option compared to others. Water hardness is not regulated by the DOH, and other municipalities struggle with hard water too so it's not just Ticonderoga.
- f. Matt Nolan and Larry Lee addressed the Committee in regard to the fluctuation of PH from time to time, which can be almost 11 and is eating away at the joints of the pipes. They wondered if the Town added anything to the system, and if backflow reports are given to the Town from properties that have them.
 - i. Derrick commented that the Town does not add anything to the system other than chlorine, and backflow reports are received from those that have them. If the hospital would like, the water department could get a sample to test with their PH meter, which is calibrated each day.
- g. Pat commented that some residents do not drink the water, they refuse too, and the resident council has asked Pat to get more information on the quality of water.
 - i. The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report becomes available in May each year from the DOH, and that will be distributed to everyone in Town on the water system. In the meantime, Derrick will provide Pat with water sampling reports that are done at different locations throughout the year, which the reports will also be included in the Annual Report.

- 3. Jonathan Koskey, owner of the Laundromat was in attendance and asked about water softeners and water meters for his building.
 - a. The Town is working towards water meters, which is another mandate, but they would have to be standardized for the whole Town.
 - b. Jonathan asked about the costs for water and sewer, and how much higher they will be raised.
 - i. Supervisor Giordano commented that the Town is trying to get grants to mitigate costs, and although the Town understands the hardship for residents, it has to meet the mandates. The first quarter 2020 water and sewer bill will reflect an \$8 increase (each) per quarter.

Items for Discussion

- 1. Bill Ball asked the Committee if they would like to meet with the engineer from the hospital project.
 - a. Committee members would like to meet with the engineer, and Bill will get a few different dates/times after the new year to meet.
- 2. Henry Drinkwine Vacant parcel on Warner Hill Road
 - a. Henry would like to get a water tap to be used to irrigate his field. The property was briefly discussed, as well as the information provided by Henry with regard to how much water usage would be expected.
 - i. Matt will be drafting up a letter to Henry, and the Town will need to input the costs associated with the water usage.
- 3. Water Ordinance discussion is needed.
- 4. Old Adirondack Meat Plant property Commerce Park
 - a. A brief discussion took place on an interested buyer of the property, which would be a distillery. A formal review would be necessary in order to satisfy the Town's requirements, and a meeting will be set up to discuss the matter further.
- 5. Eric Blanchard passed his 3A test yesterday.

Sewer Project Discussion

- 1. WWTP
 - a. Punch list items are being worked on.
 - b. The clarifiers were done last week, and everything is working much better.
 - c. The temporary ventilation plan is moving along well. The diversion room and belt press room need ventilation, and the office space has been added

to the plan. Ventilation will be part of the 4174 EFC project package, but it needs to be bid separately.

2. GIGP

a. There is a sink hole near the Hydro Plant that needs to be looked at as it appears to be from the new line. Luck Brother's warranty ends in June, so it should be reviewed in the spring. If work is needed it should be repaired prior to the end of the warranty.

3. The Portage Project

a. There will be a quick meeting this afternoon with the Town Board, and in early January the finer details will need to be ironed out. Traffic control and signage will also need to be discussed as the project will run for about two years. The plans will be going to DEC for review, and details on utilities need to be reviewed as well. A \$5 million dollar grant was pursued, which the results should be announced today.

Water Project Discussion

- 1. Well Building
 - a. There are some warranty items that still need to be addressed.
- 2. The Committee agreed to the approval of 10" stainless steel piping as there had been issues with leaking. The 10" piping can be flanged which will assist in solving the issue. This would be a no cost substitution from the contractor, and a submittal package with the change will be needed from the contractor.
- 3. The closeout process has begun which starts the auditing of the finances with the Town and EFC which will take some time.
- 4. The tank is complete and closed out.
- 5. AES will be providing a no cost Amendment to their contract for closeout.
- 6. FEMA closeout has begun.
- 7. AES provided Matt with a letter confirming that the DOJ dates have been met.
- 8. Baldwin Filter Plant
 - a. Deadlines have been met, but Substantial Completion Certificates have not vet been issued.

9. Bellamy Construction

- a. A plus/minus change order was submitted. The Committee agreed to a 1% retainage as there will be some restoration needed in the spring.
- 6. Next phase of the water meter project is reporting, such as easements and data collection. A decision is needed on how that will be accomplished. Water district consolidation is also being worked on.

Adjourn

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 11:30 am.

The next Water/Sewer Committee Meeting is set for January 28, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Water project

All set basically except for close out paperwork. We are doing an financial audit before we authorize any more work (a few wish list items and dealing with the air unit at the water plant). There are a few warranty items that we are cleaning up with the contractors. Baldwin Road is done. Therefore all work for the main districts (basically everything except for Eagle Lake and Chilson) is complete for the EPA.

Sewer Project

GIGP Done except one last inspection of restoration in the spring WWTP just about done, contractors have a few items left and then close out paperwork. WWTP ventilation project, working on design, planning on bidding in February. Portage: Plans are out to review, doing final cleanup over the next couple of weeks. Hope to bid in February. awarded \$5 million, working on the paperwork for that.

Resolution #19-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper approving the change order #6 to Gross Electric Ins, AES Project #4174 for final plus/minus reconciling of unused general allowance in the amount of (\$8,546.98). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Held a meeting with the employees to inform them of the benefits of joining the local gym and getting reimbursed for that.

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Still work on highway's contract

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

Working on upgrading the systems for I.T.

Charter Communications ("Charter"), locally known as Spectrum, is making its customers aware that on or around December 21, 2019, Disney VOD, located on Spectrum Channel 268, will no longer be available on the channel lineup serving your community.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #20-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept/correct minutes of Regular TB Meeting on December 12, 2019, the STB Workshop on December 19th, 2019, the End-of-the-Year Meeting on December 30, 2019,

and the Organizational Meeting on January 2nd, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #21-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates;

- 1. Joyce Cooper, Assoc. of Towns Training, Albany, January 15-17, 2020
- 2. Heather Johns, Library Support Training for 2020 Census count, Plattsburgh, January 15, 2020
- 3. Emma Merfeld, Library Support Training for 2020 Census count, Plattsburgh, January 15, 2020

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #22-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to award Bain's Sunoco with the Town's Vehicle Repairs. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #23-2020 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joseph Giordano accepting the resignation of Suzanne Middlebrook effective January 3, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #24-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to offer employment to Megan Moser for the full-time position of administrative assistant in the Supervisor/Finance department at the hourly pay rate of \$19.29, eff. January 13, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #25-2020 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell to advertise for the vacant position on the Planning Board. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #26-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to advertise for the vacant position on the Planning Board, alternate position. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #27-2020 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham accepting the resignation of Andy Belkevich from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 9, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #28-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #29-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell accepting the resignation of Andy Belkevich from the Board of Assessment Review effective January 9, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #30-2020 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for the vacant position on the Board of Assessment Review. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #31-2020 brought Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to set public hearing for Lamoille Medical Services Contract for February 13th at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #32-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the creation of new budget accounts

SS01.8130.405
 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual
 SS04.8130.405
 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual

Creation of new accounts for unexpected expenses

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #33-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell authorizing the following budget adjustments

- o SS01.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$700.00
- o SS03.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$350.00
- o SS04.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$700.00
- o SS07.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$700.00
- o SS08.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$350.00
- SS09.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$350.00
 SS10.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$110.00
- o SS11.8130.405 Sewage Treatment and Disposal Contractual \$460.00

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #34-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell authorizing the following budget transfers

0	A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$6,868.85)
0	A.1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	\$6,868.85

Fund over-expended General accounts from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$113,131.15)

A.8010.471 Zoning Mileage (\$70.00)
 A.8010.477 Zoning Education & Training 70.00

Redistribute funding from within General accounts in the same department

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #35-2020 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell authorizing the following Inter-fund Loans:

- o SS05.0391 Central Sewer (SS05) Due From Other Fund (District 6- SS06) (\$457.64)
- o SS06.0630 Sewer District 6 Due To Other Fund (Central Sewer SS05) \$457.64

Central Sewer (SS05) to lend funds to Sewer District 6 until funds are collected

- o SW06.0391 Central Water (SW06) Due From Other Fund (Chilson Res H36) (\$11.268.13)
- o H36.0630 Chilson Res H36 Due To Other Fund (Central Water SW06) \$11.268.13

Central Water to lend funds to Chilson Reservoir Project until Grant funds or EFC Financing received

All in Favor Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Resolution #36-2020 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve the Abstract #1 of 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Town of Ticonderoga

1/8/2020

Board Meeting Date 01/09/2020		•
Gross Payroll #26	125,184.12	1/3/2020
Trust & Agency Total	\$125,184.12	
ABSTRACT #13	12/30/2019	Cash Transfers
General (A)	200,753.98	200,753.98
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector		-
CD21 LISC Zombie	6,519.20	6,519.20
CM Library Trust Special		-
Highway (DA)	104,156.22	104,156.22
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	11,268.13	11,268.13
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming		-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection		
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill		
H53 - Clean Water Main Project		

H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	iconderoga EMS Co	ntract
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation		
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration		-
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery		
SF01- Ticonderoga Fire District		
SF02 - Chilson Fire District		
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	395.20	
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	24.48	
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	377.57	
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	409.13	
Central Sewer (SS05)	66,309.05	139,089.02
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	940.64	
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	347.40	
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	408.17	
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	69,144.59	
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	115.19	
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	617.60	
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	10.80	
Street Road Water (SW02)	10.81	
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)		
Homelands Water District (SW04)		
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)		
Central Water (SW06)	37,935.71	37,978.12
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)		
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	20.80	
Multi Account Total	499,764.67	499,764.67
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$624,948.79	
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Resolution #37-2020 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to approve the Supervisor's Report. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed -** none. **Carried.**

Report from Departments

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Requesting volunteers from the Board to conduct the Annual Court Audit. Councilwoman Cooper and Councilman Russell will do the Audit.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

Request for the board to adjourn to conduct an Attorney/Client privileged discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

AGENDA As of 1/9/2020 5:17 PM

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks -- Announcements:

Welcome the new board members

Presentations

Board of Health – no report

Public Comment (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

Public Hearing

- Regarding annual 2020 Chilson Volunteer Fire Company contract
- Regarding annual 2020 Ticonderoga Emergency Medical Service contract

Department Heads

Committee reports:

Public Safety DW

Highway / Transfer Station DW

RESOLUTION to approve the agreement to spend Town Highway Funds
RESOLUTION to set the highway committee meeting for last Tuesday of each
month at 8:00 am

Airport JG

RESOLUTION to appoint the following airport committee members: Dave Woods, Ernie Tobin, Jon Hanna, Bryan Douros, Dave Iuliano, Joe Giordano RESOLUTION to request quotes from airport engineering firms to perform an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) of professional services in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E for an Apron Reconstruction & Taxiway Rehabilitation - Design project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6) RESOLUTION to request quotes from airport engineering firms to perform an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) of professional services in accordance with FAA

Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E for a Pavement Management Program project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6)

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

Human Services: Youth MR

RESOLUTION to appoint the following Youth Commission Members (incl Chair & alternate)

RESOLUTION to expend \$82,542.00 from the Town's Budget for the Town's Recreation program

RESOLUTION to appoint Corinna Woods as Ice Skating Rink Attendant RESOLUTION to advertise for the Summer Day Camp Director RESOLUTION to set the youth committee meeting for last Monday of each month at 6:00 pm

Human Services: Seniors TC

RESOLUTION to award the new senior bus bid to Matthews Bus in the amount of \$45,387 with a \$\$22,500 trade-in allowance

Public Works JG

RESOLUTION to approve change order #6 to Gross Electric Inc., AES Project #4174 for final plus/minus reconciling of unused general allowance in the amount of (\$8,546.98)

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RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Need two town board members to volunteer to handle the court audit

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment – Please Stand and State Your Name

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting