

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga End-of-the Year Meeting held on
December 29, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m.**

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

Others: Ross Kelley, Renee Kennedy and Bryan Caza

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

Resolution #436-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to obtain and execute an independent fee estimate (IFE) from C&S Engineers, Inc. for professional services in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E for the Apron Expansion (Phase 1) – Design project at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #437-2022 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the Supervisor to execute a Short Form of Agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and AES for professional services for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #438-2022 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to execute the town’s annual Maintenance Highway Work Permit (PERM 1) application to cover repairs of existing public facilities within the New York State Right-of-Way. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #439-2022 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing Change Order No. 1 on Lead Service Line Replacement Project (AES Project #4852) to update costs reflecting cost of dry holes due to increase in the number of dry pits that occurred on the project, cost from Time and Material slips related to extraordinary circumstances at specific properties and reduce line-item quantities to reflect actual project budget. Contract price incorporating this change order is \$506,038.38, a reduction of \$37,961.62 from the original contact price of \$544,000.00. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #440-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to apply to receive grant funding from the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C5-5520-11-00 WWTP HVAC and Phosphorus Upgrades, and Collection System Improvements project. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave

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Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye.
Opposed – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #441-2022 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing Amendment #2 to AES Project #4989 (Chilson-Eagle Lake Distribution System) to include work performed to assist with developing and implementing a plan to provide assistance to homeowners as the Town transitions the project from a public water supply to a largely private one. Work performed included parcel investigation, status report updates to the USEPA and USDOJ, development of information packages to homeowners, hydrogeological consultation, informational meeting with property owners, preliminary cost estimates, and milage/postage/printing at a cost increase of \$79,566.54. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #442-2022 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to increase 52 Water Street (James Fuller) to 2 full EDU Water and 2 full EDU Sewer as the property is listed on the tax roll as a single-family residence with an apartment over the garage. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #443-2022 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to correct Resolution #423-2022 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to increase the Operation & Maintenance for Delano Point Sewer (SS07) in the amount of \$37.22 a quarter for the year of 2023, for funds that were borrowed from Central Sewer (SS05). The resolution should state to increase the O&M for Delano Point Sewer (SS07) an additional \$36.47 per quarter and not an additional \$37.22 per quarter. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #444-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the encumbrance of \$23,000 from Building Repairs and Maintenance (A.1620.462) for Highway concrete wall replacement. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #445-2022 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the creation of a purchase order to Action Flag Company for the purchase of flags in the amount of \$520.04. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #446-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Thatcher to appoint Susan Tubbs to the Board of Assessment Review. **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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Resolution #447-2022 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods

authorizing the following budget transfers:

○ A.1440.493	General Engineer	(\$12,396.36)
○ A.1410.478	Town Clerk Fees	\$42.50
○ A.1410.830	Town Clerk Social Sec & Medicare	\$505.51
○ A.1410.861	Town Clerk General Emp. Benefits	\$1,552.62
○ A.1420.491	General Town Attorney	\$5,745.00
○ A.1620.861	Central Services Emp. Med. Benefits	\$546.00
○ A.1620.422	Buildings Heating Oil	\$2,074.26
○ A.1620.423	Building Propane	\$1,884.09
○ A.1650.453	Central Communications	\$46.38
○ A.1310.492	Prof/Contractual Accountant	(\$4,582.48)
○ A.1680.494	Central Data Processing	\$4,582.48
○ A.3620.498	Safety Inspection Property Remediation	(\$5,600.71)
○ A.3620.861	Safety Inspection General Emp Benefits	\$561.71
○ A.3620.862	Safety Inspection Codes HSA	\$1,350.00
○ A.5010.861	Super. Highway Med Insurance	\$989.00
○ A.5010.862	Super. Highway HSA	\$2,700.00
○ A.6772.111	Programs for Aging Bus Drivers	(\$587.42)
○ A.6772.464	Programs for Aging Motor Fuel	\$587.42
○ A.7410.121	Library Aid	(\$1,350.00)
○ A.7410.862	Library HAS	\$1,350.00
○ A.8025.810	Joint Planning/Zoning NYS Retirement	(\$118.35)
○ A.8025.111	Joint Planning Board Clerk	\$118.35
○ A.8160.427	Refuse & Garbage Tipping C&D	(\$4,548.78)
○ A.8160.861	Refuse & Garbage Medical Insurance	\$1,848.78
○ A.8160.862	Refuse & Garbage HAS	\$2,700.00
Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.		
○ DA.5110.191	General Repairs Highway Overtime	(\$4,736.42)
○ DA.5110.466	General Highway Road Materials	\$894.47
○ DA.5110.468	General Highway Safety Supplies	\$102.96

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○ DA.5110.472	General Highway Meals Overtime	\$62.36
○ DA.5112.493	Improvements Highway Engineer	\$2,240.00
○ DA.5130.442	Machinery Highway Rental Equipment	\$1,436.63
○ DA.5142.464	Snow Removal Highway Motor Fuel	(\$12,884.73)
○ DA.5130.467	Highway Small Equipment/Tools	\$107.72
○ DA.5142.111	Snow Removal MEO 1	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.112	Snow Removal MEO 2	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.113	Snow Removal MEO 3	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.114	Snow Removal MEO 4	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.115	Snow Removal MEO 5	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.120	Snow Removal Seasonal On-call Emp	\$216.12
○ DA.5142.121	Snow Removal Laborer Position 1	\$1,374.00
○ DA.5142.122	Snow Removal Laborer Position 2	\$2,577.20
○ DA.5142.191	Snow Removal Highway Overtime	\$170.69
○ DA.5142.466	Snow Removal Highway Road Materials	(\$15,724.48)
○ DA.5142.861	Snow Removal Highway Medical Benefits	\$7,474.48
○ DA.5142.862	Snow Removal Highway HSA	\$8,250.00

Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.

○ SW06.8320.499	Water Lab Testing	(\$6,787.00)
○ SW06.8320.479	Water Misc. Filtration Plant	(\$2,663.00)
○ SW06.8340.862	Water Employee HSA	\$9,450.00
○ SW06.8340.463	Trans. & Dist. Vehicle Equipment Repairs	(\$3,797.97)
○ SW06.8340.191	Trans. & Dist. Overtime	(\$1,030.07)
○ SW06.8340.861	Trans. & Dist. Water Emp. Med. Insurance	\$4,828.04

Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution # 448-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following budget adjustments:

○ A.1310.862	Director of Finance General Emp HSA	\$4,050.00
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- A.1620.862 Central Services Emp HSA \$1,350.00
- A.5132.464 Garage Dyed Diesel & Gasoline \$12,508.81

Funding accounts by General Fund Balance to cover increased costs.

- SS09.8130.210 Sewage Treatment & Disp. Equipment \$50,087.00

Funding account by Sewer Fund Balance to cover purchase of pump control panel and equipment.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #449-2022 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- SS09.9950.900 Inter-fund Transfers – Capital Project (\$355.22)
- H68.5031 Black Point HVAC 5099 \$355.22

Transfer funds from Sewer to Black Point HVAC Project.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #450-2022 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to pay the abstract #13-2022. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Board Meeting Date 12/29/2022				
Gross Payroll # 26	105,468.61			
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Trust & Agency Total	\$105,468.61			
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00			

ABSTRACT # 13	12/29/2022	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	127,431.07	127,431.07	4,690,684.34	4,284,892.81

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CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-	-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	10,352.63
CM Library Trust Special		-	385.07	-
Highway (DA)	128,949.53	128,949.53	1,345,959.35	1,878,327.34
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management		-	8,927.61	67,932.06
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab		-	25,463.23	48,014.14
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment		-	17,374.77	26,108.37
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement		-	84,928.95	103,167.84
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	0.35	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming		4,086.75	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	-	-	30.68	525.00
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	-	52,195.75	41,459.00
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	4,086.75	-	768.75	2,325,385.91
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		-	4.25	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		-	1.08	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	-	69.08	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project		-	-	700,056.34
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration		-	93,530.73	93,530.73
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant			198,617.56	439,025.87
H63 - Water Meter Project	-		-	4,360.40

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H64 - WWTP Ventilation Project GIGP	-			-
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous removal EPG			1,436.75	1,436.75
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867			27.30	82,927.96
H67- Wet Weather Operating Plan	-	-	7,500.57	6,999.75
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	355.22	355.22	6,705.25	7,060.47
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery			310.77	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District			546,358.00	546,358.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	-		76,147.00	76,147.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)			6,153.76	1,620.56
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)			47,968.40	46,091.39
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)			33,603.73	32,459.07
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)			18,172.37	17,100.63
Central Sewer (SS05)	19,569.35	71,091.52	1,410,779.90	1,163,012.11
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)			75,035.97	65,913.33
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)			20,159.69	22,617.65
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)			46,416.68	49,031.70
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	51,522.17		264,432.08	293,218.69
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)			11,979.20	9,038.66
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)			28,846.95	36,167.15
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	-		62,649.05	60,099.20
Street Road Water (SW02)	-		32,241.40	27,776.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		26,187.28	25,088.00

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Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		10,598.10	9,945.60
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		39,959.99	40,909.46
Central Water (SW06)	24,632.99	24,632.99	1,120,760.74	948,698.82
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-		30,250.80	29,008.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)			231,288.78	211,453.55
Multi Account Total	356,547.08	356,547.08	10,674,912.06	13,833,317.94
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$462,015.69	TRUE		

Supervisor Wright explained that he has invited Renee Kennedy and Bryan Caza today to have some more discussion regarding the EMS funding and District Formation. He also explained that the Town attorney will have a packet available at the next meeting to discuss the steps and the issues associated with going forward with forming a district if that is what the board decides to do. In the meantime, we should discuss how the Town will or will not fund Ti EMS from this point forward beginning January 1st. If we form a district, it wouldn't take place until next fiscal year, so, we have to decide how we are going to fund them along the way. Renee is here to give us an idea of what kind of money you might be looking at to get through the rest of the year.

Councilman Cunningham would like to hear from Renee and what the proposal is. He knows there have been some changes over there and also understands that several people that have been there a while may be resigning, he is a little concerned about the ability to continue to have crews for the calls.

Supervisor Wright agreed and noted that when we ended the budget discussions, one of those things was a discussion about the cost and what was the best way to do that.

Councilman Woods noted that no one that he knows of is leaving, in fact there are two EMTs finishing up their training that will be coming on.

Renee Kennedy does not know of anyone resigning and agreed with Councilman Woods, we actually have 5 EMT's coming on, they are volunteers. There are two members that have gotten done that were associate members, however, they were not doing time that was helpful to us anyhow. We have one paramedic that is on now, we have another paramedic that is interested and is helping us out per diem, which will be big for us and we have 2 that are taking the test to help with IV's and some advanced life support. She feels that they are going in the right direction.

Supervisor Wright understands that Ti EMS is thinking about contracting with Crown Point.

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Mrs. Kennedy explained that Crown Point came to them and asked for them to put in a bid to cover the Town of Crown Point. They did that and it was accepted, they are taking on Crown Point, January 1, 2023, to help with that, there will be a second crew in place (which is volunteer). We put a lot of thought into this before we accepted it. We will be putting on a 2nd volunteer crew that will take second calls whether to Ti or Putnam. Crown Point has been more than willing to work with us with anything that we need, they will be covering our costs for fuel and stuff like that, we won't have any costs for paid staff at this time for that so, she feels they are heading in the right direction.

Bryan Caza explained that Schroon Lake has a district and he is familiar with this procedure. Schroon Lake EMS has always provided for the Town of North Hudson. They were given a flat rate per year and then times changed where they had to go fully staffed 24/7 – 365 just like overnight. Schroon Lake does around 350 to 400 calls a year and they were told it would take a half a million dollars a year to operate. North Hudson pays a percentage of that for their 30 calls a year. So, while they used to pay a flat rate of \$10,000.00 a year, it is now 25% which is equal to \$84,000.00 a year, for 30 calls. When it was estimated, we were told it was going to be a whole 'x' of dollars for us to run and you are going to pay "x" of this budget to have EMS coverage. The Town did look at E'town and Lewis EMS, it is all about the time of response. Ti, he would think, and the attorneys would know better, would be the same thing. There is an 'x' number, for example \$600,000.00 a year in the district, these Towns would get together and say you are going to pay 15% of it and you will pay 40% of it and the Town of Ti would pay the difference.

Councilman Woods asked if Putnam and Crown Point would need to become part of this district?

Mr. Caza agreed, yes, they would have to be in this district. Each Town could have a district or the Town of Ti could have a district and the other Towns can opt in. We knew the first few years it was going to not be a huge savings in terms of revenue because it was a brand new start. It is nice to know, when you call 911, that someone is coming.

Supervisor Wright asked about Hague?

Mrs. Kennedy stated that they are not doing Hague, Lamoille is covering Hague.

Councilman Woods stated that they would be a mutual aid to Hague, everybody goes to a mutual aid call.

Supervisor Wright asked if the ambulance would be stationed in Ti and there are still two units – (yes, they both will be right on Champlain Avenue).

Ross Kelley explained that he has been here for the last 65 years and has not retired here and is a tax paying citizen. When he read the November 26th article about this, it was his first introduction to EMS 101. He read it with interest because he is currently a Commissioner on the Fire Department and that is a huge learning curve for him. So, this is very similar to it, so he thought he would read it, he met with Renee just so he could better understand it and he stepped

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back because he can be objective because he wasn't born here, didn't go to school here and he doesn't have family here. So, when he looks at the situation and he looks at that article from his limited point of education on this and he says the first statement is there is a huge problem, the second statement is automatically forming a tax district to pay for this and then it goes on to talk about everybody else is having the same problem and then going even further to talk about volunteerism being a critical issue. Then it goes into the numbers; it costs a half a million dollars to run a year, you get reimbursed income of \$200,000.00 plus about \$25,000.00 in donations, etc. so, leave that \$25,000.00 right out of it. So, you are spending 5 you get 2 back and then it talks about insurance reimbursement, so the question enters his mind of well, where is the \$300,000.00 gap that you were asking for initially and is it not because people are not paying for the service rendered? He has used the ambulance twice in the past 5 to 10 years here and the service was great and he is all for EMS, he has absolutely no issue with EMS and he supports it 100%, but he also paid for his use of it. When the attorney brought up hard billing and soft billing in the December meeting conversation, it didn't seem to get any traction, there was discussion about it, other than, that would be a means of requiring if not forcing payment and it sounds like, or he gets the feeling that we don't want to do that for a list of reasons. However, if we are forming a tax district, that is the same as hard billing because if I don't pay the tax bill, his house is in jeopardy. So, why are we asking the many, the entire population, forcing them to pay, if that is hard billing, why don't we do with it as they are using the service in hard billing. That is his first thought about the whole situation. Secondly, \$300,000.00 is the current gap to maintain the current status quo, where does that address volunteerism, because to scale this and to move forward in the future, it sounds like in the article that he read, we have to offer incentives, financial incentives for either training or some kind of payment so people can afford to volunteer on the EMS squad versus having a part-time job. An incremental \$300,000.00 need because people are not paying for services rendered is only going to get us to the status quo. So, however this is solved, it needs to be more than a half a million if that is the total right now, and a \$300,000.00 gap, it needs to be more than that so you can continue to incentivize people to come on board to staff this very valuable requirement in our community. With that said, he scratches his head when he thinks about a tax district, just because everyone else does it, it that the best way to hard bill or should it be with those that are using the service, because as all of us know, if you use any other services you have to pay for those services rendered. Are we hard billing our community or hard billing our customers, question number 1 and #2 is whatever way we support this valuable service in the community, let's make sure we include enough to provide incentives for future growth and future support if people retire or people leave so we can attract more people. Otherwise, we will be back at the table in 12 – 24 months saying we still don't have volunteers and we don't have the funds to attract them.

Councilman Woods started by saying that Renee could probably explain this clearer than him, but if you say bill the ones that should be billed to pay, probably at least 50 to 75 percent are not going to pay no matter what. They might pay their taxes to keep their house, but they sure aren't going to pay us. They have a choice to pay their taxes and keep their house, they are going to say let's let EMS go. So, if you have 75% of the people we bill don't, you are not going to get it, some of the people we bill, if you went to some of the places and saw what we saw, you know you are not going to get paid.

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Mr. Kelley noted that maybe this is a philosophical issue that, if it is \$50 dollars or so, well that may not be much to the people in this room, but that same group – that is a lot of money. Supervisor Wright explained that one difference here is that you say the people that use EMS should pay, the people that use fire service that need it, everybody pays. People that need police protection, everybody pays. Those are kind of apples and oranges comparison when you state that only the people that need EMS should pay. The other thing that he would like to throw out there is that EMS service can be provided 3 ways, it can be through the appropriations in the budget, it can be through a tax district or there is no service other than whomever can respond to 911. Those are the three ways and the way that you said for just have the people who need the service pay for it, that is no Ti EMS, that is no district, that is just 911. You need someone and you call and you wait for whomever responds and your insurance company to pay your bill. Personally, he would like a little faster service than not knowing where they are coming from if there is no Ti EMS. Those are the three methods that he sees if we want EMS service. It is the same with Fire and Police protection too, if you don't want a police department or a fire department then you get rid of those appropriations and you just wait for whatever other community can respond. He understands what you are saying.

Mr. Kelley agreed and stated that this is a valid point, but it is just one more tax burden being placed on the 5,000 and for some that is not much and for others that is a big deal.

Supervisor Wright continued that it is up to this community and this board to decide what they want. Some people say they do not want a police department and that is fine, we can get rid of it. Take it right out of the appropriations from the budget, but when you want service, don't complain that it took 45 minutes for a trooper to show up at your house. We will be talking about this some more with our attorney.

Councilman Cunningham asked about Schroon Lake, is this their only ambulance service in the area, are there any other alternatives? There is no secondary ability.

Mr. Caza stated that there is Elizabethtown and Lewis.

Councilman Cunningham stated that we two squads here that both have ambulances here and they both provide service. We have Lamoille and Ti EMS, the discussion has been if Ti EMS goes away, there is no other ability for an ambulance to show up at your house and he believes that is a bit of fear monitoring and does not feel it is the case. There is a market and the market is being divided by at least two modes of transportation and we have heard that the hospital is now doing their own transports so are we oversaturated with services?

Mrs. Kennedy stated that there is more than the need for 3 services.

Supervisor Wright asked what is the current projected need for Ti EMS for 2023 to get you through the year.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that we are looking for \$200,000.00. Not all at once, at least \$100,000.00 in January and maybe in 6 months the other. Obviously, as said if this district is formed, it

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would not happen until 2024. The beginning of the year is the toughest months in regard to insurances and everything.

Councilman Woods asked when the other Town's pay.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that Crown Point will be paying one lump sum at the beginning of the year and Putnam pays at the end of the year. She did mention that Crown Point has their own 1st Response Team and they will be working very closely with them both there and down here. Volunteers are increasing, slowly, but as said to keep them active you have to give a little something.

Mr. Kelley asked if we have three providers in this area, and as we are building an organization in our community for the future, have they been approached to inquire if we could blend these services? This is overkill, the area is saturated according to what Councilman Cunningham has stated. Would approaching them in terms of establishing a relationship for the future to combine together in some sort of way to shed some of the costs to the system.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that the hospital is only for transports, they are not a 911 service.

Councilman Cunningham noted even though he was not here at this transition time period, there was a time when Ti EMS was the only ambulance service in Town. He does not know what prompted Lamoille to move in, but something did and when they did that obviously started taking away revenue from Ti EMS. How do you get that back? How do you get to be the first, in terms of transports from UVM.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that we do have the contract back to do transports from UVM. Lamoille was first to be called, we are now back on the list. For some reason we were taken off that transport list, but we are back on that list for transports.

Supervisor Wright stated that we do not want transports if there is a district, doing transports would take Ti EMS away from 911 calls. One hundred grand is more than what he was expecting.

Mrs. Thompson, Town Clerk, mentioned that she has heard some of the grumbling out on the street about forming a district. This was the first time that Putnam and now Crown Point would have to be part of that district, but the lump of the sum is coming from the Town of Ticonderoga, so if there was a bus in Putnam and a call in Ti and there is not a crew to come to Ti; Ti is carrying the brunt of that cost for the district, so they are still on the losing end. How often would that happen, probably not much, and she has been trying to get people who are asking her these questions to come and talk with the members of the squad and this is also the purpose of having a public hearing to get these questions answered.

Mr. Caza is glad this was brought up, Schroon Lake is one ambulance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so if Schroon Lake has it, North Hudson is out, you are getting North Warren, E'Town Lewis or whoever. These guys have discussed this and as Renee has explained if Putnam or Crown Point stays in this district, there will be 2 full-time crews during the day 6-6; 1 ALS and 1

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BLS and from 6 at night to 6 in the morning there will be one ALS crew and one back-up BLS crew. You will always have ALS coverage 24/7 getting 2 ambulances during the day and one during the evening with a secondary back-up crew. You will always have coverage unless both rigs are out and if there is a 3rd call you are going to mutual aid. He can tell you in Schroon Lake you are waiting for North Warren or E'Town because the one crew is gone.

Supervisor Wright noted that it would be up to the Town to specify in the contract as to the number of crew available in order to provide service to our district.

Mr. Caza also mentioned that the dispatch center also knows when to call mutual aid. There needs to be public hearings about this. Schroon had a lot of them.

Councilman Thatcher inquired why Crown Point asked for Ti EMS to submit a bid for service?

Mrs. Kennedy stated that Crown Point is willing to talk with this Town Board about any questions they may have. The squad's attorney is willing to meet with the board again also.

Supervisor Wright stated our next action is to decide what or if we can support the department.

Councilman Cunningham believes we should talk with Crown Point and Putnam to see if they are interested in a district, he also asked if there may be an executive with the Town Attorney before the next board meeting before we get into a public discussion. This needs to be a fact driven decision and not an emotional based one. This will get emotional based at some point.

Councilwoman Cooper wanted to ask because of the recent blizzard in Buffalo, what is our plan for something like this to happen.

Supervisor Wright did explain that we have a plan with the county and we were minutes from opening the fire house as a warming shelter. We do not have any official understanding with the Fire Department, however. There should be a formalized policy. If we needed long term, sleeping/eating facility we do not have one. We do not keep a warehouse full of supplies.

Mrs. Thompson added that the Red Cross does not do that anymore. Our Armory is a Red Cross shelter. They actually came down from Plattsburgh and took all of our cots and blankets out of the Armory a few years ago because that is not how they function anymore. They have self-contained trucks and equipment, they bring it to you, they set it up and it is available. There has been someone added to their staff to facilitate in this Northern area, she has been in contact with them and they hope to come to the Town this summer to look over the Armory and the general area.

Supervisor Wright added that the Town does need an internal process, given this event. People to coordinate with on Ti Fire, on EMS, police.

Councilman Woods inquired as to when we would know if the Town would give the EMS funds.

Supervisor Wright stated that it would not be before the January meeting.

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Councilman Woods stated, even if a district isn't formed, they still need to operate this year.

Mrs. Thompson reminded that if something is decided in January, a physical check will not be cut until February abstract.

Supervisor Wright agreed, whatever will be decided about funding will be at that January board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk
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Resolutions

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to obtain and execute an independent fee estimate (IFE) from C&S Engineers, Inc. for professional services in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E for the Apron Expansion (Phase 1) – Design project at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute a Short Form of Agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and AES for professional services for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute the town's annual Maintenance Highway Work Permit (PERM 1) application to cover repairs of existing public facilities within the New York State Right-of-Way.

RESOLUTION authorizing Change Order No. 1 on Lead Service Line Replacement Project (AES Project #4852) to update costs reflecting cost of dry holes due to increase in the number of dry pits that occurred on the project, cost from Time and Material slips related to extraordinary circumstances at specific properties and reduce line-item quantities to reflect actual project budget. Contract price incorporating this change order is \$506,038.38, a reduction of \$37,961.62 from the original contract price of \$544,000.00.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to apply to receive grant funding from the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C5-5520-11-00 WWTP HVAC and Phosphorus Upgrades, and Collection System Improvements project.

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RESOLUTION authorizing Amendment #2 to AES Project #4989 (Chilson-Eagle Lake Distribution System) to include work performed to assist with developing and implementing a plan to provide assistance to homeowners as the Town transitions the project from a public water supply to a largely private one. Work performed included parcel investigation, status report updates to the USEPA and USDOJ, development of information packages to homeowners, hydrogeological consultation, informational meeting with property owners, preliminary cost estimates, and milage/postage/printing at a cost increase of \$79,566.54.

RESOLUTION to increase 52 Water Street (James Fuller) to 2 full EDU Water and 2 full EDU Sewer as the property is listed on the tax roll as a single-family residence with an apartment over the garage.

RESOLUTION to correct Resolution #423-2022 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to increase the Operation & Maintenance for Delano Point Sewer (SS07) in the amount of \$37.22 a quarter for the year of 2023, for funds that were borrowed from Central Sewer (SS05). The resolution should state to increase the O&M for Delano Point Sewer (SS07) an additional \$36.47 per quarter and not an additional \$37.22 per quarter.

RESOLUTION authorizing the encumbrance of \$23,000 from Building Repairs and Maintenance (A.1620.462) for Highway concrete wall replacement.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order to Action Flag Company for the purchase of flags in the amount of \$520.04.

RESOLUTION to add Susan Tubbs to the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers:

○ A.1440.493	General Engineer	(\$12,396.36)
○ A.1410.478	Town Clerk Fees	\$42.50
○ A.1410.830	Town Clerk Social Sec & Medicare	\$505.51
○ A.1410.861	Town Clerk General Emp. Benefits	\$1,552.62
○ A.1420.491	General Town Attorney	\$5,745.00
○ A.1620.861	Central Services Emp. Med. Benefits	\$546.00
○ A.1620.422	Buildings Heating Oil	\$2,074.26
○ A.1620.423	Building Propane	\$1,884.09
○ A.1650.453	Central Communications	\$46.38
○ A.1310.492	Prof/Contractual Accountant	(\$4,582.48)
○ A.1680.494	Central Data Processing	\$4,582.48
○ A.3620.498	Safety Inspection Property Remediation	(\$5,600.71)

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○ A.3620.861	Safety Inspection General Emp Benefits	\$561.71
○ A.3620.862	Safety Inspection Codes HSA	\$1,350.00
○ A.5010.861	Super. Highway Med Insurance	\$989.00
○ A.5010.862	Super. Highway HSA	\$2,700.00
○ A.6772.111	Programs for Aging Bus Drivers	(\$587.42)
○ A.6772.464	Programs for Aging Motor Fuel	\$587.42
○ A.7410.121	Library Aid	(\$1,350.00)
○ A.7410.862	Library HAS	\$1,350.00
○ A.8025.810	Joint Planning/Zoning NYS Retirement	(\$118.35)
○ A.8025.111	Joint Planning Board Clerk	\$118.35
○ A.8160.427	Refuse & Garbage Tipping C&D	(\$4,548.78)
○ A.8160.861	Refuse & Garbage Medical Insurance	\$1,848.78
○ A.8160.862	Refuse & Garbage HAS	\$2,700.00

Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.

○ DA.5110.191	General Repairs Highway Overtime	(\$4,736.42)
○ DA.5110.466	General Highway Road Materials	\$894.47
○ DA.5110.468	General Highway Safety Supplies	\$102.96
○ DA.5110.472	General Highway Meals Overtime	\$62.36
○ DA.5112.493	Improvements Highway Engineer	\$2,240.00
○ DA.5130.442	Machinery Highway Rental Equipment	\$1,436.63
○ DA.5142.464	Snow Removal Highway Motor Fuel	(\$12,884.73)
○ DA.5130.467	Highway Small Equipment/Tools	\$107.72
○ DA.5142.111	Snow Removal MEO 1	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.112	Snow Removal MEO 2	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.113	Snow Removal MEO 3	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.114	Snow Removal MEO 4	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.115	Snow Removal MEO 5	\$1,687.80
○ DA.5142.120	Snow Removal Seasonal On-call Emp	\$216.12
○ DA.5142.121	Snow Removal Laborer Position 1	\$1,374.00

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○ DA.5142.122	Snow Removal Laborer Position 2	\$2,577.20
○ DA.5142.191	Snow Removal Highway Overtime	\$170.69
○ DA.5142.466	Snow Removal Highway Road Materials	(\$15,724.48)
○ DA.5142.861	Snow Removal Highway Medical Benefits	\$7,474.48
○ DA.5142.862	Snow Removal Highway HSA	\$8,250.00

Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.

○ SW06.8320.499	Water Lab Testing	(\$6,787.00)
○ SW06.8320.479	Water Misc. Filtration Plant	(\$2,663.00)
○ SW06.8340.862	Water Employee HSA	\$9,450.00
○ SW06.8340.463	Trans. & Dist. Vehicle Equipment Repairs	(\$3,797.97)
○ SW06.8340.191	Trans. & Dist. Overtime	(\$1,030.07)
○ SW06.8340.861	Trans. & Dist. Water Emp. Med. Insurance	\$4,828.04

Transfer funds to cover increased costs and underbudgeted accounts.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments:

○ A.1310.862	Director of Finance General Emp HSA	\$4,050.00
○ A.1620.862	Central Services Emp HSA	\$1,350.00
○ A.5132.464	Garage Dyed Diesel & Gasoline	\$12,508.81

Funding accounts by General Fund Balance to cover increased costs.

○ SS09.8130.210	Sewage Treatment & Disp. Equipment	\$50,087.00
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**Funding account by Sewer Fund Balance to cover purchase of pump control panel
and equipment.**

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

○ SS09.9950.900	Inter-fund Transfers – Capital Project	(\$355.22)
○ H68.5031	Black Point HVAC 5099	\$355.22

Transfer funds from Sewer to Black Point HVAC Project.

RESOLUTION to pay the abstract.

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Discussion

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Adjourn