

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga 2025 Budget Workshop with any Other Lawful Business held on August 28, 2024, commencing at 8:00 a.m.**

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

Workshop #2: 08/28/2024 0800-1100  
Workshop #3: 09/05/2024 1300-1500  
Workshop #4: 09/10/2024 0800-1100  
Workshop #5: 09/13/2024 0800-1100  
Workshop #6: 09/19/2024 1300-1500

**Absent:** Heath Towne, Councilman  
Workshop #7: 10/17/2024 1300-1500  
Workshop #8: 10/25/2024 0800-1000

**Others:** Rebecca Norton & Amy Beeman from Finance, Highway Superintendent, Sal Barnao (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.) , Water/Wastewater Superintendent Derrick Fleury and Deputy Eric Blanchard (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

Other Lawful Business

EMS District

- Contractor will do billing and receive revenue.
- Permissive referendum.
- Potential for 2 budgets (with and without ambulance district).

**Resolution #391-2024** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to schedule a Special Town Board meeting with a Public Hearing regarding the Ticonderoga EMS district on September 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, C. Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga will be held on September 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm local time at the Ticonderoga Town Hall, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, New York, to consider the formation of an ambulance district and any other lawful business that may be brought before the Town Board.

Dated: August 28, 2024 Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following Order for public hearing was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, New York on August 28, 2024.

Dated: August 28, 2024 Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk, Town of Ticonderoga

**RESOLUTION #391-2024 ON THE ORDER CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

Introduced by: Mark A. Wright Seconded by: Dave Woods

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**WHEREAS**, a map, plan and report for the formation of an Ambulance District (the “District”), dated August 27, 2024, has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Ticonderoga; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of the proposed District are as follows: All those certain lands lying and being within the geographic and territorial boundaries of the Town of Ticonderoga, located in Essex County, State of New York, as evidenced on the tax rolls of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex, County, New York.

**WHEREAS**, no improvements are proposed and no sums are proposed to be spent for any improvements relative to the proposed District; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to the typical one or two family home as estimated in the map, plan and report, to be Seventy-Four Dollars (\$74.00) for a property assessed at \$150,000, for the first year of the proposed District;

**WHEREAS**, a map, plan and report describing such sewer improvement is on file in the Ticonderoga Town Clerk’s Office and is available for public inspection;

**IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, shall meet at the Ticonderoga Town Hall, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, New York, on September 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal to establish said District as specified above and in the map, plan and report, at which time and place all persons interested in the subject thereof may be heard concerning the same; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Ticonderoga, is hereby authorized and directed to publish a copy of this order in the official newspaper of the Town of Ticonderoga and post a copy of the same on the signboard in the Town of Ticonderoga, in the time and manner required by law; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: August 28, 2024

Town Board Members:	Voting:
Clifton Thatcher, Councilman	AYE
Dave Woods, Councilman	AYE
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman	AYE
Heath Towne, Councilman	Absent
Mark Wright, Supervisor	AYE

Budget Workshop

- Still awaiting health insurance and workman’s comp increases.
- Exceeding the Tax Cap.
  - Resolution introducing Public Hearing for proposed local law to exceed tax cap scheduled for 9/12/2024 Board Meeting.
  - Hold public hearing and resolution to exceed tax cap set for 10/10/2024.
- **Highway Budget.**

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- A5010 Highway Admin.
  - Examine potential carryover.
- A5132 Garage.
  - Address fact that all highway heating is now A5132.422.
- A8160 Refuse & Garbage.
  - What are expected tipping fees C&D?
  - Potential carryover.
- A8510 Community Beautification.
  - Potential carryover.
- A8810 Cemetery – Highway Input
  - Safety Equipment?
- DA Highway.
  - DA5112.493 Professional Contract – Engineer – what are these charges?
  - DA5130.230 discussion. See Sal’s note in request (severely impacts budget).
  - Seasonal On Call. More OT in 2024. Go back to 66 hrs since Grant left?
  - DA5142.466 Road Materials. What do we expect to expend for rest of year? I assume all.
  - Potential carryover.
- DA Capital Reserve. Verify okay.
- DA Revenue – Review and update looking for any expected additional or increase.
- **Water Budget.**
  - Purchase of new F250 utility truck SW8310.294 \$80K & \$40K to capital reserves.
    - Additional \$80K to budget adds approximately \$10/quarter to water charge.
    - Rate jumps from \$128 to \$150/quarter – not acceptable.
    - What are options for Vac Truck and utility?
    - Also look at contingency for ways to reduce in 2025?
  - SW Capital Reserves.
    - Concern w/elevated CR requests (see above).
    - Pushing quarterly water/sewer rates to high levels.
    - Additional \$20K adds approximately \$3/quarter to water charge.
    - Discuss replacement of Vac truck?
  - SW Revenues Consol.
    - Review any additional revenues.
  - SW Water Carryover Review.
  - SW District – Review new consolidated district format.
- **Sewer Budget.**
  - SS05
    - SS05.8120.191. How is overtime looking for the rest of 2024 based on use to date?
    - SS05.8130.465. Chemicals. Will we expend all this?
    - SS05.8130.478. When do we see this permit line expended?
    - Potential carryover.
  - Potential sewer increase: \$154 to \$162/quarter unless controlled. Unacceptable.
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- Streetlighting.
- Planning & Zoning Board.
- General Revenue.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - **DISCUSSION:** Request for installation of wireless tower installation 448 County Road 56.
  - What have Town Board attorney fees (A1420.491) been for 2024.

Meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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

**Budget Workshop #2** (08/28/2024)

Resolution introducing public hearing for proposed Ambulance District.

- **General Comments – Hold to end.**
  - EMS District
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