

Minutes for the Regular Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on January 11, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building Conference Room with a Public Hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant application.

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

Absent: Tom Thatcher, Councilman

Others: Shaundra Yaw, Mickey Fitzgerald, Renee Kennedy, Patty Cook, Zack Stagg, Samantha Montville, Nicole Justice Green and others

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

The State of the Town report is done and on the Town's Website.

There is going to be a Solar Eclipse Virtual Meeting on January 25, 2024, for local businesses at 3:00 p.m. This is to get local businesses involved in this event and we are encouraging lodging, restaurants and retailers and other businesses to attend to learn more about the Solar Eclipse on April 8th. There is pre-registration required. For more information call TACC at 518-585 -6619 or you can visit www.roostadk.com/eclipse2024.

Several Committees did not meet in December so the report will be short tonight, theoretically.

He would like to thank our many departments for handling the recent storms and the issues that were associated with them and we hear there is another coming this weekend.

No presentations but there is one Public Hearing.

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Application

The Town of Ticonderoga will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ticonderoga Community Building's Basement Meeting Room at 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, NY for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Town of Ticonderoga's Imminent Threat application regarding the mold infestation in the Ticonderoga Fire District's building, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2024 program year. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and will make available to eligible local governments approximately 20 million dollars for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted

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pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The location of hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Town Clerk, Tonya M. Thompson at 518-585-6677, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Town Clerk, Tonya M. Thompson at 132 Montcalm Street, P O Box 471, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 until January 15, 2024, to receive comments.

No Comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

Resolution #2-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to submit one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) applications for the purpose of addressing the mold infestation in the Ticonderoga Fire District's building. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Report of Committees

Airport – Tom Thatcher, Councilman (reported by Mark Wright, Supervisor)

MEETING MINUTES LOCATION: DATE/TIME: January 3rd @ 8:30 a.m.

A. DISCUSSION

- Hangar Development
 - a. Existing Hangar is a Principal Building
 - i. Structure may be expanded without requiring additional density.
 - b. Based on current acreage,
 - i. Two remaining principal buildings available in addition to the existing structures
 - ii. Construction of each additional hangar structure greater than 1,250SF and available for rent will require the allocation of one of the remaining principal buildings.
 - iii. Construction of additional structures not offered for rent that is customarily incidental and subordinate to airport use and development (i.e. maintenance buildings, storage structures, etc.) would not require additional density.
 - c. Existing Airport Property = 97.31 acres

- Land Acquisition
 - a. Proposed Land Acquisition for four properties (three landowners):
 - i. Proposed Land for Parallel TW = $1.50+0.79 = 2.29$ acres
 - ii. Proposed Land for RPZ protection = $6.39+1.91 = 8.30$ acres
 - iii. Proposed Easement for RPZ Protection = 10.68 acres
 - iv. Proposed Easement for Avigation = 1.87 acres
 - b. Total Proposed Land Acquisition = 10.59 acres

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c. Total Proposed Easement = 12.55 acres

- Replace Electrical Vault
 - a. Design - 2024
 - b. Bid - Spring 2025
 - c. Construction - 2025

- Apron Expansion
 - a. Three Phases
 - b. Sketch Plan

- Environmental Assessment 2

- Apron Reconstruction and Taxiway Rehabilitation
 - a. Project Closeout with FAA

- Runway 2-20 Rehabilitation
 - a. Sent to town - Payapp 2 and hold retainage until contractor gathers closeout documents.
 - b. Payapp #3 (Final) to be sent when closeout documents are received (maintenance bond & lien Releases & proof of payment to subs).
 - c. Rifenburg fixed REIL, spare lights at fuel farm handed over to airport.

Hangar/Land Notes:

- Sylvano property on Runway 20 End has landfill regulations which include setback requirements which are currently in place, only easement acquisition is available for this property because it cannot be sold due to DEC Regulations for the setbacks. Airport committee spoke with landowner and landowner was receptive about clearing the trees to help the airport.
 - o Look into flying drone over property to determine obstructions on RW 20 End.

- Sylvano letter will be revised for strict easement acquisition, letters will be sent to town for review/tailoring/distribution to landowners.
 - If Private Hangar route is taken, still need to stick to the plan, submit to FAA and pavement needs to be privately paid for if it provides exclusive access to the private hangar.
 - Existing Well has sulfur.

Vault Notes:

- Fuel system powered from vault, Passero was not able to confirm from looking at breaker panel.
 - Cellphone Card for fuel payment.
 - PAPI, REILS and lighting is currently 5 clicks to come on. It was 3 clicks in the past.
 - Keep current regulator and replace when switch to LED during future lighting project.
 - No knowledge or indications of asbestos.

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- Well stopped working within last 15 years, look into new pump & reactivating well, water could be used if sulfur can be broken down and will not cause issues.
- Southeast REIL still on all the time but eventually will shut off.

Resolution #3-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the Supervisor to execute NYSDOT Application for Payment (Certificate No. 6) for the NYS share of Passero Associates Inv. No. 17257 and the partial portion of Reale Construction Co., Inc. SOC No. 4F for the State matching share (Aircraft Apron Reconstruction and Taxiway Rehabilitation; 1907.35). **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #4-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the Supervisor to execute the NYSDOT Final Application for Payment (Certificate #2F) for the State matching share (Runway 2-20 Pavement Rehabilitation; 1907.34). **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Building and Grounds – Dave Woods, Councilman

- Security Gates have been installed at the top of the stairs going to the basement and at the basement level elevator opening.
- Furnaces in the Community Building have been serviced.
- Library Fireplace and chimney have been blocked and sealed

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments and Cemeteries – Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023

Committee members present were James Chauncy, Bill Dolback Nancy Kelley, Tonya Thompson, Dave Woods, and Joyce Cooper. Also, present were Steve Boyce, Bob Sturgess, Councilman Tom Thatcher, and Supervisor Mark Wright.

Public Participation:

Steve Boyce addressed the committee regarding some library building problems and repairs needed. This includes the bird droppings that are found in the building's fireplace. He also noted the Library Board recently purchased new chairs for the Reading Room.

Because the library request was not included in the town's DRI plan submitted to the state, he asked that the town help the Library Board relook at the property which was recently purchased for library use by the town and help develop a vision for the use of this property. Council woman Cooper noted that there are some issues regarding the neighboring Pub property that need to be resolved before the new property is developed.

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Daylight Stream Flooding:

Council woman Cooper asked about the 2 times the Daylight Stream has flooded Montcalm Street near the Bicentennial Park entrance and washed out part then all of the access road to the park's fishing pier. She was told debris has built up in the stream and on the grate to the pipe that takes stream's water underground through the park before it empties into the LaChute. This has happened only during unusual rainfall events. To prevent this from happening again, debris that builds up in the stream should be removed periodically and a valve that controls the water flow must be turned to the proper position to allow the storm water to flow properly. This work is to be done by the Highway Department.

Recreation Park:

The development of Field 4 behind Field 2 was discussed. Bill Dolback expressed concern regarding the industrial restrictions placed on use of this property. The area is not level and will need a large amount of fill because extensive, deep digging would not be allowed. Proper drainage must also be included. Because there is a need for another playing field and space on town property for the town's soccer teams, the committee plans to continue moving forward on this project. Remaining 2023 budget money for Parks and Recreation will be encumbered for this project. The development must be carefully planned and executed.

James Chauncy's Report:

With use of the Armory gymnasium in high demand, he has been able to arrange for Biddy Basketball to use the high school facility. Pickleball is very popular with senior citizens, and he has been able to negotiate for more playing time in the Armory gym for them. His biggest need is space for activities, not equipment. He plans to use space on the third floor of the Armory for an exchange of children's sporting equipment such as mitts and cleats.

The next Parks and Recreation meeting is Tuesday, January 16th.

Councilwoman Cooper thanked the Supervisor for the use of ARPA funds to purchase the new Christmas tree that will be placed here at the Community Building and also for bleachers to be placed at the second and third field at the Recreation Park.

Economic Development – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Meeting – next meeting is January 17th.

Highway & Transfer Station – Dave Woods, Councilman

No Meeting - We currently have two trucks down and we are short people, the sidewalk plow is also down and waiting for a part.

Municipal Evaluation – Tom Thatcher, Councilman

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Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

No Meeting. There was an investigation of stolen money from Walmart which has been solved. Walmart came to the Chief at the Police Department to thank them and asked if there was anything that they needed to help with day to day operations. More discussion will be held.

A request from the High School, Josh Cook, for some additional signs, people are going around the buses. They have already purchased the signs and it is just a matter of approval for the installation of the signs which the Highway Superintendent will accommodate. The Board is in full support of this.

Councilman Woods also report that Mr. Cook at the School bus garage is going to help with the installation of a new manual door opener on the Ti Senior Bus as we are having difficulty with the electric switch currently.

Public Works – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Meeting.

Mr. Fuller reported that we had put in for a pretty large sewer project and as you can imagine our need exceeds available funding in terms of what we are going to do at the sewer plant. We did put in for a 30 million dollar project last year, which if you borrow that would be rather expensive but we have secured a pretty big round of funding. To Date with the news that just came in – the total project cost was 30,974,000.00 and we got a bipartisan infrastructure involved and the Town was awarded 8,559,500.00, the Town in December received a water improvement grant of 7.743 million, so right there is 16 million dollars in grants that the Town has secured towards that 30 million dollar project which is just a tremendous amount of money. There is always going to be a debt component, but obviously our goal is to widdle that down as much as possible, so we had applied for a WQIP grant and a combination of them with hopes to secure 10 million dollars and that would have left the town on the hook over 30 years for 4.6 million which nothing is a no brainer, but this is just as close as you can get. We did not get the WQIP grant, there was something within the submission and we do not have all the details yet. It looks like there was an issue with the engineer's report and we will look for a conference call to find out what that was. Unfortunately, this will set everything back a year. The BIL funding requires a resolution from the Town Board to accept it, to authorize the supervisor to sign the form, but also requires us to close the financing by September of this year. Obviously, we do not have the 10 million dollar WQIP grant and he does not see this Town Board authorizing 10 million dollars in debt for this town, so we will work through the issue. The plan is to adopt the resolution for the BIL funding and also let them know that the gap is a problem and the project will not go forward unless we get that. The intended use plan where this funding comes through, the Town is second in the State on that list. We need to close that gap.

Resolution #5-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to execute an ADKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTEREST IN BIL FUNDING for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C5-5520-11-00 Effluent Exchange

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System Evaluation. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

The Town does want to authorize Rob and Hannah at the county to coordinate this.

Human Services; Youth – Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

No Meeting

Human Services; Senior – Heath Towne, Councilman

No Further meetings until April.

Health Insurance – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Meeting

Contract Negotiations – Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Meeting

I.T. Cable T.V. – Mark Wright, Supervisor

We appreciate our customers and continue to enhance our services with the finest communication and entertainment products available, while also providing a compelling suite of services at the greatest value. 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 January 30, 2024. Please note for customers who may be paying a promotional price, the retail price does not take effect until the end of the promotional period.

Product Price Broadcast TV Surcharge Will increase by \$2.55/month.

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

Spectrum TV Silver and Gold Will each increase by \$10.00/month.

Spectrum TV Select Signature Will increase by \$5.00/month.

Spectrum TV Select Plus Will increase by \$5.00/month.

Spectrum Mi Plan Latino (Customers will receive 11 new channels.) Will each increase by \$5.00/month.

Grandfathered Spectrum Mi Plan Latino (Customers will receive 22 new channels.) Will increase by \$8.00/month (customers will receive a \$3.00 credit for 12 months to offset the increase).

Grandfathered Spectrum Mi Plan Latino Silver and Gold Will each increase by \$13.00/month (customers will receive a \$3.00 credit for 12 months to offset the increase).

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

Spectrum Latino View Will increase by \$3.00/month.

Spectrum Entertainment View Will increase by \$3.00/month.

AMC+ Will increase by \$1.00/month.

Spectrum Digi Tier 1 Will increase by \$3.00/month.

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Adult Programming Will increase to \$19.99/month.

Spectrum TV Bundle (grandfathered legacy Time Warner Cable bundle that includes customers subscribing to double play (video and internet) and triple play (video, internet, and voice) Will increase by \$20.00/month.

Spectrum Digital Terminal Adapters Will increase by \$1.51/month.

Spectrum Receivers Will increase by \$1.51/month.

Spectrum Northeast, LLC (“Spectrum”), is noticing its customers that on or around February 1, 2024, the following five Music Choice Channels will be rebranded on all channel lineups:

Music Choice Dance/EDM will become Music Choice Dance

Music Choice Indie will become Music Choice 60s

Music Choice Metal will become Music Choice Yacht Rock

Music Choice Teen Beats will become Music Choice Teen Hits

Music Choice Musica Urbana will become Music Choice Relaxing Vibes

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #6-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the purchase of two (2) StarTrans Entry Door Switches for the Senior Bus, from Matthew’s Bus Alliance. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #7-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the creation of a purchase order to Matthew’s Bus Alliance for Senior Bus entry door switches. Total purchase price will be \$205.15, including shipping. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #8-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the following budget transfers:

DA.1989.400	Contingency	(\$.44)
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DA.9040.840	Highway Workers Comp	\$.44
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Fund underbudgeted Highway account from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 11,999.56).

SW06.1989.400	Contingency	(\$.32)
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SW06.8340.840	Water Workers Comp	\$.32
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Fund underbudgeted Water account from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 14,999.68).

A.5010.862	Super. Highway HSA	(\$700.00)
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A.1110.862	Justice HSA	\$300.00
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A.1310.862	Finance HSA	\$250.00
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A.3620.862	Code Enforcement HSA	\$150.00
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Transfer funds to underbudgeted accounts.

A.3120.121	Police & Constable Sergeant 1	(\$3,789.40)
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A.3120.135	Police & Constable Officer 5	\$3,789.40
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Transfer funds to underbudgeted account for Budget Correction.

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Opposed – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #9-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the following budget adjustments:

SW06.8340.131	Transmission and Distribution Personnel	\$24,118.00
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Funding account by Water Fund Balance for Budget Correction.

Resolution #10-2024 brought Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the following budget amendments:

A.3120.121	Police & Constable Sergeant 1	(\$11,103.08)
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A.3120.122	Police & Constable Sergeant 2	(\$11,318.67)
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Reducing pay lines for Budget Corrections due to Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye.
Opposed – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #11-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

A.9950.900	General Inter-fund Transfer	(\$157.50)
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H61.5031	Chilson / Eagle Lake	\$157.50
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Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye.
Opposed – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #12-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$13,413.84)
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H18.0630	Airport Pavement Management Due To Other Funds	\$13,413.84
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Transfer funds from General to Airport Pavement project until funding is received.

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$4,080.00)
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H69.0630	LaChute River Walk Trail Extension	\$4,080.00
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Transfer funds from General to LaChute River Walk project until funding is received.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye.
Opposed – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #13-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to provide an amount not to exceed \$3,000 in occupancy tax funds to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of mowing the boat launch overflow parking fields which directly support the 2024 fishing tournament schedule. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #14-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to rescind Resolution 277-2023 brought by Tom Thatcher and seconded by Joyce Cooper (transfer the property at 130 The Portage to Essex County for eventual transfer to the Essex County Land Bank). (ROLL

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CALL VOTE) **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #15-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper approving the conveyance of the property at 130 The Portage to the Essex County Land Bank Corporation for the sum of One Dollar and authorizing the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance. This resolution shall take effect immediately. (ROLL CALL VOTE) **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga is the owner of certain real property located at 130 The Portage in the Town of Ticonderoga, as described in a deed from Essex County dated July 8, 2020, and recorded in the Essex County Clerk's office in Book 2027 of Deeds at page 112 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Land Bank Corporation, has requested that the Town Board convey the Property to the Essex County Land Bank Corporation for such purposes as the Essex County Land Bank Corporation's corporate powers may permit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Not-for Profit Corporation Law §1608(f), the Town is permitted to convey such Property to the Essex County Land Bank Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves of the conveyance of the Property to the Essex County Land Bank Corporation for the sum of One Dollar, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #16-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Joyce Cooper approving the conveyance of the Property at 149 Lord Howe to the Ticonderoga Historical Society for the sum of One Dollar, and authorizing the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance, provided that the deed shall include a right of reversion to the Town such that in the event the Ticonderoga Historical Society ever attempts to sell, convey or develop the Property, or use it for any other purpose except for the historic preservation of such Property, title to the Property shall revert to the Town, it being the intention of the Town Board that the property shall be preserved without development. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice thereof as required by law. (ROLL CALL VOTE) **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga is the owner of certain real property located at 149 Lord Howe Street in the Town of Ticonderoga, as described in a deed from Essex County dated October 5,

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2022, and recorded in the Essex County Clerk's office in Book 2100 of Deeds at page 151 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Ticonderoga Historical Society, has requested that the Town Board convey the Property to the Ticonderoga Historical Society for preservation of the lands for historic and public purposes and the Town Board is willing to convey the Property to the Ticonderoga Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Town Law §64(2), such conveyance is subject to permissive referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves of the conveyance of the Property to the Ticonderoga Historical Society for the sum of One Dollar, and authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance, provided that the deed shall include a right of reversion to the Town such that in the event the Ticonderoga Historical Society ever attempts to sell, convey or develop the Property, or use it for any other purpose except for the historic preservation of such Property, title to the Property shall revert to the Town, it being the intention of the Town Board that the property shall be preserved without development; and be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice thereof as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date hereof pursuant to Town Law §91.

Resolution #17-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the Supervisor to apply for the 2023 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants under application SGADK, specifically seeking funding for the enhancement of the community ice rink and the preservation of the historic cupola of the community building. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Whereas, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in partnership with the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the Department of State, has announced the availability of \$3.7 million from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for smart growth projects within the Adirondack Park and Catskill Park; and

Whereas, this funding opportunity, specifically the 2023 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants, will provide approximately \$2,700,000 under application SGADK for projects that align with the goals of environmental protection, economic development, and community livability; and

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Whereas, the Town of Ticonderoga recognizes the need for capital recreation upgrades for the community ice rink and for the historic preservation of the community building's cupola; and

Whereas, these projects are in line with the smart growth objectives of enhancing community facilities while preserving historical landmarks within the Town of Ticonderoga;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Ticonderoga is hereby authorized to apply for the 2023 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants under application SGADK, specifically seeking funding for the enhancement of the community ice rink and the preservation of the historic cupola of the community building;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town of Ticonderoga will adhere to the guidelines and requirements set forth by the DEC, APA, and the Department of State in the execution of these projects, ensuring that they contribute to the overarching goals of environmental conservation, economic development, and the enhancement of community life within the Adirondack Park.

Resolution #18-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Heath Towne to adopt the Sick Leave Donation Policy for the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #19-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne authorizing the expenditure of \$16,000 in ARPA funding to the Chilson Volunteer Fire Company request to recover the loss of revenue due to the pandemic. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #20-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Dave Woods to schedule a public hearing for February 8, 2024, at 6 P.M. to discuss the Town's use of former railroad property at the intersection of Defiance Street and The Portage. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #21-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting, December 29, 2023, End-of-the-Year Meeting, and January 4, 2024, Organizational Meeting. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

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Resolution #22-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to Pay the Abstract 1-2024. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Board Meeting Date 1/11/2024				
Gross Payroll # 1	111,213.10			
Gross Payroll # 2	142,228.79			
Gross Payroll #				
Trust & Agency Total	\$253,441.89			
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00			

ABSTRACT # 1	1/11/2024	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	278,411.91	282,696.91	15,589.91	278,335.41
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	-	-
Highway (DA)	42,989.61	42,989.61	-	42,989.61
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management	13,413.84	13,413.84	-	13,413.84
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	-	-	20,858.18	-
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment	-	-	-	-
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	-	-	-	-
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	-	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	-	-	-

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H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	-	-	-	-
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	-	-	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	-	-	-	-
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		-	-	
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		-	-	
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	-	-	-	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	-	-
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	157.50	157.50	-	157.50
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	-		-	-
H63 - Water Meter Project	-		-	-
H64 - WWTP Ventilation Project GIGP	-		-	-
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous removal EPG	-		-	-
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	-		-	-
H67- Wet Weather Operating Plan	-	-	-	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	-	-	-	-
H69 - LaChute River Walk Trail Extension	4,080.00	4,080.00	-	4,080.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery			-	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		-	-
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	4,285.00			4,285.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	40.22		1,474.50	40.22

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Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	10,200.10		12,687.77	10,200.10
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	8,348.03		8,878.68	8,348.03
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	4,596.99		5,044.80	4,596.99
Central Sewer (SS05)	150,479.34	301,739.88	320,851.32	150,479.34
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	17,283.73		19,711.30	17,283.73
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	4,601.13		6,408.34	4,601.13
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	6,505.13		11,278.00	6,505.13
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	91,212.53		68,383.63	91,212.53
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	2,477.56		2,939.33	2,477.56
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	5,995.12		7,549.07	5,995.12
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	17,299.20		17,774.80	17,299.20
Street Road Water (SW02)	7,808.00		8,730.52	7,808.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	7,168.00		7,393.12	7,168.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	2,956.80		3,068.12	2,956.80
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	11,193.60		11,193.60	11,193.60
Central Water (SW06)	60,254.66	139,213.02	309,690.08	60,254.66
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	8,384.00		8,544.63	8,384.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	24,148.76		60,929.04	24,148.76
Multi Account Total	784,290.76	784,290.76	928,978.74	784,214.26
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$1,037,732.65	TRUE		

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Resolution #23-2024 brought by Heath Towne, seconded by Dave Woods to accept the Supervisor’s Report as submitted. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Supervisor's Report 1/11/2024

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	76,553.20	173,396.79	3,194,879.18	3,444,829.17
Airport	80,976.45			80,976.45
Highway	9,844.45	87,311.12	545,527.79	642,683.36
H17 - Airport				-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	100,101.59			100,101.59
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	160,885.29			160,885.29
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	1,715,712.84			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	358,601.89	711,638.53	1,050,965.65	2,121,206.07
SW06 - Central Water All Districts	644,796.37	524,891.33	58,421.03	1,228,108.73
C/R - Carillon Park		5,339.56		5,339.56
C/R - Liberty Monument		16,027.62		16,027.62

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C/R - Unemployment		31,558.00		31,558.00
C/R - Police Equipment		77,298.34		77,298.34
C/R - Senior Bus		31,321.95		31,321.95
C/R - Frazier Bridge		6,887.73		6,887.73
C/R - Forfeiture		1,804.38		1,804.38
C/R - Building Improvement		344,512.28		344,512.28
C/R - General Sidewalk Improvement		310,051.66		
C/R - Building & Grounds Equipment		14,633.42		
C/R - Airport Development		205,823.91		
C/R - Highway Equipment		351,623.10		351,623.10
C/R - DA Sidewalk Repair		51,340.11		
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure		64,375.49		64,375.49
C/R - Sewer Repair		104,680.87		104,680.87
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure		237,523.82		237,523.82
C/R - Water Repair		86,867.88		86,867.88
0				-
Library Trust		34,152.00		34,152.00
Mount Hope Cemetery		27,458.51		27,458.51
				9,453,317.94
Total	3,400,563.83	3,500,518.40	4,849,797.65	11,750,879.88

DISCUSSION: Security Measures.

Supervisor Wright reiterated that the Security Gates have been installed and keys will be made and distributed to those that need them. We have also begun locking all of the first floor rooms,

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which now includes the bathrooms. We are continuing to look into a solution to deter individuals from just walking into the finance office (some gate or half door system).

DISCUSSION: Bicentennial Clock.

We need a decision on the clock – do we relocate it, leave it as is, replace it?

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

We are in need of volunteers for the annual Court audit. Tom Thatcher made me aware that he is willing to do it again, Dave Woods will volunteer also.

Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney

Chilson/Eagle Lake – Funding: The original grant that was received increased from 3 million to 5 million, so estimated cost was 13.9 million; 5 million in EFC grants, 4 million from Congresswoman Stefanic, 1.3 million through EFC/EPA for disadvantaged Communities, net project cost right now is 3.6 million and over 40 years with 105 users that is a debt only of \$858.00 a year per user. Obviously, it is not acceptable but it was \$400 higher than that a month ago. We have driven that down and still have ideas of getting more money to fund this project.

Public Comment

Renee Kennedy stated that EMS would like to discuss moving forward with the District if possible. Obviously, it is going to take some time to form this and we would like to move forward with it. As of now, we will be putting an ad in the paper, but just so you know, for 2023 we ended up with 978 calls which is huge for us, Ticonderoga was 711 of those calls. We are asking for the board to help us out until the district is formed and we are asking for \$70,000.00 to get us through. Like last year, hoping that this can be approved for us to move forward.

Councilman Woods is for sure in favor of this.

Supervisor Wright stated that he is a big supporter of Ti EMS; 70k in 22 and another 120k in 2023. What he believes EMS needs is an operations manager who has experience in budgeting and payroll and accounts receiving and expenditures. IF the Town Board is going to pursue an EMS district, he would almost want that contract to state that whoever that vendor becomes has a position like that in the organization. These guys do a fantastic job at what they are doing in terms of saving lives.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that she has been the operations manager for the last six 6 years, and we do have a financial officer as well, that would be Pat Ida who looks over our books. This is what we have trustees for and we have two business owners as trustees now. That is what we have a treasurer for.

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Supervisor Wright does not believe that they are doing those types of duties that he is talking about.

Mrs. Kennedy asked if other departments require this as well?

Supervisor Wright asked what other departments?

Mrs. Kennedy stated the Fire Department.

Supervisor Wright stated you would have to talk to the Fire Department about that.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that they have commissioners and we have trustees.

Supervisor Wright is not talking about the Fire Department, he is talking about if we are going to form an EMS district, he believes that is a position that is necessary. The other board members may not agree with him, but if that is not part of the package, he would vote it down.

Samantha Montville asked why was this not brought up before? We have talked about a district for a while now and now this is something else that has just come to the table.

Supervisor Wright stated that this board keeps getting funding requests for dollar amounts which when sent to us and we respond, you come back and say well we don't need that much, how about this much. How are you calculating this dollar request that is being asked for. You had requested 200k back in 2023 and then you said well we only really need 140k and that request was sent with an apology saying you didn't know why you did that. There was a request this year for 550k (interrupted that was for the district) and now it is not 550k and he told you at the time in an email transmission that when you come to the board and ask for a number and then you come back with a different number you are creating an atmosphere of kind of mistrust because we don't know where you are coming with this information from and the numbers keep changing.

Councilman Woods interject that this is when they started putting their revenues in, that is why they came back with a lower amount.

Supervisor Wright stated that this is just him, he asked the board to please feel free to speak up.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that Mr. Woods is correct, this was our first year taking on Crown Point and we did not know what our revenue was going to be. That is why we are lowering the amount that we need.

Supervisor Wright noted that this was the other thing, Crown Point was not, after some budget discussion, Crown Point was not paying the percentage that was equivalent to the portion of the calls that were being made.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that this has been rectified with Crown Point and also with Putnam as well.

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Supervisor Wright would feel better, if this board is going to give another 70k to Ti EMS, he would feel better that was on a reimbursable type plan. Kind of like a grant. We have discussed this and do not know if this can be done or how difficult it is, but it would be better from an accounting standpoint, that the board agrees as to a cap on that. You get bills, you invoice us, we pay that rather than just throwing 70k dollars there.

Councilman Woods would like this repeated.

Supervisor Wright explained that he would be more in favor of a plan that is more in line of what a grant does. We decide upon a maximum, say 70k, but they don't get the 70k, we will get an invoice and pay for that invoice. That way we actually see where those costs are going rather than just... it is a thought that he had.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that you see our budget....

Supervisor Wright stated that you are not hearing him, he is talking about you actually paying for something and then sending an invoice to us to reimburse you for it. That is not the same as a budget.

Ms. Montville stated that you do see our budget so you see where we are spending it.

Supervisor Wright stated that he does not, we just see a number. You have hundreds of numbers in your budget, but if we give you 70k we don't know what you are spending that on. You can say this line here is using the 70k. You are misunderstanding what he is saying, he is more in favor of a reimbursement process where you tell us what you spent the money on and then we.....

Mrs. Cook asked then if we get an insurance bill, we sent it to you and say that we need 2k for the workman's comp, is that what you mean?

Supervisor Wright stated yes, 70k minus that 2k..

Mrs. Cook understands.

Supervisor Wright asked if you want me to be flexible, you are going to have to be flexible...

Mrs. Kennedy stated we are being very flexible..

Ms. Montville stated that as a younger person with EMS, we don't get great pay because we have to compromise that and she is fine with that because this is her community, her community that raised her and she is serving back, but we are reaching out because eventually with inflation and everything too, there is an amount to be raised if we want to get other people in the community to help. That includes uniform costs, she had to go out and buy her own uniform when it comes to her pants and shoes and everything because we unfortunately don't have thewe can get

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jackets, but if we had more funding or the opportunity, so that is what attracts EMS workers, you are going to want....

Supervisor Wright understands that and that is why we would pursue a district. He is not saying he is against the district, no one heard him say that; what he is saying is if we are going to have a district, let's have someone in the organization who is skilled in expenditures and receipts and budgets. You guys are life savers, you are not accountants.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that he is talking about a business person.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that this is why we have two business people on our....

Supervisor Wright stated you do not have people who do this kind of thing, you have people that overlook your books.

Mrs. Kennedy was talking about the two trustees that they have, they have run their own businesses.

Supervisor Wright stated that we can agree to disagree that we are not talking about the same thing.

Councilman Woods asked if we move on with the 70k reimbursement thing; how long for the district.

Supervisor Wright stated that you need a MPR for a district..

Councilman Woods asked would the paperwork that he provided the other day work? He continued that one of the members that work for the county checked and said that the Town of Lewis just formed a district and the county paid for the MPR.

Mrs. Cook interrupted and stated that Real Property was the one that they called, the MPR was already done and they didn't have to pay a thing for it.

Councilman Woods asked realistically, how soon could we start moving forward with the district.

Mr. Fuller stated that you would not be able to have your public hearing until April and then your referendum would probably be June or July and you would fund it in 2025.

Councilman Woods asked if the reimbursement thing would be going on for a while?

Supervisor Wright stated it would not be going on for a while, it would be going on for 70k. The other thing is once you have MPR, it has to be voted on and if it is not voted on, the district does not move forward.

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Ms. Montville would like to understand correctly, when you are asking for an operations manager, is that before the 70k is given.

Supervisor Wright stated no, this is what he would like to see in a contract to a vendor for an EMS district. Just so you know, when a Town creates an EMS district it is contracted through a vendor, not necessarily you, it could be anybody. So, he would personally want to see in that contract some sort of operations manager with those skills we are talking about, developing budgets, doing cost accounting and things like that.

Mickey Fitzgerald asked if Chilson Fire and Ti Fire vendors also.

Supervisor Wright stated that Chilson is contracted with the Town of Ticonderoga.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if they have an operations manager...

Supervisor Wright stated he does not know what they have and he doesn't care at this point. At this point this EMS district is the first district that he has formed and he would like to see something like that.

Mr. Fuller stated that in general Fire Departments don't have the same funding mechanism as the EMS. They do not get reimbursements from insurance companies and things like that.

Mrs. Cook noted that if we have to hire someone that would make a difference in what we would be asking for.

Supervisor Wright stated that this would go into your budget, just like any other employee. When you get a district, you are pulling in ALL of the properties to help drive the cost per thousand down, but that individual would be part of your budget and in what the eventual levy is. He is in favor of the district; he had just hoped that you guys would have gone out and gotten the total number that was needed to petition the board to do this. This board decided that was the proper way to do this. It was decided because it looked better for the public to tell us that they want an EMS district than the Town telling the public you are getting an EMS district, but you did not get enough properties to get that petition process work, so if we have to do this from a board standpoint, he has no problem.

Mr. Fuller would like to see this MPR. Just to be clear, you are setting the district up for 2025.

Mrs. Cook asked if they are to call Real Property to ask for this.

Supervisor Wright will ask for the report.

Councilman Woods wanted to state that the Town of Schroon Lake gives them 215k and they 308 calls last year, the Town of Lewis/E'town had 517 calls and the Town gives them 575k. We are not out of line at all.

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Supervisor Wright totally believes that it would cost 5 or 6 hundred thousand dollars to run an EMS services. He doesn't think anyone has disagreed with that.

Ms. Montville added that especially with the upcoming classes to get ALS providers in our agency, we have the highest call volume for Essex County.

Supervisor Wright asked what the status was of the two additional

Mrs. Kennedy stated that we have approval of one, and we put in for four more but we believe it will only be two out of the four which is totally fine with us, just to keep the younger ones around

Supervisor Wright explained that right now EMS pays the salary and the county pays the benefits of an individual. So, the EMS has one paid county benefits portion individual and they have asked for four additional and the county will probably give two additional.

Mrs. Cook explained that how they came up with the four, if you work it out, the wages was a little bit cheaper than the benefits, so the county pays the benefits so we were looking to save some money and we asked if they would do four but we look to get three, that is why we asked the county for those positions because the wages are cheaper than the benefits.

Councilman Woods asked if they ask for ALS or EMTs?

Mrs. Kennedy stated that we can ask, but there are no ALS available right now.

Ms. Montville stated that we are waiting for North Country to have a class for ALS.

Mrs. Cook stated that even the county is having trouble getting paramedics right now. That is why we approached the county for the benefits, they also have health insurance and they can get into the retirement plan, which helps us with retention.

Councilman Cooper asked how many employees are paid right now?

Mrs. Kennedy stated that there 14 now, but they are not all full-time. We did 7k hours of volunteer time in 2023.

Mrs. Cook stated that a lot of our volunteer time was in the summer, when we put a second crew on.

Supervisor Wright asked how many calls are lift assists?

Ms. Montville stated that most times with a lift assist they turn into something, it may be called out for a lift assistance and end up being a broken hip. Unfortunately, it does sound like a lot of those calls.

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Mrs. Cook added that it is more like 50% of the calls.

Supervisor Wright explained that he will call Dave Wainright at Real Property and ask him about the MPR, if he can send it to us, he will then send it to our attorney.

Councilman Woods asked if that is step one. (Yes)

Supervisor Wright added now regarding the 70k what does the board want to do?

Councilwoman Cooper asked where we can find it?

Supervisor Wright stated that everyone knows where that money will come from, it is not budget, we did not tell the taxpayers that they will need to pay for this, so it comes from fund balance and we can't keep pulling money out of fund balance.

Councilman Woods stated that this is one of the best reasons to pull money out of fund balance.

Supervisor Wright again stated that there is no argument about that, but the fact remains that we cannot continue to pull money out of fund balance. We are floating projects, like airport projects, water projects, all of that money comes out of fund balance until it is reimbursed by the state or federal government.

Councilman Woods stated that it will be reimbursed eventually.

Supervisor Wright stated yes, but if you have too many projects, then you are going to run dangerously low in case of an emergency.

Councilman Woods stated if you base it on priority, he thinks this is absolutely number 1.

Supervisor Wright stated that he is not trying to be the bad guy here. Do you want to do the 70k, pull it out of fund balance, see if the reimbursement even works. (It can be drafted into the contract) Personally, he would like to see what we are paying for.

Councilman Woods does not believe there is a problem with that.

Ms. Montville stated that it is not that we have a problem with that, the way that it came off in the beginning, it was like you didn't trust where we were spending the money.

Supervisor Wright explained that this is how a grant works, they don't trust where we are spending the money either.

Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Kennedy stated there is no problem, it is whatever it takes.

Resolution #24-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Heath Towne to provide \$70,000.00 to the Ticonderoga EMS Department with the provision that we have an agreeable contract that

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this is on a reimbursable basis, invoices will be submitted to the Town and the Town will pay those invoices up to a maximum amount of \$70,000.00. As known, the Town operates on a monthly basis with its abstract process. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Heath Towne – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Tom Thatcher - Absent. **Carried.**

Councilman Towne knows the budget is tight. We do 70k like a grant, but speed must be done to get this district formed for 2025.

Supervisor Wright again noted that he is not trying to be the bad guy. He believes that we are all in favor of the district here, we need to go through these hoops and there are a few hoops. The public will need to vote on the MPR, he would strongly encourage you guys to drum this up. He can't imagine there are people out there who would be against this, but there probably are and if it gets voted down, then the district is done.

Mr. Fuller stated that the other two Towns (Putnam and Crown Point), ultimately, what is going to happen is an evaluation by the Town Board annually and how much that district budget is going to be. It won't have its own separate commissioners like a Fire District, it will be through the Town Board, but the concern going forward is making sure that the other Town's don't say that the Town has a district now and they will fund it. What will happen will be an evaluation on the allocated calls to those other Towns.

Mrs. Cook agreed and noted that they have already approached Crown Point and told them what the funding would be this year and have increased it. We also told them that if we did get the tax district, they will be contracted based on the call volume and the same with Putnam.

Mr. Fuller stated that you can have a district with multiple municipalities but there are concerns that would need to be addressed. He does not know any in this area at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks

Presentations

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Public Hearings

- CDBG grant for Ti Fire District

RESOLUTION to submit one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the purpose of addressing the mold infestation in the Ticonderoga Fire District's building.

Committee reports

Airport TT

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute NYSDOT Application for Payment (Certificate No. 6) for the NYS share of Passero Associates Inv. No. 17257 and the partial portion of Reale Construction Co., Inc. SOC No. 4F for the State matching share (Aircraft Apron Reconstruction and Taxiway Rehabilitation; 1907.35).

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute the NYSDOT Final Application for Payment (Certificate #2F) for the State matching share (Runway 2-20 Pavement Rehabilitation; 1907.34).

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JC/DW

Economic Development MW

Highway / Transfer Station DW

Municipal Facility Evaluation TT

Public Safety DW

Public Works MW

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute an ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTEREST IN BIL FUNDING for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C5-5520-11-00 Effluent Exchange System Evaluation.

Human Services - Youth JC

Human Services - Seniors HT

Health Insurance MW

Contract Negotiations MW

I.T. / Cable T.V. MW

Resolutions

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RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$157.50)
- H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$157.50

Transfer funds from General to Eagle Lake Water Project.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$13,413.84)
- H18.0630 Airport Pavement Management Due To Other Funds \$13,413.84

Transfer funds from General to Airport Pavement project until funding is received.

- A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$4,080.00)
- H69.0630 LaChute River Walk Trail Extension \$4,080.00

Transfer funds from General to LaChute River Walk project until funding is received.

RESOLUTION to provide an amount not to exceed \$3,000 in occupancy tax funds to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of mowing the boat launch overflow parking fields which directly support the 2024 fishing tournament schedule.

RESOLUTION to rescind Resolution 277-2023 brought by Tom Thatcher and seconded by Joyce Cooper (transfer the property at 130 The Portage to Essex County for eventual transfer to the Essex County Land Bank).

RESOLUTION approving the conveyance of the property at 130 The Portage to the Essex County Land Bank Corporation for the sum of One Dollar and authorizing the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance. This resolution shall take effect immediately. **(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

RESOLUTION approving the conveyance of the Property at 149 Lord Howe to the Ticonderoga Historical Society for the sum of One Dollar, and authorizing the Supervisor to execute any and all deeds, tax forms, title forms and other forms necessary to carry out such conveyance, provided that the deed shall include a right of reversion to the Town such that in the event the Ticonderoga Historical Society ever attempts to sell, convey or develop the Property, or use it for any other purpose except for the historic preservation of such Property, title to the Property shall revert to the Town, it being the intention of the Town Board that the property shall be preserved without development. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum and the Town Clerk is directed to publish notice thereof as required by law. **(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Minutes for the Regular Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on January 11, 2024, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building Conference Room with a Public Hearing regarding a Community Development Block Grant application.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to apply for the 2023 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grants under application SGADK, specifically seeking funding for the enhancement of the community ice rink and the preservation of the historic cupola of the community building.

RESOLUTION to adopt the Sick Leave Donation Policy for the Town of Ticonderoga.

RESOLUTION authorizing the expenditure of \$16,000 in ARPA funding to the Chilson Volunteer Fire Company request to recover the loss of revenue due to the pandemic.

RESOLUTION to schedule a public hearing for February 8, 2024, at 6 P.M. to discuss the Town's use of former railroad property at the intersection of Defiance Street and The Portage.

RESOLUTION to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting, December 29, 2023, End-of-the-Year Meeting, and January 4, 2024, Organizational Meeting.

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract.

RESOLUTION: to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Security Measures.

DISCUSSION: Bicentennial Clock.

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting