

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting commencing at
6:00 p.m. on July 13, 2023, with a Public Hearing Regarding a
LL on Tax Exemptions for Fire and EMS Volunteers**

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

Others: Matt Courtright (TACC), Carol Calabrese (IDA), Greg Swart (AES), Heath Town and Frank Sheldon (arriving late)

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

Opening Remarks

Rabies: There have been 5 confirmed rabies cases in Essex County and most of those are from our area, please be vigilant.

State of Emergency: The Town did issue a Local State of Emergency Order effective on July 9, due to weather and this allows us to possibly get reimbursement from FEMA. There was a lot of damage in Essex County, locally there was a lot of damage on Old Chilson Road.

The Community Building will be without power, on Friday, (tomorrow) the 14th and possibly Monday the 17th to install the transfer switch for a backup powered generator. We are not sure how long it will be; you can assume the whole day but we have been told 6 hours or less, it depends on what transpires.

Presentation

Supervisor Wright explained that this presentation from Matt Courtright of the Chamber and Carol Calabrese of IDA is in regard to a Micro-Enterprise grant program. The Town has sponsored these before and we welcome them for their information. This involves taking a portion of our occupancy tax, we get around \$74,000.00 a year and it would take about \$50,000.00 of that to put into this Micro-Enterprise Grant program to increase stores and related business activity in the community. The IDA will administer the program. There are guidelines for scoring and what the application requirements are and other documents for the program. The Town does not have to administer any of this at all and our goal is to implement this program by the fall.

Mr. Courtright thanked the Town Board and the entire team for having us here tonight. This proposed Micro-Enterprise grant will be funded through the Town of Ticonderoga via the Essex County Occupancy tax funds. We have been working together for years to bring Economic Development and business services and assistance to Ticonderoga and we are very excited about the possibility of this Micro-Enterprise Grant Program to further assist and support the Ticonderoga business community. As in past partner programs we will be working a lot with our

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partners including the Town and the small business development center to also provide additional business services and support through this entire process. We are very thankful for the support and coordination of the Supervisor and our overall economic development efforts.

Carol Calabrese explained that this type of program will help small businesses by improving viability and sustainability, it helps create and sustain jobs. It is not just a financial reward. We will require the business to have a business plan and we will go through their finances. This is the second Micro-enterprise grant program that we are doing. These are reimbursable grants with a 90/10 split. We will have public meetings, there will be press releases. The IDA does the underwriting, and we would ask the Town and TACC to review the applications and recommendations. We normally receive the funding from the Occupancy Tax in June and late Fall, we are looking to get this started in September. Any one that applies for this grant must be tied into some sort of tourism for their business.

Why implement a Micro-enterprise grant program?

- The program supports strategic plans.
- spurs economic development by assisting small businesses.
- provides grants to eligible small businesses who are expanding or start-up.
- incorporates micro-enterprise technical training programs.
- provides small businesses with access to capital to offer more relevant mix of wares, goods and services to help improve the viability of the businesses to become more sustainable and retain/create jobs.
- strengthen the linkages in the community, attract revenue from recreating visitors, enhance the quality of life for residents and leverage other private/public funding sources that will maximum the benefit to the community.
- enhance the community's center that is designed to be market driven and offer potential for walkability, increased commercial activity for resident and visitor services in one area.

Supervisor Wright explained that he is planning on bringing this up at the August meeting for a Resolution to move forward.

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Summary**

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Program	Grant Amount	Private Investment	Jobs	Businesses
Wilmington	\$174,500	\$17,450	15.5	9
Southern Essex County	\$189,477	\$23,664	14.5	6
Adirondack HUB 1	\$100,000	\$495,765	63	7
Adirondack HUB 2	\$560,762.50	\$328,806	191	14
Ticonderoga	\$100,000	\$10,000	12.5	5
Town of North Elba Emergency Grant	\$202,500	\$0	70.7	17
Town of North Elba Main Street Construction Emergency Grant	\$237,600	\$0	95.5	13
TOTAL	\$1,564,839.50	\$875,685	462.7	71

Public Hearing

Proposed LL for Partial Real Property Tax Exempt. For Vol. Firefighters and Ambulance Workers:

Supervisor Wright explained that this Public hearing has been continued for several months. He has received information from Ti EMS, he had information from Ti Fire and has recorded this information into the draft. He was still waiting for Chilson Fire to correspond with him, but he is

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assuming that they will be the same at Ti Fire and will finish a final draft of the law to be voted on at the August board meeting.

No public comment.

Committee Reports

Airport – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6

2 May 2023

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Alan Densmore, Tom Thatcher, Bryan Douros, Dave Woods, Ash Alexander and Jon Hanna

Guests: Gary Vosburg, and Bob Salls

Fuel sales for June 2,747 gallons. Fuel levels currently are acceptable. Our current price will remain the same.

No change in the nighttime landing restriction. When the airport shutdown starts Alan will determine what trees need to be removed and we will contact the paper company to remove the trees.

Construction continues along on the parking area. Mark mentioned that the FAA has funded the airport with the grant for the runway resurface and we may start that while everything is in place.

Meeting adjourned at 0842.

Next meeting Tuesday, 1 August

Supervisor Wright explained that we do have another project which is the runway rehabilitation. Not sure when this will start, but as soon as we close the construction on the Taxiway and Apron, we will get started on that.

Building, Grounds, Parks, Recreation, Historic Lands, Beach, Cemeteries, and Monuments –
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

**Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
June 20, 2023**

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Committee members present were Nancy Kelley, Jerry Cooper, Tonya Thompson and Joyce Cooper. Also present were Jeff Cook, David Pahl, and Tom Thatcher.

6 Carnegie Place:

Joyce shared a letter from Steve Boyce, President of the Black Watch Library Board, concerning the demolition of the shed-like building on that property. Dave Woods has volunteered to knock down this building, but his next concern is the disposal of the demolition materials. This will have to be a discussion with the Highway Department. Improvement of 6 Carnegie Place for library use was included in the original DRI application.

Tin Pan Alley:

In an effort to resolve the issues regarding this town street and the town-owned lake access at the end of this road and the Town Board's decision to cease using Jeff Cook to maintain the road area due to liability issues, maintenance of the area will be the responsibility of the Highway Department or the Groundskeeping Crew if Highway is unable to do it. The Groundskeeping Crew should inspect the area periodically to determine if maintenance is needed. A four foot wide path should be established to allow fishermen and car-top boat users access to the lake and mowed only when necessary.

Jeff Cook expressed his continuing concern regarding the width of the road and two structures on neighboring properties as represented on a recent survey.

Black Point Beach:

The 3rd annual Wilson Sports Triathlon on June 16 had over 200 participants. Local lifeguards, Ticonderoga Police and Ticonderoga Emergency Squad assisted with the event. There were concerns about the condition of Black Point Road which is slated to be repaved in 2024. Our groundskeeping crew and the Water Department had the beach in excellent condition prior to the race, and the race organizers did an excellent job of leaving it the way they found it.

Bicentennial Park Policy Additions:

Dave Woods' concern that heavy trucks could damage the walking path should be addressed in the park policies. Having the children's playground available and unobstructed during major events in the park should also be included to ensure the safety of children in the park during these events and also provide alternative free activities for families.

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Smokers Stations:

New receptacles for the deposit of cigarette butts will be placed on Montcalm Street in the hopes of cutting down on this type of litter on Montcalm Street. It is a problem from the corner of Montcalm and Champlain Avenue to the Pocket Park. Montcalm Street will be surveyed to determine the best locations for the 3 stations. At the present time they will be maintained and emptied by Councilwoman Cooper.

Bicentennial Park Entrance Improvement DRI Project:

Supervisor Wright will be working on the application to include this project in the DRI project. The application will include the scope of this proposed project and the proposed cost of each improvement. The application is due on July 24. It is hoped the Parks and Recreation Committee as well as the TMSP Design Committee will be able to take part in the selection of locations, materials and equipment in keeping with the Elan Associates' Streetscape Plan for Montcalm Street that was adopted by an earlier Town Board.

Peddlers Ordinance:

Town Clerk Tonya Thompson distributed copies of the current ordinance and stated she feels there are several sections that need revision. The committee agreed with the need for revisions. The proposed changes will be presented to the Town Board for approval.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is July 18th.

(Power went out at 6:30 p.m. for a few moments due to a storm we were having)

Resolution #297-2023 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to offer employment to James Chauncey for the Full-Time position of Recreation Supervisor effective July 14, 2023, at the rate of \$24.69/hour with benefits. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #298-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher to hire Lisa Coley-Beeman as a 2023 season, part-time, on-call food Service Helper, effective July 14, 2023, at the rate of \$17.84 per hour, no benefits. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #299-2023 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Joyce Cooper to hold a public hearing on August 10, 2023, commencing at 6:00 p.m. regarding an amendment to an Ordinance

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Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye.
Opposed – none. **Carried.**

Economic Development – Mark Wright, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Economic Development Committee (EDC) Minutes (06/21/2023)**

Attendees: Mark A. Wright (Chair); Tom Cunningham (Vice-Chair); Matt Courtright (TACC); Nicole Justice Green (PRIDE); John Bartlett (TMSP); Donna Wotton (TRA); Beth Hill (Fort Ticonderoga Association)

Excused: Heath Towne (Business)

Guests: Carole Calabrese (ECIDA)

Mark Wright opened the meeting (1500).

Town Updates

- DRI Update: Mark Wright provided a short status on DRI efforts including the upcoming schedule regarding meetings and public engagements. There was a lengthy discussion on DRI consultants and the lack of support by them regarding project questions from potential applicants.
- Microgrant Program: Carol Calabrese and Matt Courtright discussed the program brief to the Town Board that will occur at the July board meeting. Donna Wotton asked and was provided with some details on the program.

Other Discussions/Announcements

The group discussed several other topics which included:

- Beach Playground: Nicole Justice Green is in the process of ordering the equipment. The purchase request is in work.
- Child Care: Nicole stated the Bookstore has been cleaned of nearly 500 books. The new owner is preparing to open her childcare facility here in the Fall for up to 20 children. The group discussed another home-based childcare that is up and functioning. Donna Wotton provided the latest on a childcare facility in St. Mary's School. Mark informed the group that the school is now officially renamed the Sister Sharon Anne Dalton Neighborhood Center. Donna stated that a childcare facility within the structure could be open by January. It is unclear if it would be for profit or not for profit. The goal is to still have an operator run the program. TRA did not receive the Restore NY grant. TRA will meet with the regional representative to discuss why their application was not chosen. Nicole stated it was important to identify any deficiencies.
- Hacker Building: No developer is currently interested in the building at this time. Mark stated it is not really important who goes into the building, but some retail must.

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- Tom Cunningham announced that the flooring business will be moving out by the end of July for personal reasons. The building owner is an absent, non-local, owner. The group briefly discussed how this would be a perfect opportunity for the current owner to make this building a project.
- Fort Ticonderoga: Beth Hill stated attendance is up 34 and tourism looks strong this year. Rich Strum has reached out to Bill Dolback at the Ticonderoga Historical Society regarding upcoming 250th Anniversary celebrations and events. A State Commission has been formed for the event.
- Donna Wotton announced TRA is seeking a new communications director. Salary is between \$40K and \$50K.

ACTION ITEMS:

None.

Meeting adjourned: 1550.

Supervisor Wright informed the Board of the Festival Guild's hope of building a Pavilion behind the main street. There has been research done when this was brought up in the past, but nothing had ever been decided and no real plans were submitted and approved by the board.

Highway/Transfer Station – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga
Highway and Transfer Station
June 27th, 2023, minutes of Meeting**

Present:

Heath Towne, John Deming , Mark Wright, Dave Woods

Others:

Matt Fuller, Joyce Cooper, Jeff Cook

Public Discussion

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

Public discussion

- Joyce- Can we ask Sal if any of the millings can be used to fix the beach parking lot. We have some large potholes.
- Also, we need signs in crosswalks that say pedestrians have the right of way. People are not stopping at the crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross.

End public comment.

Committee Discussion

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- Mark
 - What sidewalks will be done next?
 - Dave- we will be doing Amherst. There's a lot we will be doing on Amherst. Then possibly up Lake George Ave.
 - Mark- do we have any left-on Montcalm to do?
 - Dave- Yes, but they will be completed by the highway as it is a repair not a full replace. One in front of the Chamber and fixing the one in front of the old Rathbun's and crosswalk to make it ADA Compliant.
 - Highway is hauling millings. We have Richard Bertsche welding and framing new garage doors in. We will be putting a small man door in as well. Line painting has begun. New furnaces will be put in soon, will take about a week.
 - Mark- I asked for them to paint stop on the road at the 4-way intersection.
 - John D –
 - Any progress getting a deed done to the Town from Denise?
 - Matt is working on that right now.
 - Dave-
 - Have we fixed the turnaround on Heather Heights?
 - John- no we need more room, fill in the raven, we need to do a corrected deed.

Resolutions for the next town board meeting

- No resolutions

Outstanding items not discussed.

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20am

Minutes were taken and prepared by Rebecca Norton

Municipal Facility Evaluation – Tom Cunningham, Councilman
(reported by Councilman Thatcher)

Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee

Members present: Tom Thatcher, Chris Dostie, Jeff Cook

Attendance: Mark Wright, Dave Woods, Adam Hurlburt, Bob Derrick, Upstate Professional Management LLC: Timothy Halliday, Ken Baei, RB Crammond

Meeting started @ 6:45 with the pledge of the flag.

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Tim Halliday asked if We had reviewed all the updates that had been requested by the committee.

Tom Thatcher: All members present had reviewed the proposal and the updates and found that all the building concerns had been addressed.

Questions asked: How does the town protect itself from other renters if they don't keep the building/ grounds up to the standards of the lease?

TH: The town is protected by the Lease Law.

Q: What happens if ownership of the building changes?

TH: The lease is protected by Law, if the ownership changes the terms of the lease stay the same.

Public Participation:

Would the Town Board have a say in who could lease the upstairs and a possibility of a shorter lease term.

TH: All of those questions would be answered in the terms of the lease agreement to the town.

It was the committee's consensus that the items left to discuss are a matter for the Town Board and are not that of the committee. At this time the committee's work has been completed.

The committee members present agree, by vote, that the fit and purpose has been meant and moved that the proposal to lease a building for the Police Station be moved to the Town Board for their consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Submitted by Tom Thatcher Vice Chairman

Discussion regarding Upstate Professional Management LLC, the lease needs to be reviewed before going any further.

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting

June 27, 2023

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

The following committee members were present: Ross Kelly, Joyce Cooper, Adam Hurlburt, Dave Woods, Jennifer Gendron and Rhiannon Peters.

Public: None

Police Department: Chief Hurlburt goes over the monthly report (See attachment).

Codes Department: Rhiannon Peters goes over the codes monthly report (See attachment).

Chief Hurlburt mentions that the department has been trying out new body cams, the body cams will be grant funded.

Joyce Cooper states that the house on the corner of Algonquin and Champlain Ave has Poison Parsnip growing by the curb, Rhiannon says they have contacted the owner to let them know the

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property needs cleanup.

Ross Kelley states that the end of Baldwin is getting very dangerous with tree growth, some of its coming into the roadway, Dave Woods already contacted Sal regarding this issue.

Joyce Cooper mentions another dangerous spot is the top of Lord Howe and Alexandria Ave.

Councilman Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:18am.

The next Public Safety meeting is July 25, 2023, at 8:00am

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from May 30, 2023, to June 27th, 2023.

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	283	2782
Incident reports:	35	217
Arrests:	23	166
Uniform traffic tickets:	61	332
DWI arrests:	4	13
Accidents investigated:	5	49

6/2/2023 Arrested Christopher K Lee for Driving While Intoxicated (U Misdemeanor)

6/6/2023 Arrested Jordan Silver or DWI (U Misdemeanor) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th (A Misdemeanor)

6/9/2023 Arrested Jordan S Bierderman for Driving While Intoxicated (U Misdemeanor)

6/11/2023 Arrested Danielle E LaRock for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor)

6/12/2023 Arrested Matthew J. Hurlburt for 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor), and AUO 2nd (A Misdemeanor).

6/12/2023 Arrested Alisha M. Crump for 2 Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor)

6/12/2023 Arrested Jesse L Welch for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor)

6/14/2023 Arrested Robert W. Remington for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor)

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6/15/2023 Arrested Kristi L Sprague for Assault 2nd (D Felony) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th (A Misdemeanor)

6/15/2023 Arrested Charles W Daniels for Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation (A Misdemeanor)

6/19/2023 Arrested Amir Richardson for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd (D Felony) and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd (A Misdemeanor)

6/24/2023 Arrested Hayden H Gramm for Driving While Intoxicated (U Misdemeanor)

6/25/2023 Arrested Jordon A Millington for Grand Larceny 4th (E Felony) and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th (E Felony)

6/25/2023 Arrested Robert W. Remington for Grand Larceny 4th (E Felony) and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th (E Felony)

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection / Code Enforcement Department.

Building Inspection:

(May)

YTD

Building Permits Issued:

12

138

Safety Inspections:

2

40

Pass/Fail:

2

35/2

Permit & Inspection Notes:

- 3- Demolition Permits → (2) Montcalm St (Residential) & (1) Lord Howe (Barn)
- 2- Carport & Garage Permits → Lord Howe & Shore Airport Rd
- 1- Playground Install Permit → Burgoyne Rd
- 1-Deck/Porch Permit → Baldwin Rd
- 2- Re-Roofing Permits → Eichen St & Old Chilson Rd
- 1- Residential Addition Permit → Park Ave
- 1- Footer repair Permit → Snapping Turtle Way
- 1- Inground Pool Permit → NYS Route 9N
- 2- Fire/Safety Inspections → Montcalm St

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<u>Code Violation Notices:</u>	(May)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	3	30
Remediated:	2	18
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	1
NYS DFS	0	0
Condemned:	0	0
Do Not Occupy:	0	2
Appearance Tickets:	0	2

Code Violation Notes

- Safety Issues at an Apartment (Lake George Ave), Vacant/Abandoned house safety issues (NYS Rt 9N), Residential Pool in Bad shape (St. Clair St). OTR Sent (2 in process of Remediation.)

<u>Miscellaneous:</u>	(May)	YTD
*Complaints:	3	27
Resolved:	2	2/18

Misc. Complaint Notes:

- A tenant residing in a Lake George Ave Apartment stopped in with Safety Concerns.
- Neighbor called about Vacant/Abandoned house next door to her on NYS Route 9N, Roof is partially caved in, and building is not secured.
- Pool at a Residence on St. Clair St in Bad shape, liner falling off and sides caving in.

Trainings:

No Trainings this Month!

Safety & Resource Grants (YTD):

N/A

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements:

- 81 NYS Route 9N (Whiteford's) has been Demolished, Trademark Demo did another Great job with the clean-up,

Dave spoke with the owner of the Burnt-out structure on The Portage, Owner stated he has been in contact with a demolition company and will

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update us when he has more information. It has now been a few weeks & We have not heard any updates. Owner is due to appear in Court for this matter on 7/19/2023.

Public Works – Mark Wright, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023
10:30 am**

Committee Members Present: Mark Wright, Tom Cunningham, Derrick Fleury, Matt Fuller (Town Attorney), Sherry Veneto

Committee Members Absent: Eric Blanchard

Others: Greg Swart (AES-Architecture, Engineering, & Land Surveying), Shannon Vogt (AES), Margaret & Larry Lauman, John Blanchard, Tracy Smith (Ticonderoga Golf Course), Jay Shattuck (TGC), Paul Browner (TGC)

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: Margaret & Larry Lauman are in attendance to ask a few questions about Matt Fuller's discussion at the Town Board meeting about Chilson/Eagle Lake drinking water funds that have been received. Matt spoke of the money, where each amount came from, he also approached Senator Stec last week to look for additional funds. The IUP (Intended Use Plan) has been updated. DOJ, NYSDOH, and EPA have been updated on all activity as well. Right now, The Town is trying to find out how much of the money can be used on a drinking water system PRIOR to a district being formed for Chilson & Eagle Lake. The hope is to use some of the Disadvantaged Communities monies before a district is formed. If The Town is allowed to access those funds, a test well will be drilled and once results are received from that test well, AES will be able to firm up the numbers in the Map Plan & Report. Matt also wanted to add the money that is being discussed is not even close to what would be needed to correct Gooseneck. The Town would still be lacking millions of dollars. Margaret asked if the district would remain the same as it is in the current MPR. Margaret also asked about Putts Pond Road, would they be forced into the district. Matt said that is not in the plans as of right now.

Margaret also asked about her brother's property at the end of Veterans Road. She asked if he would start receiving a water bill after the water district consolidation. He will not, as the water line does not run to/by his property. His property is not in the service district.

John Blanchard asked about the test well that was drilled on Hall Road. Is there enough water from that test well to provide for 120 users? Greg stated the Hydrogeologist said there are higher priority sites. John also asked if a property would benefit from the waterline would they be charged a fee even if they have their own water source and do not hook onto the Town waterline.

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Matt said the Town Board has to make a decision as to whether or not all benefited parcels are in the district. The Town is still trying to pursue a solution for people who cannot get drinking water. The question as to who would be in or out has to be determined by the Town Board.

Margaret asked when the Street Road wells were drilled, if any existing wells were affected by the drilling. Any problems, like draining of the well. There has been one well that was affected, and that was expected. That property owner is now hooked to the Town water line.

Tracy Smith is present to represent the Ticonderoga Golf Course, along with Jay Shattuck and Paul Browner. They would like to discuss a possible connection to the Town sewer system. The TGC currently has a failed system, and they are having their septage hauled. It's something that they would fund themselves. They employ approximately 60 people and would like to stay open year-round. Mark said capacity is something that needs to be looked at before anything. Matt said the 1st step would be to have AES conduct a feasibility of even connecting to the system. Then a Map Plan & Report for an extension to the sewer district. Greg said the capacity draft report should be in by the end of the month. There are possibilities of other properties along the route that might be interested in hooking on the line as well. Greg will check on the information he has currently to try to find some answers about capacity.

The TGC is also asking the Town to consider a hauler fee reduction for them as they are pumping all their septage with their system being down. Tom stated we just increased hauler fees effective June 1st, as the fees were not high enough to cover costs. Haulers are having a difficult time finding facilities to accept the septage because of capacity issues. Tom also said the Town isn't sure if the rate was increased enough. Mark does not believe he would recommend to the Town Board a fee reduction.

Items for Discussion:

1. 7 Overlook Drive (Kurt & Sue Rose)
 - a. This property is currently being charged .25 EDU for both water and sewer. It needs to be increased to 1 full EDU for water and sewer.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to increase the billing account for 7 Overlook Drive (Kurt & Sue Rose) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer.
2. 34 Overlook Drive (Dan Gregory)
 - a. This property is currently being charged .25 EDU for both water and sewer. It needs to be increased to 1 full EDU for water and sewer.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to increase the billing account for 34 Overlook Drive (Dan Gregory) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer.
3. 903 NYS Route 9N (Dale Rafferty)

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- a. The former motel on this property has been changed to a shed on the tax roll. It is being charged .75 EDU for both water and sewer. The accounts for the motel need to be deactivated, as this is no longer a chargeable building.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to deactivate accounts 5900118800 and 6700118810 for 903 NYS Route 9N (Dale Rafferty) as the building is no longer chargeable for water or sewer.
4. Sewer Tap Mossy Point (Long)
 - a. This property is in the district already and is permitted for one house. Derrick has an application for hooking onto the line.
 - i. The property owners can proceed once they pay the fees Derrick calculates.
5. Sewer Tap Baldwin Road (Granger)
 - a. Property is currently not in a district and would require a line going under the road. This would be in the Baldwin District.
 - i. The property owners will need to submit a petition letter of interest to join the district.
6. Water & Sewer Tap Baldwin Road (Quesnel)
 - a. The property is currently not in a water or sewer district. It would be added to the Homelands District.
 - i. The property owners will need to submit a petition letter of interest to join the district.
7. New Water Tap for Moses Circle
 - a. Moses Circle would like to run a new larger water line to the building. Derrick is wondering about charging them a fee for his time.
 - i. Derrick will work up a fee to give to them.
8. Well Building
 - a. About a week ago there were several calls to the well building. A breaker tripped. It ended up being a drive that had fried. Derrick wasn't sure if it was hit by lightning or what happened.

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- i. A claim was submitted to the insurance company. Derrick is waiting on an electrician to install the new drive and for Aqualogics to program it.

9. Black Point Pump Station
 - a. The project is pretty much complete. A few loose ends to finish up. The smell is much better at the pump station.

 - b. Derrick & Sherry received an email from John Bence asking for an update and he also had some questions/concerns about the pump station. Derrick will send him a reply.

Superintendent's Report

Derrick wanted to discuss the Alexandria Bridge. The Town needs to coordinate with the County about temporary water when the bridge work begins.

Chief Wastewater Operator's Report

None

Ongoing Projects Discussion

Mark asked AES about The Portage punch list. Shannon believes a few areas need a final seeding. Also a few areas need to be discussed with Sal & Derrick. Mark has received calls from a couple of residents on The Portage to let him know their lawn has not been landscaped as of yet.

AES Report

1. Water

I. Chilson Eagle Lake (Required by DOH)

- i. Discussion on next steps
 1. Summary of costs for next steps for Hydrosource
 2. Map, Plan and Report Update Schedule
 3. Has the Town approved going out to RFQ?
 4. IUP Update Submitted

II. Water Meters (Required by DEC)

- Town elected to move forward with ultrasonic meters in a drive-by system to later be upgraded at the Town's discretion.
- NEXT STEPS:

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- i. Provide DEC with an updated schedule.
- ii. NEED TO ESTABLISH RATES – Baker Tilly?
- iii. Funding June 2024
- iv. Design Finalize Dec 2024
- v. Agency Review 2025
- vi. Bidding Fall 2025
- vii. Construction 2026-2027

III. Water District Consolidation (COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO TOWN)

- Next steps finalize map and set board meeting dates.

IV. LSLRP

- Project is complete, final close out and paperwork is in process.

V. Additional Water System Upgrades

- Met and discussed water modeling distribution system w. Todd. The game plan is set to perform testing sometime late summer/ early fall.

2. Wastewater

I. AES #4394 Portage

- Some final seeding still remains.
- There are a few structures that are low in elevation (1" max) is this something the Town would like to see remediated? - Discussion needed with Derrick and Sal

II. Treatment Plant

- Delivery is expected from F&O on evaluation of WWTP to address phosphorus and septage within the next 2 weeks.
- AES to incorporate into updated Preliminary Engineering Report (EPG)

III. Collection System

- The Long-Term Control Plan EPG: ongoing
- The Updated Long Term Control Plan needs to be submitted to NYSDEC by August 1, 2023.

IV. BIL Funding

- Engineering Contract executed, need to identify next steps.
 - i. WIIA Grant application – Essex Co due July 28
 - ii. WQIP Grant Application - AES due July 28
 - iii. SEQR updated.
 - iv. Bond Resolution Done
 - v. IUP listing Updated.
 - vi. Start discussing details of scope.

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V. Additional Permitting Requirements

- None at this time

VI. Additional Wastewater System Upgrades

- Sewer District Consolidation
 - Committee would like to start consolidation following Water District Consolidation

3. Additional Items

I. Fiscal Advisors

- a. AES submitted information (Reports) to BT for review.
- b. Need to follow up with BT in a few weeks for a status update.

II. St Clair Storm Culvert

- a. No Update

III. Fireman's field

- a. No Update
- b. Likely see a report from Engineer in Fall

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:45. Next Committee meeting is July 25, 2023, at 10:30.
Minutes submitted by Sherry Veneto Water/Wastewater Clerk

Resolution #300-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to decrease the billing account for 32 Summit Street (Jody Edson) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer, as it is now listed on the tax roll as a single-family dwelling. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #301-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to deactivate account #5100209900 for 103 Montcalm Street (K of C). This was an additional charge for the 2nd & 3rd floor when it was operable. They are no longer in operating status. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #302-2023 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to increase the billing account for 464 County Route 56 (Peter Reale) to 3 EDU water as there are 2 rental units now on this property. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #303-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to decrease the billing account for 67 Montcalm Street to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer, as the building has

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

Resolution #304-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher to increase the billing account for 7 Overlook Drive (Kurt & Sue Rose) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #305-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to increase the billing account for 34 Overlook Drive (Dan Gregory) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #306-2023 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Tom Cunningham to deactivate accounts 5900118800 and 6700118810 for 903 NYS Route 9N (Dale Rafferty) as the building (former motel) is now listed as a shed on the tax roll. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #307-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to authorize a Utility Work Agreement, subject to review by counsel, between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Essex County Department of Public Works for the accommodation of utility facilities during the replacement of Alexandria Avenue Bridge over Lake George outlet. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #308-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$5,536.15, to Trius Inc. for the purchase of a Tommy Electric Lift Gate (1,300 lb capacity), a Steel Back Rack w/Light Bar Mounting Bracket and a LED Amber Strobe mounted to back rack and wired to a switch in the cab. Price includes installation of equipment in the new Water / Wastewater truck (2023 F-250). **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #309-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to extend the Homelands Sewer District (SS04) to include tax map parcel 150.4-1-10.112. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #310-2023 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to extend the Homelands Sewer District (SS04) to include tax map parcel 150.4-1-8.120. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #311-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to schedule a Public Hearing on August 10, 2023, commencing at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Water District

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

Human Services – Youth: Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

The Committee was excited for the interest we received for the Recreation Supervisor, earlier in this meeting we offered employment to James Chauncy, he has a lot of experience and can't wait for him to get started.

We are close to 60 children for our summer program.

Human Services – Seniors: Tom Cunningham, Councilman

No report yet.

Health Insurance – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Report.

Contract Negotiations – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Report.

I.T./Cable T.V.- Mark Wright, Supervisor

*This letter will serve as notice that on or around July 28, 2023, Spectrum Northeast, LLC (“Spectrum”), will launch carriage of AMC+. AMC is consolidating AMC Premiere, Shudder, Sundance Now, and IFC Films Unlimited into AMC+ for a \$7.99 monthly subscription price and will contain approximately 16,350 hours of content. Customers that subscribe to AMC+ will be able to access content on Spectrum as well as through the AMC+ app using their Spectrum credentials.

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*We value our customers and are committed to providing them with the latest products and technology, and we work hard to keep prices as low as possible. Despite our best efforts, rising costs including programming fees charged by TV networks have impacted our pricing. Customers are being notified via bill message regarding the following price changes that will take effect on or after August 9, 2023. Please note for customers who may be paying a promotional price, the retail price and autopay discount does not take effect until the end of the promotional period.

Services/Products Change Broadcast TV Surcharge Will increase by \$1.00/month.

Broadcast TV Surcharge for Spectrum TV Choice and Spectrum TV Stream Will increase by \$2.20/month.

Spectrum Sports Programming Fee (Legacy Time Warner Cable Plans Only) Will increase by \$2.00/month.

Spectrum Lifestyle Plan, Silver, and Gold Will increase by \$5.00/month.

Spectrum TV Choice 10

- Impacted customers are eligible to call to add 5 additional channels to their lineup starting 7/12/2023; On or after 8/9/2023, customers can visit Spectrum.net/YourChoice to choose channels
- Customers currently paying \$34.99 per month will only increase \$5.00 to \$39.99 per month with a

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\$10.00 credit for 12 months

• Customers currently paying \$39.99 per month will only increase \$5.00 to \$44.99 per month with a \$5.00 credit for 12 months

Depending on a customer's subscription, will increase by either \$10.00/month or \$15.00/month.

Spectrum TV Choice 15 Will increase by \$5.00/month.

Spectrum TV Stream Will increase by \$5.00/month.

Spectrum Sports Pack Will increase by \$2.00/month.

Spectrum Sports View Will increase by \$1.00/month.

Spectrum Bundled Voice • Only impacts customers that are not already at current \$19.99 rate Will increase by \$5.00/month

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #312-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following budget transfers:

A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$468.72)
A.1340.496	Personnel Drug Screening	\$62.00
A.1345.101	Purchase Land	\$27.40
A.7140.461	Playground Rec. Beach Supplies	\$379.32

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$25,498.88).

DA.1989.400	Contingency	(\$1,573.35)
DA.5130.465	Machinery Highway Lubricants	\$1,371.28
DA.5142.120	Snow Removal Highway Seasonal On-Call	\$202.07

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$9,407.72).

SS05.1989.400	Contingency	(\$119.46)
SS04.8130.410	Sewage Treatment & Disposal Cont. Electric	\$99.96
SS10.8130.410	Sewage Treatment & Disposal Electric	\$19.50

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$9,368.31).

SS05.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure	(\$24,552.00)
SS05.8120.220	Sanitary Sewers Equipment	\$24,552.00

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck for Water / Wastewater.

SS05.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure	(\$2,768.07)
SS05.8120.220	Sanitary Sewers Equipment	\$2,768.07

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase additional equipment for new Water / Wastewater truck.

SW06.1989.400	Contingency	(\$461.81)
SW09.8310.405	Water Administration Contractual	\$461.81

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$14,538.19).

SW06.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure	(\$24,552.00)
SW06.8340.210	Central Water Equipment	\$24,552.00

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck for Water / Wastewater.

SW06.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure	(\$2,768.08)
SW06.8340.210	Central Water Equipment	\$2,768.08

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase additional equipment for new Water / Wastewater truck.

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 #313-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following budget adjustments:

A.3625.497 Rescue Squad Public Safety EMS \$50,000.00

Funding account by General Fund Balance for additional funding.

SW02.8310.405 Water Administration Contractual Street Road \$3,750.00

Funding account by Water Fund Balance for additional costs.

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

Resolution #314-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$3,715.50)

H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$3,715.50

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

SS05.9950.900 Sewer Interfund Transfer (\$12,880.58)

H65.0630 WWTP Phosphorous Removal \$12,880.58

Transfer funds from Sewer to WWTP Phosphorous Removal Project.

SS09.9950.900 Inter-fund Transfers – Capital Project (\$258.00)

H68.5031 Black Point HVAC 5099 \$258.00

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 #315-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$717.50)

H64.0630 WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection \$717.50

Transfer funds from General to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection project until funding is received.

A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$199,337.89)

H19.0630 Airport Apron Project Due To Other Funds \$199,337.89

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

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

Resolution #316-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following expenditures for Roberta Cooper to attend NYSAMCC's Annual Conference held in Verona, NY, September 17th – 20th:

Conference Registration Fee = \$100.00

Single Occupancy Package = \$895.00

Total Cost = \$995.00, plus mileage reimbursement

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 #317-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to issue a response letter to the New York State Comptroller’s office regarding a draft preliminary report submission. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #318-2023 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting, June 22, 2023, Finance Meeting, and July 3, 2023, Special Town Board Meeting. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #319-2023 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to Pay the Abstract #7 of 2023. **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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Gross Payroll # 13	113,401.20			
Gross Payroll # 14	107,817.54			
Trust & Agency Total	\$221,218.74			
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00			

ABSTRACT # 7	7/13/2023	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	186,571.57	186,571.57	4,188,990.12	1,974,457.90
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	369.94	-
Highway (DA)	81,359.13	81,359.13	1,663,996.28	701,837.13
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management	-	-	31,350.37	51,400.00
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	199,340.39	199,340.39	11,471.48	216,259.83

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H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment	-	-	42,492.47	42,487.96
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	-	-	41,695.54	612.50
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	0.11	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	385.00	682.50	-	385.00
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	192.50	-	8.27	455.00
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	-	7.29	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	105.00	-	15.92	15,740.50
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-		-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		-	1.43	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		-	0.37	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	-	23.40	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	120,184.19	30,499.83
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	3,715.50	21,565.55	86,785.65	90,501.15
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	-		241,226.73	70,903.62
H63 - Water Meter Project	-		-	-
H64 - WWTP Ventilation Project GIGP	332.50		-	455.00
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous removal EPG	17,517.55		2.47	27,883.05
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	-		-	6,600.00
H67- Wet Weather Operating Plan	-	-	0.10	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	258.00	258.00	3,380.38	3,638.38
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery			298.39	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		557,108.00	557,108.00

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SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	-		96,415.00	96,415.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	34.31		4,559.80	803.38
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	12,270.84		38,547.56	36,950.03
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	8,356.68		26,752.46	25,636.57
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	4,150.16		14,632.21	15,999.74
Central Sewer (SS05)	57,870.24	165,947.42	1,072,278.95	548,604.84
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	17,127.17		59,469.87	52,690.31
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	4,168.95		19,320.02	13,624.41
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	6,747.57		34,022.50	37,562.32
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	47,048.02		205,138.82	215,956.80
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	2,357.67		9,449.57	7,252.43
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	5,815.81		22,776.29	21,031.87
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	16,098.00		50,653.22	48,294.00
Street Road Water (SW02)	11,190.00		25,614.33	26,070.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	6,720.00		20,923.40	20,160.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	2,664.00		8,675.88	7,992.00
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	10,494.00		32,190.06	32,927.13
Central Water (SW06)	69,703.09	150,518.66	889,781.34	681,708.32
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	7,770.00		24,212.62	23,310.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	25,879.57		177,870.73	194,487.45
Multi Account Total	806,243.22	806,243.22	9,822,693.53	5,898,701.45
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$1,027,461.96	TRUE		

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Re4solution #320-2023 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Supervisor's Report

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Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	138,227.45	170,606.52	6,194,260.87	6,503,094.84
Airport	78,235.76			78,235.76
Highway	46,836.29	85,906.09	1,076,916.99	1,209,659.37
H17 - Airport				-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	161,675.47			161,675.47
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	161,143.96			161,143.96
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know				-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant				-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project				-
All other Capital Projects	165,458.69			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	428,855.08	692,758.76	1,020,712.92	2,142,326.76
SW06 - Central Water All Districts	430,499.38	510,965.98	56,739.39	998,204.75
C/R - Carillon Park		5,253.65		5,253.65
C/R - Liberty Monument		15,769.70		15,769.70
C/R - Unemployment		31,050.18		31,050.18

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C/R - Police Equipment		76,054.46		76,054.46
C/R - Senior Bus		30,817.92		30,817.92
C/R - Frazier Bridge		6,776.89		6,776.89
C/R - Forfeiture		1,775.29		1,775.29
C/R - Building Improvement		338,968.42		338,968.42
C/R - General Sidewalk Improvement		305,062.35		
C/R - Building & Grounds Equipment		14,316.03		
C/R - Airport Development		202,511.84		
C/R - Highway Equipment		345,964.82		345,964.82
C/R - DA Sidewalk Repair		50,513.93		
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure		142,712.77		142,712.77
C/R - Sewer Repair		102,996.36		102,996.36
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure		324,687.12		324,687.12
C/R - Water Repair		85,470.02		85,470.02
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Library Trust		34,152.00		34,152.00
Mount Hope Cemetery		27,458.51		27,458.51
				13,077,344.77
Total	1,864,023.83	3,602,549.61	8,348,634.17	13,815,207.61

DISCUSSION: D&H Railway unsafe structure Codes investigation.

Supervisor Wright explained that Dave Burrows, Codes Enforcement has made the board aware of a dilapidated structure that is on D & H Railroad property; but owned by Fort Ticonderoga. The location is on Wilson Bay Road and there has been some foot traffic around the structure, there is concern. Mr. Burrows has deemed it an unsafe structure. He has sent violation letters to

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both entities. We will see what comes of these letters. If there are any questions, you can ask Codes.

DISCUSSION: Financial advisor issue.

Mr. Fuller explained that the consultants would like to insert a limit of liability into our contract. This actually may not be a concern, but it is the board's decision on moving forward with this. The board has no concerns.

DISCUSSION: C/EL funding status and way forward.

Mr. Fuller explained that we are continuing discussions with Dept. of Health and EFC financing. Most funding received requires a district and project. We don't know the numbers but are hoping for funding to drill two or three more wells. We are still in a holding pattern on spending. The EPA is doing some research on Disadvantage Funds to see if we can access those. We are not giving up. We continue discussions with DOH and EPA.

Councilman Cunningham asked if we don't get the answer that we are hoping for soon, how does it work with forming a district.

Mr. Fuller stated that we really need to get the best numbers for the users. The test wells seem to be a big issue. The MPR will have estimates but until you bid it out, they are not precise. If there is no access to those monies, we need AES to finish that MPR and it will include an estimate. We need a finalized MPR, schedule a Public Hearing, the Town board makes its determination and if the Town Board finds that it is in the public interest and moves forward, then it triggers a permissive referendum. If it is a permissive referendum, the Town Board has the authority to bypass the permissive part and adopt a resolution. There are a lot of hypotheticals, we don't know until we get there; but we continue to keep the EPA, DOH and DOJ in the loop. If there is going to be a municipal sponsored solution, government funds there must be a district. DOH and EPA have really been trying to help us with funding, we can only access funding is the project is started. We are still looking into this.

Resolution #321-2023 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to exit the Regular Town Board meeting and enter into an Executive Session for Matters associated with Litigation issues at 7:25 p.m. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Resolution #322-2023 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to exit out of the Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:47 p.m. with no decisions being made in Executive Session. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Public Comment

Frank Sheldon inquired about the Water District Consolidation that was mentioned earlier.

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Supervisor Wright explained that we are taking all the current water districts in the Town and consolidating them.

Mr. Sheldon asked if this has anything to do with putting Lake George and Gooseneck water...

Supervisor Wright again explained that this is consolidating all the current water districts.

Mr. Sheldon asked about the Storm water project. When he was here last month you talked about a storm water project. What is the status?

Supervisor Wright stated that The Portage project was a separation of storm water and wastewater.

Mr. Sheldon stated you were going to do some more work on this, right?

Supervisor Wright is not sure what Mr. Sheldon is referring to.

Mr. Sheldon stated when he was here last month you guys talked about a storm water project that you were working on. All he is asking is verify who got the bid and when is it going to start.

Councilman Cunningham believes that this is about the conversation with AES regarding the big overall projects such as Lake George Avenue, Champlain Avenue and the fact is there is no project in detail and no MPR, it is just a discussion that has been happening about projects that need to be done at some point in time. There is no contract, no contractor, no funding, it is just discussion.

Mr. Sheldon is going back to what was discussed last month, storm water projects.

Councilman Cunningham agreed that this is what was being talked about last month, it is still up for discussion.

Mr. Sheldon continued, when you talk about the water for Chilson and Eagle Lake and if the referendum fails and you force a district

Supervisor Wright stated if the referendum fails then then they vote no, no district will be formed.

Mr. Sheldon would like to talk about EMS, he was the one that brought out the charging the people based on assessment so it would cost the same to everybody, are you re-thinking that?

Supervisor Wright stated that we are not re-thinking anything, right now the current process is the EMS is petitioning to form a district.

Mr. Sheldon asked to get this straight, if the people vote to support EMS, are you going to re-think about a rate across the board for everybody because it costs the same.

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Supervisor Wright explained that the rate would be similar for any other type of district at a cost per 1,000.

Mr. Sheldon stated that a person with a \$300,000.00 house and a person with an \$80,000.00 house, it will cost the same to take them to a hospital, but they are going to be paying more than him. Would that be fair.

Supervisor Wright again stated that the rate they would be paying is a cost per 1,000.

Mr. Sheldon stated that he just asked a question, would that be fair?

Supervisor Wright stated that he is not going to answer the question if something is fair or not fair, that is the way districts charge for a tax levy.

Mr. Sheldon responded ok, what he will do when he talks to the people is tell them exactly that, if you have a house worth \$300,000.00

Supervisor Wright again stated that they would pay the same cost per 1,000 as a person with a \$10,000.00 home.

Mr. Sheldon stated ok, so they will pay more than he will.

Councilman Cunningham tried to explain that they will be paying the same amount per 1,000 in their taxes. Keep in mind that this particular type of district (EMS) is unlike Fire but more like Sewer, EMS is still going to bill insurances.

Mr. Sheldon repeated himself, if you have a \$300,000 house and paying a cost per thousand and he has a \$80,000 house and he is paying a cost per thousand (inaudible).. Let's just talk about the cost with a \$300,000 house and an \$80,000 house you are going to be paying more for the same service than he is.

Supervisor Wright noted that there is insurance that comes into the equation also.

Councilman Cunningham again tried to explain it is just like anything else, with the town taxes if you have a \$100,000.00 home and someone has a \$300,000.00 your taxes will be different based on the assessment. Just like taxes on anything else. If you have a more expensive home, you will pay more in taxes.

Mr. Sheldon asked if the board didn't think it was more fair to figure out what the ...(inaudible)

Councilman Cunningham does not know that this can be done..

Mr. Sheldon continued that from what he understands, and he is not going to say that he knows, but from what he understands is that you don't have to use the escalated rate on the assessment, you can come up with a number. He thinks you should just look at that. (Inaudible) He is trying to help the big guy, we need to look at fairness. It is something to look into. It has to be fair. (inaudible).

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks

- Rabies
- Local State of Emergency Order

Presentations

- Microgrant Program (TACC & IDA)

Public Hearings

- Volunteer Ambulance & Firefighter Property Tax Exemption

Committee reports

Airport TT

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JC/DW

RESOLUTION to offer employment to James Chauncey for the full-time position of Recreation Supervisor effective July 14, 2023, at the rate of \$24.69/hr., with benefits.

RESOLUTION to hire Lisa Coley-Beeman as a 2023 seasonal, part-time, on-call Food Service Helper, effective July 14, 2023, at the rate of \$17.84/hr., no benefits.

Economic Development MW

DISCUSSION: Ti Festival Guild request re: DRI.

Highway / Transfer Station DW

Municipal Facility Evaluation TC

DISCUSSION: HHHN Building lease for Police Dept.

Public Safety DW

Public Works MW

RESOLUTION to decrease the billing account for 32 Summit Street (Jody Edson) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer, as it is now listed on the tax roll as a single-family dwelling.

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RESOLUTION to de-activate account #5100209900 for 103 Montcalm Street (K of C). This was an additional charge for the 2nd & 3rd floor when it was operable. They are no longer in operating status.

RESOLUTION to increase the billing account for 464 County Route 56 (Peter Reale) to 3 EDU water as there are 2 rental units now on this property.

RESOLUTION to decrease the billing account for 67 Montcalm Street to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer, as the building has been removed.

RESOLUTION to increase the billing account for 7 Overlook Drive (Kurt & Sue Rose) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer.

RESOLUTION to increase the billing account for 34 Overlook Drive (Dan Gregory) to 1 EDU water and 1 EDU sewer.

RESOLUTION to deactivate accounts 5900118800 and 6700118810 for 903 NYS Route 9N (Dale Rafferty) as the building (former motel) is now listed as a shed on the tax roll.

RESOLUTION to authorize a Utility Work Agreement, subject to review by counsel, between the Town of Ticonderoga and the Essex County Department of Public Works for the accommodation of utility facilities during the replacement of Alexandria Avenue Bridge over Lake George outlet.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$5,536.15, to Trius Inc. for the purchase of a Tommy Electric Lift Gate (1,300 lb capacity), a Steel Back Rack w/Light Bar Mounting Bracket and a LED Amber Strobe mounted to back rack and wired to a switch in the cab. Price includes installation of equipment in the new Water / Wastewater truck (2023 F-250).

Human Services - Youth JC

Human Services - Seniors TC

Health Insurance MW

Contract Negotiations MW

I.T. / Cable T.V. MW

Resolutions

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers:

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| ○ A.1989.400 | Contingency | (\$468.72) |
| ○ A.1340.496 | Personnel Drug Screening | \$62.00 |
| ○ A.1345.101 | Purchase Land | \$27.40 |
| ○ A.7140.461 | Playground Rec. Beach Supplies | \$379.32 |

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$25,498.88).

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| ○ DA.1989.400 | Contingency | (\$1,573.35) |
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- DA.5130.465 Machinery Highway Lubricants \$1,371.28
- DA.5142.120 Snow Removal Highway Seasonal On-Call \$202.07

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$9,407.72).

- SS05.1989.400 Contingency (\$119.46)
- SS04.8130.410 Sewage Treatment & Disposal Cont. Electric \$99.96
- SS10.8130.410 Sewage Treatment & Disposal Electric \$19.50

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$9,368.31).

- SS05.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure (\$24,552.00)
- SS05.8120.220 Sanitary Sewers Equipment \$24,552.00

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck for Water / Wastewater.

- SS05.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure (\$2,768.07)
- SS05.8120.220 Sanitary Sewers Equipment \$2,768.07

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase additional equipment for new Water / Wastewater truck.

- SW06.1989.400 Contingency (\$461.81)
- SW09.8310.405 Water Administration Contractual \$461.81

Funding increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$14,538.19).

- SW06.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure (\$24,552.00)
- SW06.8340.210 Central Water Equipment \$24,552.00

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new truck for Water / Wastewater.

- SW06.0450.020 Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure (\$2,768.08)
- SW06.8340.210 Central Water Equipment \$2,768.08

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase additional equipment for new Water / Wastewater truck.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments:

- A.3625.497 Rescue Squad Public Safety EMS \$50,000.00

Funding account by General Fund Balance for additional funding.

- SW02.8310.405 Water Administration Contractual Street Road \$3,750.00

Funding account by Water Fund Balance for additional costs.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

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- A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$3,715.50)
- H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$3,715.50

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

- SS05.9950.900 Sewer Interfund Transfer (\$12,880.58)
- H65.0630 WWTP Phosphorous Removal \$12,880.58

Transfer funds from Sewer to WWTP Phosphorous Removal Project.

- SS09.9950.900 Inter-fund Transfers – Capital Project (\$258.00)
- H68.5031 Black Point HVAC 5099 \$258.00

Transfer funds from Sewer to Black Point HVAC Project.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$717.50)
- H64.0630 WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection \$717.50

Transfer funds from General to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection project until funding is received.

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$199,337.89)
- H19.0630 Airport Apron Project Due To Other Funds \$199,337.89

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following expenditures for Roberta Cooper to attend NYSAMCC’s Annual Conference held in Verona, NY, September 17th – 20th:
 Conference Registration Fee = \$100.00
 Single Occupancy Package = \$895.00
 Total Cost = \$995.00, plus mileage reimbursement

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to issue a response letter to the New York State Comptroller’s office regarding a draft preliminary report submission.

RESOLUTION to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting, June 22, 2023, Finance Meeting, and July 3, 2023, Special Town Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract.

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor’s Report as submitted.

DISCUSSION: D&H Railway unsafe structure Codes investigation.

DISCUSSION: Financial advisor issue.

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DISCUSSION: C/EL funding status and way forward.**

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting