

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Financial Meeting with any other
Lawful Business commencing at 8:30 a.m. on June 23, 2022**

Present: Mark Wright, Supervisor
Dave Woods, Councilman
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Tom Cunningham, Councilman
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Clayton Menser (arrived late)

Supervisor Wright opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the Board with Resolutions for consideration.

Resolution #227-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to award the bid to Adirondack Concrete for Sidewalk Removal and replacement in the amount of \$11.00/sq. ft (5' wide x 4" thick) and \$11.50/sq ft (5' wide and 6" thick) for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Councilman Cunningham asked for clarification when a sidewalk is only 4' will this be the same amount per square foot? (Answer was yes)

Resolution #228-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham to schedule an Informational Meeting on Water District Consolidation for June 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #229-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham approving the installation of an additional fire hydrant on Baldwin Road. Estimated cost not to exceed \$6,169.06. Cost to come from the account line of SWO6.8340.466. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

The board held a bit of discussion regarding a buildup of corner stonework that needs to be done at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. It was decided to advertise for a contractor.

Resolution #230-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to advertise for Bids for the installation of Corner Stones in Town Owned Cemeteries at an amount per cornerstone. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #231-2022 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to offer employment to Wayne Taylor for Part-Time/On-Call bus driver at a rate of pay of \$13.51 per hour. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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Clayton Menser arrived at the meeting asking about the contract that the Supervisor had for him. There have been a few different contracts passed around, 2 from the Town (one being amended from the first one) and 1 from the Marine Corps.

Supervisor Wright explained that the Town has drawn up a contract, which was mailed yesterday as Mr. Menser did not come to pick it up after the message was left last Friday.

Mr. Menser stated that the main concern from them is that it was agreed upon that a flagpole would be put in at the Town's expense and that at some point you would do sidewalks. Based on his conversation two weeks ago Wednesday, you said that this might not happen and we had a verbal contract and the only reason we were agreeing to this location was based on the flagpole and possibility of sidewalks and now you are saying that you are not going to do that?

Supervisor Wright stated that the flagpole is not going to go in now. There is a discussion as to how many American Flags we want in the park, if every monument wants to have an American Flag, that tends to get...

Mr. Menser interrupted and stated if the flagpole is out, then you are in breach of contract.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that we (Mr. Menser and she) spoke about this on the phone and that is not a contract, she also informed Mr. Menser that there is no money in her budget for it this year.

Mr. Menser agrees, you did say that you wouldn't be able to do it until next year. The only reason we agreed to putting it at that location, was because of the agreement of the flagpole.

Supervisor Wright stated that he somewhat doubts that the reasoning of the flagpole was the only reason that you decided to go into Veteran's Park...

Mr. Menser stated that you can doubt that all you want to, but this is an absolute fact and it is a verbal contract, it is enforceable and if you are now saying that you are not going to do that, then we will seek legal action and we will place our monument in another Town.

Councilman Woods asked if he would want that flagpole up every day, all the time. (Yes) If you wanted the flag to be just during the 4th of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, couldn't you just take and drill some holes in that concrete and put a stake in it and put the flags up just during the ceremony?

Mr. Menser stated no, the agreement was that the flagpole would be put up, the same type and size as the one that is already there on the American Legion.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that we never discussed size and she can't...(interrupted by Mr. Menser stating that "actually we did")... she can't see that our conversation on the phone is legal in terms of being a contract. Is she correct in thinking that?

Supervisor Wright stated that he wouldn't think so, but he is not a lawyer.

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Mr. Menser stated that it is...

Supervisor Wright stated that is your opinion, let's say that the flagpole was put in, are you going to sign the agreement with the Town?

Mr. Menser repeated, are we going to sign the agreement? He just spoke to Jason Bush who is the Vice President of Central Rivers Power and he is the one that is dealing with Matthew Stanley about this and what they want removed is because it isn't part of the actual property is that the monument does not cross the penstock. Once that is removed, he said that they would sign it and so will we.

Supervisor Wright questioned, when you say they are willing to sign the agreement, which agreement are you speaking of?

Mr. Menser stated it is the one that would remove the crossing the penstock, getting that easement taken out of it.

Supervisor Wright continued, so you are speaking of the agreement that you provided to the Town?

Mr. Menser repeated, the agreement I provided to the Town and to Central Rivers Power.

Supervisor Wright stated that we are not going to sign that agreement that you provided to the Town.

Mr. Menser stated, ok, he (Mr. Bush) is not going to sign it as it is, because of the initial letter of crossing the penstock. This is not crossing the penstock, so it needs to be taken out.

Supervisor Wright stated, 'that is not the reason why we are not signing this'.

Mr. Menser asked why are you not signing it?

Supervisor Wright explained that there are multiple reason's which are in the letter that was mailed out to you, you can look at that. It concerns the sidewalks and the Town paying for half of the monument if something happened, those....(interrupted)

Mr. Menser stated that we do not have the Town paying for anything.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that there is \$20,000.00 in the....

Mr. Menser stated that this would be from Central Rivers Power, or the Town if it is damaged...

Supervisor Wright stated that we are not going to do that. We are not going to sign it.

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Mr. Menser stated ok, the monument will be going to Crown Point and we will be talking to our lawyers and you will be hearing from us. So far, the bill is going to be somewhere around \$2,500.00, just the concrete itself from J.P. Carrara and Sons was \$776.00.

Supervisor Wright asked Mr. Menser to take a look at the letter when it arrives in the mail...(interrupted)

Mr. Menser stated that he would give it all to the lawyers, have a good day.

Resolution #232-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham to exit the Finance meeting and enter into an Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. to discuss matters related to personnel issues. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #233-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to exit the Executive Session at 9:13 a.m. and re-enter the Financial meeting. **All in Favor** Mark Wright - Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk.

Special Town Board Finance Meeting
June 23, 2022 @ 8:30 AM
Agenda

Pledge

RESOLUTION to award the bid to Adirondack Concrete for sidewalk removal and replacement in the amount of \$11.00/sq ft (5' wide x 4" thick) and \$11.50/sq ft (5' wide x 6" thick) for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.

RESOLUTION to set an informational meeting on water district consolidation for June 30, 2022, at 6 pm.

RESOLUTION for the installation of an additional fire hydrant on Baldwin Rd. Estimated cost of \$6,169.06. Cost to come from the account line of SW06.8340.466.

DISCUSSION: Placing advertisement for cemetery work in the paper.

DISCUSSION: Senior Bus driver.

RESOLUTION to enter executive session to discuss matters related to personnel issues.

RESOLUTION to exit executive session.

Adjourn