

**Minutes for the Ticonderoga Monthly Financial Meeting and Any Other Lawful
Business held on September 29, 2015 commencing at 11:30 a.m.**

Present: R. William Grinnell, Supervisor
David Iuliano, Councilman
Wayne Taylor, Councilman
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman
Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Holly & Paul Dixon, Karla Vigliotti, Sue Huestis, Chief Johns

Supervisor Grinnell opened the meeting with Resolutions to Consider.

Resolution #311-2015 brought by Fed Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing the following prepays;

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All in Favor: R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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HRP Inc for Commerce Park Signs, Receipt # 7953

All in Favor: R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #314-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Chattie Van Wert authorizing the following Training including Registration, Travel, and Meal expenditures on the Town Credit Card; Bob Labounty, continuing education, NYS Rural Water, Lake George, September 30, 2015. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #315-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert to offer employment to the following people; Corinna Woods, P/T Activities Attendant, \$11.00/hour no and Alex Sharrow, P/T Activities Aide, \$10.00/hour. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #316-2016 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to appoint Todd Bilow to direct Bidy Basketball for the 2015 season. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #317-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert to request qualifications for the Community Center & Armory Building Electronic Door Installation. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Resolution #318-2015 brought by David Iuliano, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to post the RFQ for the Community Center & Armory Building Electronic Door Installation in the Post Star and the Press Republican. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye.
Opposed - none. **Carried.**

Discussion for the Board

Health Insurance - Sue Huestis

Current Plan is no longer offered to our Town - decision to be made on plan to offer for the future.

Town of Ticonderoga
Current Rating vs Community Rating

| | Current Excellus High Deductible PPO | A Community Rating Excellus High Deductible PPO | B Community Rating Excellus High Deductible PPO | C Community Rating MVP High Deductible |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Deductible First | \$2600/\$5200 Family | \$2,100/\$4,200 Family | \$1,300/\$2,600 Family | \$3,500/\$7,000 Family |
| Office Visit | Covered in Full | 20% Coinsurance | 15% Coinsurance | Covered in Full |
| Hospital Inpatient | Covered in Full | 20% Coinsurance | 15% Coinsurance | Covered in Full |
| Hospital Outpatient | Covered in Full | 20% Coinsurance | 15% Coinsurance | Covered in Full |
| Emergency Room | Covered in Full | 20% Coinsurance | 15% Coinsurance | Covered in Full |
| Prescription Drug | \$5/\$35/\$70 | \$5/\$35/\$70 | \$5/\$35/\$70 | \$10/\$40/\$60 |
| Out-of-Pocket Max | \$5,500/\$11,000 | \$5,500/\$11,000 | \$2,600/\$5,200 | \$5,500/\$11,000 |
| Out-of-Network | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Out-of-Area Access | Via BlueCard | Via BlueCard | Via BlueCard | Yes via CIGNA |
| Wellness Rewards | None | Exercise Rewards | Exercise Rewards | Well Life |
| | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| Single (8) | \$515 | \$475.71 | \$572.94 | \$449.83 |
| Two Person (9) | \$1,008 | \$951.43 | \$1,145.88 | \$899.66 |
| EE/Children (6) | \$1,395 | \$808.71 | \$974.00 | \$764.71 |
| Family (10) | <u>\$1,395</u> | <u>\$1,355.79</u> | <u>\$1,632.89</u> | <u>\$1,282.02</u> |
| Annual Premium | \$426,100 | \$369,345 | \$444,832 | \$349,248 |
| Annual 75% H.S.A/H.R.A. | \$113,100 | \$91,350 | \$56,550 | \$152,250 |
| Total Cost | \$539,200 | \$460,695 | \$501,382 | \$501,498 |
| | <i>Cost Change vs 2015</i> | -15% | -7% | -7% |

Resolution 319-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert to adopt the Excellus Plan B Health Insurance. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye.
Opposed - none. **Carried.**

Transfer Station Tickets - Shingle Charge - Tonya M. Thompson

Discussed and Resolved at the September Board meeting to set at \$30.00 per half yard for Shingle disposal. All agree to continue this \$30.00 per half yard charge.

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Public Hearing Scheduling - Matthew Fuller

Resolution #320-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to schedule a Public Hearing for a Local Law Allowing a Tax Cap Override for the 2016 Budget on October 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

(Passing this resolution to over-ride the tax cap does not mean it will have to happen, this is procedural for the Town and it can be canceled if the budget numbers are not going to go over the cap)

Resolution #321-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to schedule a Public Hearing Amending the Local Law Establishing a Medical Insurance Policy for Retiring Elected Officials and Employees in the Town of Ticonderoga on October 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Miscellaneous Discussion

Councilman Taylor would like to make the board aware of what the new Multi-Purpose Building Committee is looking at. He would also like authorization from the board to be able to contact professional services, such as engineers, attorneys.

Resolution #322-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Chattie Van Wert to authorize the Multi-Purpose building Chair to have access to professional services to include but not limited to AES Northeast, Pacheco Ross Architects, Alfandre Architects, Town Attorney, at no charge (Discussion)...

Councilwoman Van Wert asked how much information we will be able to get if we are not spending money on them. What will they do for us?

Councilman Taylor explained that last Monday at the meeting we talked with the Ticonderoga Fire Department and this firm Pacheco Ross Architects and they are perfectly amendable to include out police department in their new fire station. They are looking at a 12,000 square foot fire station at \$300.00 per square foot and a 4,000 square foot police station at \$325-\$330 a square foot. Public Safety is unanimously in favor of this move. We spoke of a lessee agreement with the Fire District, but this gentleman will come and make a presentation.

Supervisor Grinnell asked what the cost was to the Town to take part in this plan.

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Councilman Taylor was told by email, nothing. If we requested a design then there would be a fee. He doesn't have any estimate of that. He will come back if it comes to that stage. Unless we have a question for the Attorney there should be no charge otherwise. We are just nosing around, trying to get a sense of things.

Mr. Fuller explained that the idea of a fire district building a building that has surplus property in it, they get a little bit more flexibility than the town board proper does. You can have an agreement between the Town Board and the Fire District for space.

Supervisor Grinnell asked who determines what the rate of the lease will be?

Mr. Fuller stated that this would have to be negotiated, prior to construction. They are going to bond this and it will need to be figured into their financing.

Supervisor Grinnell stated he is concerned as to where the fire company is going budget wise, they are looking at 38.7% increase this year. In today's economy, he can't justify that at all. Before you spend a lot of effort going down this road, he doesn't know that they are going to really be in a financial position to he knows that they have a lot of wants and wishes, but he doesn't know if they have the where all to do what they are doing. He would be the last one to deny the fire company the necessary equipment to do their job, but they need to have some fiscal responsibility going down the road.

Further discussion was held on the plans for the new Fire Station which would propose the including of the Police Department and it being subject to permissive referendum. The board would be interested in their presentation.

Councilman Taylor withdraws his motion - no action taken.

Councilman Taylor and Councilman Hunsdon also wanted to mention that Dr. Mack came to the Public Safety meeting last night to discuss the current dog control law. He has concerns when it comes to getting dogs back to their owners or getting them adopted out, discussion was held further on his suggestions.

Chief Johns will work with the Town Clerk on suggested changes and get it to the attorney and board for review.

Supervisor Grinnell reminded the Town of the EDU hearing for next month, we are lagging behind on this and should really look into a theft of services law. This will be our biggest deterrent that we have with the issue that we have with people adding garage apartments or sectioning off and renting out part of their homes and that kind of thing. We will try to get this on line at the same time as the EDU's.

Councilwoman Van Wert asked if this would be a Theft of services or Codes issue.

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Supervisor Grinnell answered that it is really both. They are stealing water and sewer and they are also violating codes in the fact that there are different code standards for multiple units. It is both.

Councilwoman Van Wert asked about budget workshops.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we will be setting them up very soon, the way he is looking at it is to have one meeting with staff and the town board and then we pull in whatever department heads we want if there are any questions or comments for discussion and then at least one more workshop after that to establish where we are at.

Mrs. Thompson asked if the board was able to set up the budget workshops at this time.

Supervisor Grinnell does not feel we are at that point yet.

Resolution #323-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to exit the Monthly Financial Meeting with any other lawful business and enter in an Executive Session at 12:32 p.m. with Chief Johns invited to discuss personnel issues. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #324-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to exit out of Executive Session and re-enter the Monthly Financial Meeting with any other lawful business at 12:45 p.m. **All in Favor:** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Adjourn at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Financial Meeting Agenda

As of 9/28/2015 4:40 PM

Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 11:30am

Opening

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in the newspaper (attached)

Discussion:

Health Insurance

Town Clerk Tonya Thompson –shingle tickets

Attorney Matt Fuller

RESOLUTION to adjourn the Financial Town Board Meeting