

**Minutes for the 2nd 2016 Ticonderoga Budget Workshop held on
October 20, 2015 commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

Present: R. William Grinnell, Supervisor
David Iuliano, Councilman
Wayne Taylor, Councilman
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman
Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman
Karla Vigliotti, Budget Officer
Amy Quesnel, Budget Clerk
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: John Bartlett, Richard Holmberg, Bill Dolback, Chief Johns

Supervisor Grinnell started the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police - Chief Johns

Request for increase of hours for clerk

- Originally started out with 2 part-time employees for a total of 40 hours a week
- Cut down to 1 due to budget reductions a few years back
- Person in that one position then voluntarily requested a cut in hours
- Requesting what was originally in the budget for one part-time employee

Decrease in Part-time line item - Second Sergeant position

- Will be at full staff and able to get the job done with less part-time hours
- Will need a second Sergeant position to correctly cover shifts (platoons)

The board further discussed use of this 2nd Sergeant/no longer needing the Investigator.

Cemeteries and Beautification - Bill Dolback and Richard Holmberg

Special Projects

- Vault (leakage, repoint & repair)
- Park - (electrical, paving and water issues)

Miscellaneous

- New Garbage Recepticals (3)
- Dog waste (new recepticals)
- Dog waste issues (Mt. Hope Cemetery - signage)
- Front Gates at Mt. Hope Cemetery
- Working on designating the Cemetery on the National Historic Registry

Supervisor Grinnell stressed the importance of coming to the board before placing the cemetery on this registry - that adds money to every project going forward - need to be practical. Items at the Cemetery need to come to the board for review.

Councilman Iuliano asked for the minutes to be sent to the board. (Town Clerk mentioned that this is done, but we have not gotten minutes for a little bit from that board).

Mr. Dolback noted that the Cemetery Board is trying to meet quarterly and is working on the Cemetery computer program to do the mapping.

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Supervisor Grinnell again stressed that he would like to be apprised of the work to be done in the cemetery as he may be able to help with it.

Mr. Holmberg started discussion on the 72" mowing deck that the Supervisor is interested in the Town purchasing. He has found a couple different pieces of equipment, but the least expensive would be around \$18,000.00. We currently are having the Kubota's completely serviced for use next year in the parks.

Supervisor Grinnell expressed his certainty of wanting this 6' mower for the parks next year. (The Town should be able to purchase this piece of equipment and it will be looked into further).

Mr. Dolback wanted to make the board aware that 2017 will mark the anniversary of this Community Building and he is planning on celebrating this. He is concerned that the building itself needs work.

Councilman Iuliano is aware and is working on it.

EDC - Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman

Supervisor Grinnell wanted to know if there was some point in time that these Committees/Organizations would stand on their own? (PRIDE, TMSP, etc)

Councilwoman Van Wert does not believe that these Organizations will stand alone - they are here to help the Town with Economic Development. She also mentioned an increase in her Farmers Market line item to reflect paying a quarter of a portion for a managers salary.

Supervisor Grinnell would like to know how much is paid from the vendors to be at the market. He would like to see the numbers.

Councilman Iuliano let it be known that he opposes the town paying this salary for a manager at the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Bartlett suggested putting capital reserves in the budget. He then spoke generally about the non-profits and their benefits to the Town. PRIDE facilitates grant writing, TMSP took over the Best 4th In the North for insurance purposes, if the Town would like the non-profits to stand alone at some point, then these organizations need to be told that this is what is expected.

Highway - expanding and utilizing part-time, on call workers.

Airport - New line item for fuel \$20,000.00 (actually transferring the funds from Building and Grounds)

Chilson Fire Department - The board feels that everyone should be at 2%. Maybe PRIDE can help the department look for grants.

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Resolution #347-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Chattie Van Wert adjusting the 2016 Budget line item for Chilson Volunteer Fire Co. to reflect a 2% increase. **All in Favor** - R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor- Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. Fred Hunsdon - Abstain. **Carried.**

Councilwoman Van Wert explained the situation we are currently in with our IT - we have had an emergency and have had to change providers (Storedtech). We may need some additional funds which could be paid for with contingency. We will keep an eye on this. They are doing a great job and we are up and running.

The Board agreed that the 2016 Budget will be staying at the Tax Cap.

Resolution #348-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by David Iuliano to CANCEL the Public Hearing on October 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in regards to a Local law to Over-Ride the Tax Levy. (It will not be needed). **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 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk