

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on July 9, 2020  
commencing at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing regarding the Increase and  
Improvement of Sewer Districts 2-11 (Portage Project)**

**Present:** Joseph M. 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, John Reale, Tim Rowlands, Heath Towne, Greg Swart

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

The North Country is now in Phase 4 of Re-opening from the Coronavirus Pandemic. This Phase does not include all of those remaining organizations, there are still many businesses that are being held exempt and only allowed opening by the Governor's Executive Orders. There is a lot of information on the NY Website. One thing that has been pretty prevalent lately in our town and some other town's in the North Country is through NY Pause there are a lot of anonymous tips provided to the hot line and some businesses in towns have had many complaints coming through because patrons are not wearing their masks, so a word of caution or a word of respect for the people in town when you are out and about in public if you would please wear your masks, especially if you are in close proximity to people. This along with washing your hands and maintaining social distancing is really the key ingredients to helping to stop the spread of Coronavirus and now that we have the summer is upon us we have a lot of visitors from out of the area and it is really important that if you are from out of the area to self-quarantine for the 14 days. Just make sure that you are very respectful to everyone and we are doing everything that we can whether you are a resident or a visitor to help deter the spread of this in our area. We, so far, have not seen what other areas have seen. Let's keep it that way.

Census Update - we are not where we want to be at this time. If you have not registered yet, please do. There is information on the Census website and the county website and we will see to posting some on ours. It is really imperative that people register because without your registering, the tax dollars that are available from the Federal Government do not get directed our way. It is very important to do you due diligence to complete the census.

Farmer's Market coupons will be available to those 60 years and older, they will be distributed on July 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ticonderoga Elementary School on Alexandria Avenue.

Free Tire Collection - July 11 and this year at the Moriah Transfer Station from 8 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full on Joyce Road.

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Presentation**

John Reale informed the board that his family has purchased the old Fireman's Field. They are asking permission to get access to Route 74 from this property. The previous owner had been working hard to get this access, but it had been stopped by DOT. Right now we need Town Board permission to move forward with the entrance off Route 74. We want to follow this process and want to be shovel ready.

Councilman Cunningham asked if this we be a dead end road or go all the way through to Wayne Avenue.

Mr. Reale noted that it is an odd property-one side is commercial the other is residential and on that end it was not a favorable action to have the road go through there. We can do whatever the Town wants us to do. We are looking for the Town's acknowledgment to proceed with DOT.

Councilman Russell stated that we are not committing to the process tonight, just to start the process. What is the cost to the town.

Mr. Reale stated that they do need to do traffic studies and everything else that entails, they just need the Town's permission to get started.

Mr. Fuller stated that he can work up a price list - we can start an account with the Town Clerk.

The board is ok with the attorney researching this process.

**Public Hearing**

(Public Hearing was held via GoToMeeting and actual public attendance)

Public Hearing regarding the matter of the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Sewer District Nos. 2 through 11 in the Town of Ticonderoga. (Portage Project)  
Pending Attorney and Finance review of the District numbers.

Supervisor Giordano explained that this is to do the work that was proposed for one of the Phases for our Wastewater Treatment Plant. This work is the final component for the upgrades for our Wastewater Treatment Plant for our sewer/stormwater separation and this Phase includes this increase through a bond to do the storm water separation on the Portage from Cannonball Path up to Alexandria. Many of you are aware that the Town was awarded a five million dollar grant last December through WQIP to do this work so the additional money is a continuation of the loan amount. This public hearing is to move forward with that. The benefit to the town is significant of being able to separate the stormwater from the waste water. It is imperative to the town to meet these increasing regulations from the Department of Environmental of Conservation with regards to a number of combined sewer overflow events into the LaChute. This will significantly mitigate those events and along with this project we will also be updating

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the utility lines not only for the storm water and sewer but also for the water. It is one of those projects that has been a hope - to do a whole reconstruction of a road and replace all the main utility lines so that you are dealing with new infrastructure. This is a significant plus.

Barb Peria (via GoToMeeting) expressed her concern holding a public hearing during this time in the first place. She just heard about the public hearing today, she did not see the notice but knows there was a notice placed so she knows it is being held appropriately, but the Town notification by email and by telephone call (Everbridge) didn't happen until after hours today, so that is kind of short notice for people who didn't read the paper. She prefers to be there in person, but she is self-isolating due to an immune disorder and knows that you are doing the best you can by doing this GoToMeeting. Is there any way that you can postpone this meeting so more people can attend.

Supervisor Giordano noted that we could do an extension but the Bond Resolution needs to be passed fairly soon so we would have to set up a special meeting in order to do that.

Mr. Fuller noted that the extension of the Bond Resolution is to cover the extension of the grant funds that we got to cover the entire portion. That is what you are doing here. You are lining up the budget numbers, you are not taking on a bunch of different projects.

Supervisor Giordano reiterated to Mrs. Peria what Mr. Fuller explained. The original Bond was for 14 million and when the Town was awarded five million for this project we took advantage of it. So the total bond will go up to just over 20 million. The bulk of that is grant money and additional amount in a zero interest loan.

Mrs. Peria asked what this looks like for the tax payer.

Supervisor Giordano explained that we are currently at \$140 and the increase would go up to \$150.00 a quarter.

Mrs. Peria asked if that was an additional \$600.00 per year on the taxpayers.

Supervisor Giordano explained that it is a \$40 increase per taxpayer.

Mrs. Peria asked if this is forever.

Supervisor Giordano explained that this is no different than anything else that you budget in your home, the rate that is attributed to a sewer rate is re-occurring cost of O & M and the rest is debt. In 2022 or 2023 there will be some debt that will be retiring so that will again reduce the overall rate of the rate payer, he believes this debt is around \$70,000.00.

Mrs. Peria stated then it won't be much of a reduction. She again suggested the extension of this public hearing, not a lot of people knew about this meeting. For her personally, she is on a retired income, so she is looking at \$600.00 for her sewer so that is

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a sizeable increase and her opinion is you should postpone this hearing and re-schedule it so people have time to look at the date. She understands that you are on a time restraint, but this is quite an extraordinary hike and she was not aware of the meeting. She did not see it in the paper, she did not see it on the Town's page. Is she understanding this correctly.

Supervisor Giordano again stated that the increase to you or any rate payer is from \$140 a quarter or \$560 annually to \$150 quarterly or \$600 annually based on today's projections.

Mrs. Peria stated that she was looking at that incorrectly then. How does this affect her tax bill.

Supervisor Giordano further explained the thing to it consider first and foremost is every year there is increases in everything. Just the Operations and Maintenance to be able to do the work we want to with inflation for what we pay our employees and what we pay the consultant and contracting agencies for regular operation costs - we don't have those costs and we try to be mindful of the rate increases, from that perspective but the fact that we have an opportunity with a five million dollar grant to really fix a long stretch of roadway for not only for sewer and storm water, but also for water and to completely rebuild and re-create the road which has a huge economic impact to the Town, all that to be done amounts to \$10 quarterly or \$40 annually and that is not like next year.....

Mrs. Peria stated that this is exactly what she needs to hear.

Holly Dixon wanted to respond to what Mrs. Peria said when she said that maybe she didn't pay enough attention to the Times of Ti, but there was an article about the reduction of the third quarter sewer and water rates and that didn't mention this public hearing in the article, but it was mentioned in the tiny print in the end of the issue, not last week but the week before and you may not have read the legals, but many, many people also did not so do not feel bad about not seeing this hearing. So now you are saying that this project is going to put \$10 per quarter to the 1 EDU rate for sewer, the thing that is up in her mind is that is just debt service. So you have got 75% of this bill that is not debt service, 75% of this bill is for water and sewer is operation and maintenance, so we do not have any word right now on where those bills are going to go. You don't have any word on where O&M is going with sewer and where O&M is going with water. So when you say the increase every year, it may be more than that.

Supervisor Giordano stated that when the calculations were done from last time on the existing Bond Resolution, the projection was a \$31 increase per quarter based on that rate at that time which is \$118.50....

Mrs. Dixon stated that this is for the debt service, we have to also pay Operations & Maintenance..... that is 75% of our bill.....so we are not hearing anything at this Public Hearing on what is going to happen to our bill in terms of our paying Operations & Maintenance for sewer and also for water .....that is not what is going on at this hearing, this hearing we are only talking about raising rates for debt service to cover the project....

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Supervisor Giordano stated that this is covering that project moving forward, basically mirroring the bond resolution in the budget to do the rest of the project....

Mrs. Dixon stated that this doesn't cover Operations and Maintenance...

Supervisor Giordano stated that the projected cost does, the \$150 is what is projected based on the loan amount that we would need when our sewer was at \$118.50....

Mrs. Dixon asked if you have anything projections for Operations and Maintenance for water and sewer.....

Supervisor Giordano stated that they are nominally increasing as does everything else but are minor comparisons to the new loan amounts that we received-the zero interest loans for these projects.

Mrs. Dixon stated that we just had an increase for the 2020 rates for \$976 a year, so is that what you refer to as the nominal rise in costs. You said something about costs rise nominally and every year we can expect costs to go up.... so we just had costs go up in 2020 so whatever rate that was is that what you are talking about with this nominal rise?

Supervisor Giordano agreed - last year it was \$132 per quarter and the year before that it was \$118.50 per quarter, so there have been two substantial increases in the last two year from what was otherwise a pretty stable amount because of this particular project. The Town is looking as far as O&M goes that increases in small amounts due to inflationary costs, but the debt is really the key here that we are taking on as we have substantial improvements. This particular project that we are talking about that the bond resolution will increase to nearly \$21 million, more than half of that is covered by grant funds. The Town has been really diligent about going out for grants and we are receiving 7 1/2 million dollars in water quality improvement projects as well for green infrastructure grant monies and we also qualify for zero interest loans so that 9 million dollars potentially that we will take out is going to be a part that has to be put in the sewer rate. With this comes potentially reductions in O&M because now you have new infrastructure that does not need to be maintained the same way that you had to do in the past with regard to antiquated and old systems. When it comes to cost projections in the future it is a little challenging because you are not just dealing with one factor. You are dealing with debt increasing and you are also dealing with potentially reductions in the operations of our plant due to the upgrades we are doing, plus reductions in service calls because now you have a more substantial, reliable and new infrastructure in place. It is a challenge and all we are saying now is projected costs on the end of this for this particular project where we are now is looking to be \$10 more than what it is currently today.

Mrs. Dixon asked if the water and sewer bills have gone down at all, ever.....

Supervisor Giordano noted that since he has been here they have steadily climbed and he assumes that is probably true for previous.....

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Mrs. Dixon agrees and she would just to sign off seconding Mrs. Peria's comment that this meeting needed to be done with the Public safely attending. Including those that are over 65 and those that have immune problems that limit them from coming to the actual public hearing. She appreciates that the Town has tried to get this on the GoToMeeting.

Jeff and Ellen Birch would just like to reiterate what was explained. We are getting an additional 5 million dollars in grant money to expand the project but to the individual paying that sewer bill you are talking about a \$10 per quarter, \$40 per year increase approximately to the individual payer and then there is perhaps a smaller increase for O&M unrelated to this project. Is this a fair statement. He wants to be clear so he can explain it to the Black Point Road Civic Association. Thank you,

Supervisor Giordano answered yes.

No further comments.

Councilman Cunningham noted that there is no need to leave this public hearing open, we have had several public meetings in the last 18 months or longer discussion this project and its financials specifically. This is not the first we are having. This public hearing is just stating that we have the financing and are moving forward and it gives the public one final voice. It has been discussed a lot and he sees no reason to leave it open.

Councilman Russell agrees, yes, the shovels are ready and they are parked on the side of the road on The Portage. Winter is coming and we are looking at it costing more if we delay it. We can't postpone this any more it will get expensive. We should close the hearing, he is comfortable with that.

Supervisor Giordano hears what Mrs. Peria and Mrs. Dixon are saying, however we haven't followed any different protocols of how we publish our public hearings, granted we are in a different time and place with COVID, moving forward we will just try to do the best we can to provide information of what is going on and what those costs are.

Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

**Resolution #199-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to Announce the Public Interest Order in the Matter of the Proposed Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Sewer District Nos. 2 through 11 in the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, has duly caused to be prepared a map, plan and report including an estimate of cost, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the proposed joint increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer Districts Nos. 2 through 11 (together, the "Districts; each a "Sewer District" or "District"), in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex

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County, New York, consisting of the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant, collection system and related facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$21,000,000, an increase of \$7,559,114.59 over the \$13,440,885.41 heretofore authorized; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on June 11, 2020, an Order was duly adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider the proposed joint improvement of the facilities of Sewer District Nos. 2-11 in said Town, allocable to each District based upon an equation as hereinafter described at the revised maximum estimated cost of \$21,000,000, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in Ticonderoga, New York, in said Town, on July 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and WHEREFORE, it is anticipated at this time that the apportionment of such \$21,000,000 revised cost between the following Districts shall be based on an equation, the numerator of which shall be the equivalent dwelling units (EDU's) for the particular district and the denominator of which shall be the total EDU's for all of the following Districts with the current EDU's, subject to change in the future, as follows: Sewer District No. 2 (Park Avenue) (79.6 EDU's; \$838,499.97), Sewer District No. 3 (Alexandria Avenue) (54 EDU's; \$568,831.64), Sewer District No. 4 (Homelands) (26.3 EDU's; \$277,042.08), Sewer District No. 5 (Village) (1461.11 EDU's; \$15,391,214.71), Sewer District No. 6 (Commerce Park) (110.2 EDU's; \$1,160,837.90), Sewer District No. 7 (Delano Point) (26.1 EDU's; \$274,935.29), Sewer District No. 8 (Baldwin Road) (41.5 EDU's; \$437,157.65), Sewer District No. 9 (Black Point Road) (143.35 EDU's; \$1,510,037.32), Sewer District No. 10 (Hague Road) (15.15 EDU's; \$159,588.88); and Sewer District No. 11 (Routes 9N & 74) (36.25 EDU's; \$381,854.57), and

WHEREAS, said Order duly certified by the Town Clerk was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said notice, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a "Type I Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as to which a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been completed, and the additional costs constituting a "Type II Action" pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) and which, it has been determined, the implementation of such capital projects, as proposed, will not result in any significant adverse environmental effect; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of Sewer Districts Nos. 2 through 11, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, consisting of the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant, collection system and related facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an aggregate maximum estimated

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cost of \$21,000,000, allocated amongst said Sewer Districts as described at said public hearing and as hereinabove provided.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll, which resulted as follows:

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Mark Russell, Councilman VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Tom Cunningham, Councilman VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Dave Woods, Councilman VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution #200-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Issuance of additional \$7,559,114.59 Serial Bonds of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY, to pay additional costs of the Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Sewer Districts nos. 2 though 11, in the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**BOND RESOLUTION #200-2020**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Ticonderoga, New York, in said Town, on July 9, 2020, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Giordano, Supervisor, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT:

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Mark Russell, Councilman

Tom Cunningham Councilman

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Dave Woods, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Mark Russell who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Dave Woods to-wit:

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 9, 2020.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF an additional \$7,559,114.59 SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY additional COSTs OF THE JOINT INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF SEWER DISTRICTS NOS. 2 THROUGH 11, IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK.**



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WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a "Type I Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as to which a Full Environmental Assessment Form has been completed, and the additional costs constituting a "Type II Action" pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2), and which, it has been determined, the implementation of such capital projects, as proposed, will not result in any significant adverse environmental effect; and WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions heretofore duly had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, and more particularly an Order dated the date hereof, said Town Board has determined it to be in the public interest to jointly improve the facilities of Sewer Districts Nos. 2 through 11, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$21,00,000, an increase of \$7,559,114.59 over the \$13,440,885.41 previously authorized; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The joint increase and improvement of Sewer Districts Nos. 2 through 11, in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, consisting of the construction of improvements to and reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant, collection system and related facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$21,000,000, said cost to be allocated amongst said Sewer Districts as described in the Public Interest Order of even date herewith.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a. by the issuance of the \$8,999,453.53 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on March 10, 2017; and
- b. by the issuance of the additional \$4,441,431.88 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution dated and duly adopted June 8, 2017; and
- c. by the issuance of \$7,559,114.59 bonds of said Town hereby authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued therefore. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on

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such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said joint Sewer Districts by assessments upon the properties therein benefitted thereby and as otherwise provided by law, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Supervisor and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Town Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as he shall deem best for the interests of said Town, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Supervisor shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Town shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of its Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor.

Section 9. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, at the Supervisor's sole discretion, to execute a project financing and loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a serial bond issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 10. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

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2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Section 12. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 13. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full or summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor VOTING \_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_

Mark Russell, Councilman VOTING \_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_

Tom Cunningham, Councilman VOTING \_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman VOTING \_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_

Dave Woods, Councilman VOTING \_\_\_AYE\_\_\_\_\_

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Report of Committees

Public Works - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2020**

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

**Others:** Greg Swart (AES), Jocelyn Racette (AES), Matt Fuller, Peter Reale, John Reale, Joyce Cooper, John Kroner, Mark Russell, Pam Savage

Supervisor Giordano started the meeting by discussing the schedule of future Water and Sewer Committee Meetings. It was agreed by the Committee to consolidate the Public Safety Committee Meeting, Highway Committee Meeting and the Water and Sewer Committee Meetings to one set day to maximize AES' and Matt's time attending meetings. The next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, and future meetings, will remain on the last Tuesday of each month but will begin at 10:30 am.

**Public Comment**

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1. John Kroner attended the meeting to discuss his property located at 1081 Wicker Street (his home), and what the possibilities would be to get connected to the Town's sewer system.
  - a. His property is in the 9N & 74 sewer district and he has been paying the debt fee for the district as well as a minimal sewer fee since the district was created. However, at the time that the district was being created there was an option to opt out of connecting to the Town's sewer system until the private septic failed, then the property would need to connect. Discussion took place on what the best option for his property would be, and the least expensive option. The two options were to either purchase a grinder pump, or connect through gravity feed to Race Track Road, but the Race Track Road option would be more expensive.
  - b. Supervisor Giordano asked the Committee what the typical protocol would be to handle this type of request.
    - i. Tracy commented that in the past the Town would provide a grinder pump, and then the property owner would hire a contractor to install it. The force main is located out front of the house so it would not be difficult to connect to the system. However, a tap would be needed as there is no stub. Once the pump was installed the Town would need an easement to maintain the pump.
      1. Nancy will provide a tapping application to Mr. Kroner. Once it's received back and the Town has reviewed/approved the application, the process can then move forward.
2. Pam Savage attended the meeting to address the Committee with a few questions she had.
  1. First question: Pam commented on the hard water and asked what the Town can do about it.
    - a. The Committee's response was that the mandate on the Town was to provide quality drinking water to residents. Although the water is harder, the Town will not be adding a softener to the system as that would actually do more harm to the system than good.
  2. Second question: Pam then commented on the large homes located on the lake, and why they are not paying water bills as their water source is Lake George water and that's good quality water.
    - a. The Committee's response was that there are certain homes that are not connected to the Town's water system, and they draw directly from the Lake. The Town has infrastructure set up to take water and treat it, and if these homes are not connected to the Town's system then they would not pay for water. Also, the Town's water line does not go all the way along Black Point Road.

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3. Third question: Pam commented on water meters, and asked how the Town can stop them from having to be installed. She is concerned that there are property owners that need to run their water non-stop so that their pipes don't freeze in the winter.
  - a. As water meters are another mandate for the Town, they will need to be installed, and as certain issues arise they will need to be addressed.

**Items for Discussion**

1. Henry Drinkwine submitted engineering plans and a tapping application for his vacant parcel on Street Road so that he can irrigate his fields by a drip irrigation method. He has paid the tapping fee and hopes to move forward by the end of the month.
  - a. The Town had sent the engineered plans to Ag and Markets as a courtesy as the property is an agricultural district.
  - b. The use will be monitored for a year and then reevaluated. At this time, based upon estimated usage, he will be charged 3 EDU's for water.
  - c. The Committee agreed as all of the appropriate paperwork was submitted, and the tapping application has been paid, that Mr. Drinkwine could move forward with his plans.
2. A brief discussion took place on the proposed Sagamore and Outlet Drive water and sewer district extensions. Matt had submitted a JIF to the APA a few weeks ago to see if they would require anything pertaining to sewer. Greg will also reach out to DEC.
  - a. Walt Lender, Director of the LGA is working with Matt on the details of the proposed district extensions and also working with the property owners involved. Most likely it will be a while before details get ironed out, possibly by the fall.
  - b. Currently the WWTP already receives the solids from these properties through septic haulers, so the quick answer about capacity is the WWTP can handle the additional users.

**Water Project Discussion**

1. Well Building
  - a. Drop pipe has had some issues, but the contractor plans to be back around June 22<sup>nd</sup> to work on the issue.
2. Derrick commented that Bellamy Construction came back and replaced a PRV near the Huestis' house, and also repaired the PRV near Walgreens as it had a small leak. Also some restoration was done.

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3. The closeout process has begun which starts the auditing of the finances with the Town and EFC, which will take some time. There are a few items remaining like the de-chlorination on the Defiance Tank and the abandonment of the wells. Greg will put together a summary on the finances so that decisions can be made in July.

**Sewer Project Discussion**

1. WWTP
  - a. The ventilation report is almost complete.
  - b. There was an electrical issue where breakers kept tripping, even after some were replaced. Gross Electric found a bad wire and installed a new one. They commented that they thought lightning hit it. However, after AES' review and the Town's review it looks like the wire may have been damaged when Gross did the work. It looks like corrosion on the conduit, but it's hard to tell for sure and there's no hard evidence of how it would have happened. Gross sent an invoice for the few days of work on the repairs, but Greg will have Mike Metcalf talk to Gross to see if a reduction can be given.
  - c. Everything else is in good shape and closer to close out.
  - d. Derrick commented that the effluent reuse system is working great and has been very helpful with cleaning the grit chambers instead of potable water. The receiving station is currently not on that system, but as piping is in the basement a hose could possibly be run and plugged into the system, but it all needs to be looked over a little bit more.
2. The Portage Project
  - a. Discussion took place on the financing of the project, and how to maximize the WIIA grant. The Town would also need to decide if they would like to purchase the piping now, or possibly risk the cost for pipe increasing next year especially if there was an emergency of sorts (such as COVID-19 like this year).
    - i. Mark commented that he would be in favor for trying to save the Town money. As the Committee was also in agreement that it would be ideal to purchase the pipe this year, Greg will pull some information together that can be presented to the Town Board.
  - b. Easements
    - i. There have been a lot of temporary easements signed and returned. Charlie Frasier will go door-to-door to work with residents on the remaining easements that have not been returned. The easements can also be worked on even when the project begins, which at this point is expected to be around July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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- ii. The remaining permanent easements Charlie will also assist with. However, the permanent easements for 30 Algonkin Street and 161 Champlain Ave. are no longer needed. However, 161 Champlain Ave. will now be a temporary easement.
- iii. Greg is assisting with the three permanent easements needed from King Homer Trust. One of the project maps needs to be updated.
- iv. Tom inquired what would happen if a property was sold during this process, and if the new owner would have to re-sign an easement. Matt commented that if it was a permanent easement and recorded with the County, then the new owner would not need too, but if it was a temporary easement then they would.

**Additional Topics of Discussion**

1. Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP)
  - a. AES developed a work plan and schedule that would need to be submitted to the DOH to meet the requirements to begin utilizing the grant. The grant is expected to be closed out by May 2021, but that can be extended for a maximum of one year. The total grant funds available are \$518,962.
  - b. Discussion took place on the best possible ways to use the grant funds, and what areas in the Town would best benefit from the work. Greg will verify what is eligible under the grant, and commented that a decision will need to be made soon on how to move forward.
2. Financing for the water meter project was briefly discussed.
  - a. AES is working on a report to include funding planning for meters and long-term planning for Mt. Defiance Tank replacement, water transmission upgrades (to reduce the dependence on the Baldwin Road plant), and other distribution system upgrades. An extension for the report was requested, and DEC approved up until July 31, 2020.
3. Water District Consolidation
  - a. AES is currently reviewing all parcels within each district to determine any issues, and working with Matt to resolve as needed. Once that is completed the district consolidation process can move forward and be presented to the Town.
4. Veterans Road
  - a. AES will be working with the Town and County to develop the report necessary to apply for a grant for the work. There would need to be a specific bid package, and it's recommended to keep it simple. There's a chance of getting engineering covered through the grant, but an RFP would need to go out this year.

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- b. Income surveys have been sent from the County and there are a few more surveys left to collect. Derrick will talk to the remaining property owners.
- c. The bridge replacement is set to happen in 2021. The goal is to complete the design (if the grant is awarded) this winter and then bid and construct the water main in 2021 in conjunction with the bridge replacement project.

**Adjourn**

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 12:45 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on July 28, 2020 at 10:30 am.

Greg Swart, AES - updated the board on projects.

**Key Project Updates**

**1. WWTP Project**

a. Work is essentially complete, remaining work is on final punch list.

**2. WWTP Ventilation Report**

a. AES is completing the ventilation investigation report for the WWTP. Our goal is to finish

in July and present to the W&S committee in August.

**3. WWTP Aeration Tank Updates**

a. Derrick is planning on updating the aeration tank blowers. Estimate is \$100,000 in equipment. We will need to bid out the equipment. We were assisting Derrick with the specs and will follow up with assistance on bidding. Is Town ok with going out to bid for equipment for this. Actual authorization can happen at the next meeting.

**4. Portage Bids**

a. Contractor has mobilized, work to begin on 7/13/20.

b. Easements are essentially complete. AES to follow up one last permanent easement.

**5. Pump Station Evaluation:** AES will provide a pump station evaluation for the Towns pump station, with recommendations for upgrades. Report is for in-house planning; it is not a funding report.

**6. St. Clair/Wicker Street flooding.** Once the Town completes the purchase we will start working

with the W&S committee on next steps for planning for repairs and updates to the site.

**7. Planning**

a. We will be working on future wastewater planning, but this will take a bit longer due to the pandemic. We will be monitoring for any upcoming stimulus money that might benefit the Town. **7-9-20 Update: Status ongoing, we will resume discussions once in**

**person**

**meetings begin again.**

The following objectives listed below are action items that are to be completed by the Town of Ticonderoga

per the most recent highway committee meeting:

AES Pump Station Evaluation Contract

Discussion on bids for aeration tank bids.



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Key Project Updates

1. Master Water Project

a. AES is working with the contractor to with warranty issues. **7-9-20 Update: Work is in progress now.**

b. Working closing out paperwork, delays at the state level related to Covid-19 may delay

actual paperwork, but that should not negatively impact the Town. **7-9-20 Update: Status**

**ongoing.**

c. Well abandonment: We propose to get quotes from area well drillers vs going through existing contracts. Local contractors appear to be cheaper.

2. Water Meter/Planning Project

a. Water District Consolidation: AES is currently reviewing all parcels within each district to

review to determine any issues. Once that is completed the consolidated districts can be determined. AES is working with Matt Fuller to sort through any issues before they are presented to the Town. **7-9-20 Update: Status ongoing, goal is to discuss on July committee meeting and likely schedule workshops in August.**

b. Report to include funding planning for meters and longer-term planning for Mnt Defiance

Tank replacement, water transmission upgrades (to reduce dependence on Baldwin Road),

and other distributions system upgrades. **7-9-20 Update: Report has been submitted to**

**agencies for review. Workshop on 7-28-20 is being schedule to go over results of report and next steps.**

3. Potential Project: Veterans Road Water Main

a. AES is going to work with the Town and County to develop the report necessary to apply

for the grant for this work. The Town and County will complete the income survey. After the grant application is submitted, the County will work with the Town to issue an RFP for

engineering so that the engineering work can be reimbursed by the grant program. The goal is complete the design (if the grant is awarded) this winter and then bid and construct

the water main in 2021 in conjunction with the bridge replacement project. **7-9-20**

**Update:**

**Town is working with County on letters, AES has drafted report pending completion**

**of income survey. Still in-progress.**

4. Potential Project: LSLRP Grant

a. AES is developing a work plan and schedule to submit to the DOH to meet requirements

to begin utilizing the grant. The grant is slated to be closed out by May 2021 but can be extended for a maximum of one year. Total grant funds available are \$518,962. **7-9-20**

**Update: We have presented a proposal to the Town to complete design work this summer for a construction project next year. Project to focus on side road areas not**

**normally receiving attention from big projects and homes with poor laterals where the replacement of the lead line also provide a better service to the home.**

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The following objectives listed below are action items that are to be completed by the Town of Ticonderoga per the most recent water sewer committee meeting:

- AES contract for LSLRP grant.
- Discussion on well abandonment.

Councilman Cunningham inquired why the well abandonment wasn't included in the original scope of work for the Well project.

Discussion was held, quotes will be requested from local contractors.

**Resolution #201-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to approve Agreement with AES for Lead Service Line Replacement Program, AES Project #4852 in an amount not to exceed \$51,000. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #202-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell to approve the Agreement with AES for Pump Station Evaluations, AES Project \$4889 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #203-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to hold a Town Board Workshop on July 28, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. for upcoming and ongoing water and sewer projects. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #204-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham to change the upcoming \Public Works committee meetings to 12:00 p.m. on July 28, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6  
7 July 2020

The meeting started at 0830 in the Town Hall. Joe Giordano, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna and Ernie Tobin on the phone.

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Jon reported that we sold 394 gallons of fuel in June. This leaves us with 6000 gallons in the tank. It was decided to lower the current price, of 4.79, to 4.59.

We have not seen any fuel leak from the pump this month.

Verizon is working on a communication problem between the Town Hall and the Airport.

Joe is looking into the night landing approach to see if we meet current regulations with the FAA.

Jon had a spare key made for the payment box and the clerk has an original and the other and spare are located at the airport. Jon is working on getting the signs up and paperwork in the box.

The gate code was talked about with the question of changing the code as so many non-pilots seem to know it. We will also look into adding additional cameras.

Arrangements to upgrade our QT 3000 to a QT 4000 are being made.

Weeds in the runway, taxiway and ramp are a problem, they need to be killed, sand filled in the base with sand and cover with hot tar.

For the fuel filter change out we will contract with Marc Miller.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 4 August, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

**Resolution #205-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to approve a contract with Environmental & Fueling Systems for professional services to remove QTPod M3000 and install QTPod M4000 at the Airport in the amount of \$18,333.00, with monies to come from General Fund Balance. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #206-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to approve a contract with Environmental & Fueling Systems for professional services to remove and replace existing fuel filters at the Airport in the amount of \$3,092.19, with monies to come from General Fund Balance. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Councilman Cunningham asked what the town's return was on our sale of fuel.

Supervisor Giordano noted that we normally charge \$1.00 over our price, we have sold over 7,000 gallons.

Councilman Russell asked if there was any compensation for recovering out-of-pocket expenses at the airport related to COVID? This can be looked into.

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

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**Public Safety**

**June 16, 2020**

Councilman Dave Woods called the meeting to order at 8:05am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Mark Russell, Bill Ball, Adam Hurlburt, Rhiannon Peters and Jennifer Gendron.

Guests present: Laura wright, Mark wright, Joyce Cooper, Aaron Bush, Supervisor Giordano, and Matthew Fuller.

Clerk to the committee: Jennifer Gendron.

Chief Hurlburt goes over the monthly report.

Bill Ball goes over the Codes monthly report.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45am

Next public safety meeting is July 13, 2020 at 8:00am

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>5/11/2020-6/16/2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	285	1843
Incident reports :	31	132
Arrests:	17	90
Uniform traffic tickets:	67	235
DWI arrests:	3	9
Accidents investigated:	9	40

Speed Trailer: Currently located in the Eagle Lake area. Next scheduled location is Lake George Avenue near Stanton St.

Trainings- All Trainings were cancelled or postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Trainings will resume as they become available. PO Budwick was recently approved to continue to train with the Tri County SRT team

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements

- On June 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at approximately 7:40 AM Officer H. Genier responded to Baldwin Rd in the Town of Ticonderoga for a report of a male subject who was unresponsive and not breathing. Officer H. Genier performed life saving techniques on the victim until paramedics could arrive. Officer Genier and EMT's were able to regain a heartbeat and the victim was transported by Life Net to a nearby hospital. .
- The Department participated in multiple Drive by Birthday Parades during the Epidemic for the community
- The Department assisted with a Drive Thru Food pantry at the Ticonderoga Middle School. There is another scheduled Event Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 12PM-3PM

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**CODES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**May 12, 2020 *thru* June 15, 2020**

**Contacted in office: 97**

**Building Permits Issued: 12**

**Order to Remedy Notices: 1**

**Remediated: 1**

**Condemned Notices: 0**

**Fire Safety Inspections: 0**

**Pass/Fail: 0**

**Do Not Occupy Notices: 0**

**Appearance Tickets Issued: 0**

**Complaints: 4**

1. Complaint from a Tenant on certain rental property.
2. Outlet drive Blocking \*Right away\* ongoing issue.
3. Veterans Way (fire Lane) Junk cars and Rubbish.
4. Discuss Solar Questions.

Ticonderoga Emergency Squad Inc.

May 2020

Dropped Calls by Ticonderoga – 0

2<sup>nd</sup> Calls Dropped by Ticonderoga – 1

ALS Requests from Lamoille – 6

Total Calls for Ticonderoga May 2020 – 42

Average May 911 Response Time: 2.06 minute

**All Duty Hours were covered**

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Lamoille EMS  
May 2020

Initial Dropped Calls by Ticonderoga – 0

2<sup>nd</sup> Calls Dropped by Ticonderoga – 1

ALS Requests for Ticonderoga – 6

ALS Requests Cancelled by Ticonderoga - 1

Dropped Calls by Lamoille EMS – 0

Total Ticonderoga May Calls – 8

Average May 911 Response Time: 3.44 Minutes

Highway/Transfer Station - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

- Working on Highway Building
- Brym Maker Purchase (consideration)
- Spring Clean-Up (catch basin/road signs/culverts)
- Streetsweeper replacement
- Painting Parking spaces and cross walks
- Heather Heights/Burgoyne Road slated for Paving - comments were made on Town Properties needing paving (Armory/Police Dept.)
- Sidewalk Plan - Prioritize (received 100,000 grant - do not know if this will every come to fruition) \$50,000.00 has been budgeted to start work.

Councilman Cunningham asked if we really need a sidewalk on Streetroad, how much traffic is on that sidewalk. He feels we should ask the residents if they really want it or should we take it out and seed it.

Councilman Russell agreed - would like to follow up with the residents and get their opinion.

Supervisor Giordano noted that the sidewalk may be used more if it was in better condition, maybe it could even be connected with town. In his conversations with

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Taxpayers, they note that they pay their taxes, however they do not benefit from a lot of work in some of their areas.

- Bollards in Park (Grant and crew to install)
- Transfer Station - may be shut down for paving
- Policy development/Stormwater management Plan
- Coordinate effort with Highway/Wastewater/Water departments for Stormwater management when it comes to the Portage project.

Buildings & Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

No report - work being done around town buildings

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

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Ticonderoga Town Board:

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum & Visitor Center's Board of Trustees hereby submit this request to the Ticonderoga Board of Trustees for inclusion into the July Town Board meeting minutes.

The Ticonderoga Heritage Museum & Visitor Center is a valuable and necessary resource which promotes Ticonderoga as well as its area attractions and businesses. We were also designated as a Heritage Center in the Lakes to Locks destination network. Now that summer is upon us, the museum has received numerous daily inquiries regarding public restroom facilities.

We respectfully request that the Town of Ticonderoga open and maintain the public restroom facilities in the 1888 building which are accessible from the Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park. We do not make this request lightly and understand the challenges associated with this during the current health climate but appreciate the Town Board's due consideration and subsequent action to this request.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Wright  
Vice-President

Ticonderoga Heritage Museum & Visitor Center

The Board went over the NYS DOH guidelines for Public & Private Facilities - Discussion was held on how the town can accommodate the guidelines. The Town's custodians should be able to take care of this during the week, and also Saturday mornings - maybe some help can be added from the Heritage Museum board or volunteers for the weekend cleanings. Saturday mid day, Sunday morning and Sunday mid-day. Councilwoman Cooper will follow up with the museum board.

Councilwoman Cooper added that the Grounds crew have been working hard, now painting and weedwacking. Monument cleaning per our bid agreement with Daedalus will start in early August.

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Councilman Russell wanted to touch on a subject brought up by citizens regarding the flying of the confederate flag on private property. This is a First Amendment, Freedom of Speech right. It is not appropriate for the Town to address this.

Councilwoman Cooper also added on her report that the Library is accepting returns and allowing for curbside pickup for requested materials.

The playground was discussed - it will be looked into if the playgrounds can now be opened for public use.

Human Services/Youth - Mark Russell, Councilman

Supervisor Giordano mentioned that he has met with Ms. Woods and she has expressed that she is no longer interested in running the Youth Program, she will be turning in her resignation.

**Resolution #207-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for a Recreation Supervisor (anticipated full-time or part-time) the ad should run for two weeks. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none.  
**Carried.**

Human Services/Seniors - Tom Cunningham, Councilman

Senior bus is out of service for repairs. New bus should be here next week.

Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Increase is looking like 3%, we are waiting on NYS to firm up that value.

Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No negotiations at this time.

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

Working on I.T.

Cable TV - it was noted that the Town can NOT negotiate what your Cable Bill. There is a misconception out there that the Town has that power - The Town only has the authority to negotiate the tax rate with our franchise.

Also in line with this there has been discussion at the county to roll out broadband and we are working on a survey to know who has it and who does not. A company in Lewis is looking to purchase a trencher and that company is looking to let other municipalities borrow that equipment if they want to work on similar type of arrangements. This could be a potential plus for our town as we have places that do not have broadband.



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We do need to schedule a Public Hearing on our Franchise Agreement.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around July 17, 2020, Charter Communications (“Charter”), locally known as Spectrum, will launch NBCSN to Spectrum TV Lifestyle, channels 314 and 38, 44, 49, 69 or 81 on the channel lineup serving your community.

Charter Communications (“Charter”), locally known as Spectrum, is making its customers aware that on or around July 18, 2020, Showtime Showcase will be rebranding to SHO BET and Showtime Beyond will be rebranding to Showtime Showcase in the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around August 1, 2020, Charter Communications (“Charter”), locally known as Spectrum, will launch Big Ten Network, channel 382, to Spectrum TV Sports Pack on the channel lineup serving your community.

On or around August 1, 2020, American Heroes Channel 140, Discovery Family Channel 266 and Science Channel 136, currently placed on SPP Tier 2 will be moved to SPP Tier 1 on the channel lineup serving your community.

On or around August 1, 2020, the Spectrum news feed currently located on channels 1, 10 and 200 in the Champlain and Malone lineups and channels 1, 20 and 200 in the Saranac Lake lineup will change from Spectrum News Central New York to Spectrum News-North Country. Spectrum News features news, weather, traffic, information and other original news programming.

Effective on or after July 5, 2020, customers are being noticed via bill message of the following monthly pricing changes, which will take effect on or after August 5, 2020. Customer promotional rates will not change until the end of the promotion period.

**Pricing Adjustment**

**Services/Products/Equipment**

Broadcast TV Surcharge

Will increase by \$2.95. This reflects the costs incurred from local Broadcast TV Stations.

Spectrum TV Select

Will increase by \$1.50.

Spectrum TV Silver

Will increase by \$1.50.

Spectrum TV Gold

Will increase by \$1.50.

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Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #208-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to accept the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on June 11, 2020, the Special Town Board meeting on June 22, 2020 and the Town Board Finance Meeting on June 25, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #209-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell to accept the resignation of Eric Stoddard as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective July 8th, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #210-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to appoint Erik Leerkes as the Chairman of 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 #211-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to re-advertise for Zoning Board of Appeal Members. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #212-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to offer employment to Rebecca Norton for the full-time position of clerk in the Supervisor/Finance department at the hourly rate of \$19.29, effective July 9, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #213-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for a clerk position in the court. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #214-2020** to accept the conveyance of property located at 130 The Portage and permitting License Thereof to Reale Construction Company, Inc. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #215-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to schedule a Public Hearing on August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**



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**Resolution #218-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following budget transfers

A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$ 397.00)
A.1355.491	Assessor General Town - Attorney	\$ 298.00
A.3120.462	Police & Constable - Surveillance	\$ 99.00
Fund over-expended General accounts from Contingency (Remaining Balance \$91,692.93)		
A.0201.014	C/R Senior Bus	(\$21,000.00)
A.6772.210	Programs for Aging – New Bus Purchase	\$ 21,000.00

Fund partial purchase of ADA Senior Bus from Senior Bus Capital Reserve

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

**Resolution #219-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

SS05.0391.000	Due From Other Funds	(\$7,675.03)
H53.0630.000	Due To Other Funds	\$7,675.03
General to lend H53 (Clean Water Main Project) funds until funding is received		
SS05.0391.000	Due From Other Funds	(\$2,361.50)
H58.0630.000	Due To Other Funds	\$2,361.50

Central Sewer to lend H58 (HVAC Planning Grant) funds until funding is received

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

**Resolution #220-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following inter-fund budget transfers

A.9950.900	Interfund Transfer – To Capital Project	(\$3,344.00)
H61.5031.000	Interfund Transfer – Receive Funds from General	\$3,344.00

General transferring funds to cover H61 (Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration) expense

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

**Resolution #221-2020** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to Pay Abstract #7 of 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Town of Ticonderoga

7/9/20:

Board Meeting Date 07/09/2020			
Gross Payroll #13	94,767.70		
Gross Payroll #14	98,016.66		
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Total</b>	<b>\$192,784.36</b>		
<b>EFT's &amp; Pre-Pays Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
ABSTRACT #7			
	7/9/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	266,265.08	3,361,312.35	1,941,191.24
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie	-	-	10,227.32
CM Library Trust Special	-	147.62	-
Highway (DA)	28,987.58	1,399,000.44	603,945.56
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements	-	-	2,200.00
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	8,596.00	168,782.97	140,558.21
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase	-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main	-	0.19	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	0.01	4,317.84
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	2,187.32	13.30	479,125.55
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	11.73	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	15,598.54	17.40	318,239.05
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant	-	-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	-	6,060.57	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path	-	0.98	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project	2,361.50	-	4,158.30
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	30.44	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	12,844.86
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	3,344.00	17,670.70	23,440.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery	-	148.69	-
SF01 - Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District	-	525,456.00	525,456.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	-	74,645.00	74,645.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	47.94	3,842.54	683.51
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	23.34	31,882.77	22,787.39
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	30.92	21,737.33	16,045.19
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	467.60	11,786.95	9,570.60
Central Sewer (SS05)	16,704.64	834,208.50	539,699.27
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	98.27	49,163.59	32,575.83
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	82.25	20,943.43	8,479.34
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	108.66	30,130.53	27,656.09
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	1,841.60	181,626.17	150,310.97
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	11.02	8,002.42	5,389.14
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	216.02	37,799.31	13,178.09
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	10.87	38,546.58	28,482.26
Street Road Water (SW02)	10.85	18,974.92	11,800.63
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-	15,952.69	11,648.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-	6,385.39	4,617.60
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-	23,572.92	18,033.60
Central Water (SW06)	24,764.49	679,649.79	417,625.63
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-	18,512.85	13,717.60
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	812.86	161,284.92	158,141.45
<b>Multi Account Total</b>	<b>372,571.35</b>	<b>7,747,301.99</b>	<b>5,630,791.12</b>
<b>Total Expenditures This Abstract</b>	<b>\$565,355.71</b>		

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**Resolution #222-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye.  
**Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Public Participation

Mark Wright asked if there was any plan of paving the Town's parking lot behind the old Newberry's building.

Councilwoman Cooper noted that there was not, but there are hopes to fill the potholes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**AGENDA**

As of 7/9/2020 5:34 PM

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Opening Remarks -- Announcements:**

Coronavirus Update & Notifications

Census update

Farmer's Market Coupons

Free Tire Collection July 11<sup>th</sup> – Moriah Transfer Station

**Presentations**

Peter & John Reale to request TB approval to relocate the access point to property along SR-74

Board of Health – no report

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

**Public Hearing**

Regarding the matter of the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Sewer District Nos. 2 through 11 in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, NY pending Attorney and Finance review of the District Number

**Department Heads**

**Committee reports:**

Public Works JG

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RESOLUTION to approve Agreement with AES for Lead Service Line

Replacement Program, AES Project #4852 in an amount not to exceed \$51,000

RESOLUTION to approve Agreement with AES for Pump Station Evaluations, AES Project #4889 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000

RESOLUTION to schedule a TB workshop on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM to review ongoing projects (Water Meters & Bypass Line project)

RESOLUTION to re-schedule Water/Sewer Committee Meeting for July 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00PM

**Airport JG**

RESOLUTION to approve a contract with Environmental & Fueling Systems for professional services to remove and replace existing fuel filters at the Airport in the amount of \$3,092.19, with monies to come from General Fund Balance

RESOLUTION to approve a contract with Environmental & Fueling Systems for professional services to remove QTPod M3000 and install QTPod M4000 at the Airport in the amount of \$18,333.00, with monies to come from General Fund Balance

**Public Safety DW**

**Highway / Transfer Station JG**

**Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC**

Letter from Heritage Museum

**Human Services: Youth MR**

RESOLUTION to advertise for Recreation Supervisor (anticipated full-time or part-time)

**Human Services: Seniors TC**

**Health Insurance JG**

**Contract negotiations JG**

**I.T. / Cable T.V. JG**

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RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of new budget accounts

- A.1345.101 General Purchasing Land
  - A.6772.210 Programs for Aging – New Bus Purchase
- Creation of new account for unanticipated expenses

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments

- A.1345.101 General Purchasing Land \$131,208.58  
Fund purchase of land with monies from General Fund Balance
- A.5610.464 Airport AV Fuel & Filters \$ 37,000.00  
Fund airport fuel and fuel system upgrades with monies from General Fund Balance
- A.6772.210 Programs for Aging – new Bus Purchase \$ 24,687.00  
Fund purchase of new senior bus balance with monies from General Fund Balance
- SS04.8130.405 Sewage Treatment & Disposal Contractual \$ 27.85  
Fund unexpected expense for Sewer District 04 from Fund Balance

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RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

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

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting