

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga 2025 Budget Workshop and Any other  
Lawful Business held on September 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mark A. Wright, Supervisor  
Dave Woods, Councilman  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman  
Heath Towne, Councilman (arriving late)  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Others:** Rebecca Norton and Amy Beeman from Finance, Chief Hurlburt and Sgt. Beldon at 8:00 a.m.

**Resolution #425-2024** brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing Dave Burrows to attend SEQR training in Elizabethtown on October 29, 2024. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

**AGENDA**  
**2025 Budget Working Group**  
**And Other Lawful Business**

Workshop #5: 09/13/2024 0800-1100
Workshop #6: 09/19/2024 1300-1500
Workshop #7: 10/17/2024 1300-1500
Workshop #8: 10/25/2024 0800-1000

**Budget Workshop #5** (09/13/2024)

- **General Comments**
  - Health Insurance.
    - Rate increase is 4.9%.
    - Incorporated into spreadsheet.
  - Waiting for next steps regarding Ambulance District – Resolution on 9/19.
  - No word on Court Clerk desk audit.
  - Initiated conversation w/HR for salary review for staff in general.
- **Police.**
  - Lexipol Policy Proposal
    - Includes policies, online learning, behavioral health resources, funding assistance, and industry news and information offered through the websites.
    - \$7,497 (annual)
    - \$3,387.25 (one time implementation)
  - K9 Program – Will add
    - Agreement meeting w/Union 9/18.
    - Upfront costs (\$23,948: paid via ARPA).
      - \$8,500 Canine officer.
      - \$7,000 Training.
      - \$7,000 Vehicle equipment.

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- \$250 (collars, equipment).
- \$899 K9 Ballistic vest.
- \$299 Kennel and fence.
- Anticipated annual costs (\$14,705).
  - \$500 (food)
  - \$500 (vet)
  - \$718 (medications)
  - \$12,986.33 (estimated handler)
- Resolution to create a K9 Officer line item for handler.
- Review OT hours.
- Look for carryover.
- A3120.198 STOP DWI Grant – look at note from last year. Does this still apply?
- A3120.467 Equipment & Small Tools
  - Increase is for weapons?
- **Miscellaneous**
  - A Revenue budget review
    - PILOTs (A1081) – what do we have for 2025 including solar?
    - Summer Youth tuition (A2350.002).
    - Interest & Earnings (A2401).
    - Interest & Earnings GNFB (A2401.02)
  - CPA audit (A1310.492) update.
    - What do we expect to expend in 2024? Anything left over for carryover?
  - Does Jason Winchell have a buyout?
  - Refuse & Garbage
    - A8160.428. Any expected carryover?
    - A8160.463. Any expected carryover?

Workshop closed at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk