

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga 2022 Budget Workshop with any other Lawful Business
held on October 15, 2021 commencing at 8:00 a.m.**

Present: Joseph Giordano, Supervisor
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Cunningham, Councilman
Mark Russell, Councilman (left at 9:55 a.m.)
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Absent: Dave Woods, Councilman

Others: Mark Wright, Rebecca Norton

Supervisor Giordano opened the workshop with a refresher of the Water and Sewer budgets that the Town went over at the last workshop. Again, announcing that the Water Rate is a proposed \$16 increase from this year and the Sewer Rate is a proposed \$16 increase from this year. We are working on the carry overs and inputting the insurance for the coming year. We should be getting the Worker's Comp. numbers by next week.

The board will consider putting in a Capital Reserve for Building and Grounds Equipment. We would also like to get an update from the Ticonderoga Emergency Squad on how the finances are going and if they have followed through on recommendations that were given to them.

Resolution #320-2021 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Mark Russell to exit the Workshop and enter into an Executive Session to discuss the financial history of particular person(s) leading to the appointment of particular person(s) at 9:41 a.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent. **Carried.**

(Councilman Russell left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.)

Resolution #321-2021 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to exit out of the Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. and re-enter the Workshop for any other Lawful Business. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent, Mark Russell – Absent. **Carried.**

The budget is primarily complete – we do need to revisit some Capital Reserves, look at fund balances and schedule some workshops with department heads for equipment. The budget is coming in under the tax cap which is at 2% this year. All non-union personnel will receive a 2% wage increase – union contracts for Water/Sewer/Highway allows for 1% and the Police Department is at 2%. Elected officials will also receive a 2% wage increase for salaries to be as follows:

- Councilpersons - \$12,424.00
- Supervisor - \$43,483.00
- Town Clerk - \$51,619.00
- Highway Superintendent - \$65,138.00
- Town Justices - \$25,883.00

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Meeting schedule for next week is a Special Town Board meeting on October 19th at 8:15 a.m. to schedule a public hearing.

Councilman Cunningham noted that there is hope to schedule a Municipal Facility Committee meeting on October 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution #322-2021 brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Joyce Cooper to schedule a 2022 Budget Workshop on October 21, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. with any other Lawful Business that may arise. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent, Mark Russell – Absent. **Carried.**

Workshop adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk