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

Absent: Heath Towne, Councilman

Others: Alan Densmore, Kyle Densmore, Steve & Nicole teRiele, Laura Wright, Jamie Easton, Sue Barber, Bruce & Maria Beuerlein, Sgt. Belden, Sgt. Budwick, Officer Cook, Nicole Greene, John Reale, Dave Burrows, Dale Harrington, James Delusia, Michael Curtis, Joshua Maring, Ashleigh Barrett, Laura Conley and many students

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

Opening Remarks

Supervisor Wright explained that he has spoken to the NYS Department of State officials today regarding the DRI project announcements. Some questions were answered and information was given on what we can expect next, he will compile that information and get it out in the next few days.

Tonight, we have two presentations – the first is a Proclamation for PRIDE of Ticonderoga.

WHEREAS, The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce received a one year Rural Preservation Company Grant in 1984 which led to the formation of PRIDE of Ticonderoga in June of 1984, followed by incorporation in 1985, with Chamber Board member Susan Rathbun selected to be the first Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE of Ticonderoga's initial purpose was to address 5 areas: Oversee the historic survey funded by International Paper; Assist the Village and Town in the search for grants; Improvements of the business district; Monitor LaChute River hydropower license applications, and; Information programs directed to the Ticonderoga community; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE of Ticonderoga's mission statement has grown to cover the 4 pillars: Housing, Community Development, Preservation and Downtown Development; and

WHEREAS, Over its 40-year history, PRIDE of Ticonderoga has administered over \$18,940,432 in grant funding including \$4,300,000 Main Street Business & Historic Preservation Grants, \$10,925,000 Housing Grants, \$800,000 Parks & Recreation grants, as well as completing over 841 home rehab projects throughout 3 counties; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE of Ticonderoga initiated some community projects, including End School Hunger, the Backpack Program, Ticonderoga Food Co-Op, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, as well as being the lead in the development of the LaChute Trail; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE of Ticonderoga administers monies for Homes & Community Renewal (HCR), Restore (Repairs for the elderly), and Economic Development through the NY Main Street grants; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE of Ticonderoga has become an invaluable partner to not just the Town of Ticonderoga, but to the counties of Essex, Washington, and Warren and now addresses affordable housing through the Essex County Land Bank as the most recent and critical part of PRIDE of Ticonderoga's commitment to our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Wright, Supervisor of the Town of Ticonderoga, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 6, 2024, as *PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA DAY* in the Town of Ticonderoga, New York this 9th day of May 2024.

Ms. Green would like to thank the Supervisor and the entire Town Board; we have had a heck of a year together. It is wonderful to be in a Town that appreciates our work and makes the work that we do joy full.

Easton, Engineer for the NYS Route 22/74 Mixed use development.

Supervisor Wright continued with a statement that he would like to read. We had a call in to the sponsor for the Regan Development project and while this project is an important project for the Town it still has to comply with the Town's zoning laws including Site Plan and SEQR. The letter from the sponsor's engineer indicates that the Planning and Zoning Board requested that they appear before the Town Board and with his interest in this project, he has attended the PZB meetings and he is not aware of this request. He was at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting last week and the board thought that the applicant (Mr. Easton) was going to appear at the meeting to discuss moving forward and unfortunately that did not occur and there was no request for that discussion to be tabled. In any event, the matter was left on the Planning and Zoning Board's agenda for June. In order for the Town Board to proceed on any sort of discussion here, he believes that that Planning and Zoning Board needs to coordinate this review with SEOR, which has not been started. To date, no request has been made by the applicant or the Planning and Zoning Board that could have been done last week. We can have a discussion if the Town Board is interested in that this evening. But we definitely have to wait for the PZB requests and SEQR coordination before taking any position on the applicants May 2nd letter that was provided to the Town. He does not know if he has any significant issues at this point with the project, but procedurally this needs to be reviewed correctly. This is an important project for him, it is an important project for the Town and it is an important project for Regan Development. The Town has made many efforts, which were appropriate when in its authority to support this project, which included re-establishing the break in access through NYS as well as discussions between the project sponsors and our Town engineering with the water and sewer department, but he definitely does not want to operate outside of that procedure. He really does not want to interfere

with the Town's PZB process or authority. If the board has no objections, then he will invite Mr. Easton to give us a summary of what he thinks he is looking for with the board and possibly what the plans are for how you are moving forward with PZB.

Mr. Easton – EP Land Services, licensed Engineer in NYS. The Supervisor is correct in that the project entails a three-story, 60 unit apartment building, facing Walmart. We have gone through the Site Plan process; we have made an application to the Town and certainly the project does not require any area variances or use variances for the project. The project has conformed to Zoning Code, but obviously we need to go through Site Plan approval process for the project and that is what we have been working with the Planning Board on as going through. Based upon the TBE's comments and the Town comments of reviewing the project, basically there is just one or two issues that are outstanding from an engineering standpoint, that need to be reviewed and discussed and we are working on that process. Part of this project is that the parcel is within the Town's water district but is not within the Town's sewer district. Part of the Planning Board's process will be to consider a sewer district extension, which this board is only allowed to do. The Planning Board does not have the authority to grant a sewer district extension for this project. What tonight's meeting was just really about is we are not taking a vote on, we are not doing anything in regard to that, but just whether or not you are generally in favor of performing or allowing the sewer district extension within the Town as long as all engineering information is satisfied by the Town and the TDE for that sewer district extension. That is what we are really here tonight for so the Planning Board can feel comfortable in the next steps. In regard to SEQR, that information was submitted to the Town back in February/January the list of all involved agencies and documentation was provided to the Town and that information has been pushed out to all involved agencies on this project. He has received comments back and the Town has received comments back from all of those lead agencies, DOT DEC, some other agencies didn't respond back because they had no involvement in the project or whatever happens to be. Certainly, we have gotten APA approval on the project, we have gotten no Army Corp. wetland impact, DEC has provided a response letter, DOT has. We have been checking all the boxes so that the Town can do a SEOR determination through the Planning Board process, but this is where we are at. The Planning Board is unsure of how this board feels about a sewer district extension, in regard to that sewer district extension, a MPR has to be prepared by the surveyor of record, that would be a part of the process as we go through this which is much later on. Typically, in some communities, after Site Plan permit is issued and we obtain all stamped drawings from county health department, at that point typically a Town Board asks for a formal sewer district extension and that is what this board would do, but the Planning Board wants to see to make sure that you are comfortable in performing a sewer district extension for this project. At this point, he will turn this back over to the board.

Supervisor Wright does not remember the Planning and Zoning Board ever directing anything to the Town Board.

Mr. Fuller stated that he does not remember the Planning and Zoning Board started coordinating the review for SEQR.

Mr. Easton noted that the information was submitted and a list of all the involved agencies was..

Mrs. Thompson stated that she did notify all the involved agencies.

Mr. Easton stated that he also did this beforehand and then a formal one was done.

Supervisor Wright asked if there were any plans for the project to come back before the Planning and Zoning Board. There had been questions from the public, he is not sure if they had been captured and forwarded.

Mr. Easton stated that yes, he plans to go back before the Planning Board and that would be at the next June meeting. He has asked the Town to put him back on the agenda. Certainly, the Planning Board has put this project on hold while we work on some of these sewer issues within the Town so that is why he had not been there for the last two months. Certainly, the public hearing has been left open, so whenever he goes back they can certainly comment on and certainly his last meeting with the public hearing was first held, there was a couple of questions from the neighbors and everybody else about the project and he answered those questions, but he will be happy to go back and answer more questions because that Public Hearing of the project is still open and until that closes the public can certainly comment on the project and he will answer any questions that they have.

Supervisor Wright asked if the questions were captured in the minutes (yes, they sure were). There are minutes from the last Planning and Zoning Board on the Town's website and they can be seen there.

Mrs. Thompson stated that she had sent them directly to Mr. Easton and will again. She also noted to Mr. Easton that the Public Hearing is still open, which means they expect Mr. Easton to attend those meetings. We did receive notice that you would not be able to come to the meeting from last month, but they did expect you at the May meeting.

Supervisor Wright stated as he did earlier, there are no decisions tonight but we will go back and check on some of this information. He does not remember the Town Board ever being tasked by the PZB to make any decision or recommendations or comments.

Mr. Easton believes that it was certainly a comment from the Planning Board and.....

Supervisor Wright stated that they will check on this, we appreciate you coming tonight.

Public Hearing

Nuisance Law – 64 The Portage

Tonight, we are addressing the Violations per Local Law 2 of 2011 (Nuisance Law) – this is in regard to 64 The Portage Tax Map Parcel #150.59-5-5.100. Right now, we are looking at an accumulation of nuisance points. The first ones were related to the accumulation of garbage that was given a date to clear of May 8th. There is still garbage there, the Code Enforcement Officer Dave Burrows confirmed this. (interrupted) Some of these related to the garbage, which is

usually three points but they accumulate per day per violations. The majority and most of the egregious points are related to the possession of and sale of illegal narcotics and controlled substances. This has become a public safety issue for the Town and for the neighbors. He does want to give the opportunity for the owners, tenants and mortgagee and the neighbors to be heard. The total number of points that have accumulated to date from Police and Code Enforcement is 39, it only takes 12 to take an action by the board. Anyone that would like to speak can do so now.

James Delusia came up here just to help Tim the property owner and he is in the process of removing all of the garbage and that stuff there. The prior tenants that were there before we came, he doesn't know anything about that. There has been one incident since he has been there. Those people are no longer there, there is no more of that happening there, he can promise that. It is going to take him time to get things cleaned up, the actual building itself is up to code, the water is there, the electrical is fine and everything is in perfect working order, except for the bad acts of prior people.

Supervisor Wright stated that this board is no longer tolerant of the garbage there, you were given eight business days to clean it up and there were how many violation orders before this, four or five prior notifications of violations. You didn't meet the date so that is all we can say about that part.

Nicole teRiele read a letter into the minutes. She is here on behalf of her neighborhood and herself, not her employer.

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you not just as a resident but as a deeply concerned member of the Ticonderoga community. Since relocating to the southern end of The Portage in 2010, I have witnessed a continuous decline in the safety and environmental conditions of our neighborhood, particularly around 64 The Portage, and the apartment building at the intersection of The Portage and Alexandria Ave.

Our community has struggled with persistent issues of domestic violence, drug abuse, narcotics sale, and child neglect. My neighbors and I have frequently contacted local law enforcement and community services out of sheer necessity, driven by concerns over noise, drug-related activities, and property neglect. Our actions are born from frustration and a desperate need for peace and safety.

The accumulation of trash and fire debris at these locations has created hazardous living conditions, attracting skunks, mice, rats, and other vermin. The odors and presence of rodents are a serious concern, compromising not only our comfort but our health.

Moreover, the proximity of these properties to key community assets like the boat launch and town beach amplifies the embarrassment and urgency of the situation.

The frequent disturbances caused by fighting, drug use, and unsolicited selling activities from the residents of these properties have severely impacted the quality of life in our neighborhood. We find ourselves hesitant to let our children play outside, fearful of what they might encounter or inhale.

While I appreciate the responsiveness of the Ticonderoga police, EMS, firefighters, and local officials such as Dave Burrows and Mr. Wright, the scale of these problems transcends what can be managed at the local level alone. We need comprehensive intervention from town, county, and state authorities to address these severe and persistent issues.

I hereby urge the Council to consider the implementation of stricter nuisance laws and the creation of bylaws that can empower our community to enact the necessary changes. Our goal is not merely to manage these issues but to resolve them in a manner that allows our neighborhood to thrive and grow.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. I am hopeful for your support and action to restore and preserve the integrity of our community.

Michael Curtis introduced himself as a maintenance guy for Timothy Welch. The garbage is still an issue, we did take care of the actual garbage, but there are still beds and couches and what not that we still need to take care of. On the February 13th and 14th and the March 4th charges, those all were on the property owner Timothy Welch, anything before that were on the other tenants. He will say, as of March 4th, Timothy Welch was placed into the jail, there has been no further drug use there. The new tenants are his girlfriend and her son and Jimmy Delusia is renting the apartment in the front. That is all he has to say. The drug use has stopped, we have taken the people out that were doing that there and we are trying to change it around.

Supervisor Wright appreciates the comments, but the litter violations go with the property, not with the owner. There is no change in the Town's position on the property in terms of the garbage but thank you.

Kyle Dinsmore asked for the record, wasn't there a police call for a confrontation between the two tenants at that apartment.

Supervisor Wright stated there is no conversations between participants.

Mr. Dinsmore stated that Ms. teRiele covered pretty much everything very eloquently in that letter, it is just, he feels that at this point in time the safety of the people in that neighborhood has

got to be addressed. He feels like everyone wants to be able to feel comfort in the sanctuary of your own home and when people work long hours and he has to get up in the morning and review his video for the first half hour while he drinks his coffee to see what activities have taken place to be sure that he hasn't been robbed in the middle of the night or that someone wasn't hurt in his front yard. He worries about the safety of his family when he is gone, he just feels like something needs to be addressed and he has given the benefit for many of years to the owner, he would like to feel that people always have a second chance and things can get better but he is not even there. At this point, something needs to be done with that property.

Sue Barber explained that she has a vested interest in that property too. She does think that the owner did make a great attempt to clean up the property, he gathered up all the garbage in bags, etc. and she doesn't know what happened, nor does it matter what happened, she thinks now people are dumping even more there and that is a big concern. What started as a small pile with maybe 20 to 30 bags has gone up to over 80 bags of stuff there. The mattresses are still there, the burnt down building is still there, that is her concern, it seems to be growing and she wants to be sure it is not becoming the Town dump that people are saying well I can put my garbage there and have it get worse.

Mr. Delusia wanted to make another statement which was that he had just gotten here three weeks ago, so he is trying to help Tim. This is a slow process, he would like the board to give him a little more time, 60 days, give him a chance to rectify the situation. He was not aware until he got here just how bad this issue was. He is making an attempt to board up that barn, they want to get this all contained so it does not look like a horrible piece of property. He is just asking for some time to see what he can do.

Supervisor Wright stated that you are now at the point of having the expiration date of May 8th expired where it is now in the Town's hands. The Town is capable of having someone come in and clean that up and charge the property owner. He won't speak for the rest of the board, but he is not willing to spend any more time on this. It has been too many notices of violation over the last couple of years, there is just no more patience here.

The board agrees. The request is denied.

Mr. Delusia asked how long he has to vacate the property.

Supervisor Wright stated that right now we are just discussing the litter and we will be discussing the Nuisance violation next.

Dale Harrington resides on this street – 8 Deck Way. This happened three years ago when that garage burned, it has sat there for three years and then all the nonsense started. That garage is full of garbage. It is not just the outside, which you all see, it is in there. Yeah, they boarded it up, ok, but it is full, still there. Tim got out, he made an effort, had a dump trailer right full, well they dumped the trailer and took the trailer because Tim got in trouble and left. We are all facing it, sure some garbage got picked up, but the other nonsense in the area has not stopped. It was mentioned that it has been cited many times, that is too many cites. The system doesn't work

that way. It should have been taken care of a long time ago. Three years that garage burned. The insurance money was collected, it is gone, don't know where, it is not his business, the bank owns the house, well the bank is responsible for it. Not Tim's friends showing up, that is great, he is glad he has friends that will help him out, but they are not helping out enough because they do not have the funds either. The bank does though, the bank should be taking care of this and we are all facing the eyesore in our neighborhood. The season has started, Memorial Day is coming. Everybody is going to be coming up and down Black Point Road and they are going to see that still after three years, they are probably going to want to know what is going on in our community and they are paying high tax dollars out there on Black Point Road. Coming to the other thing, the audacity of raising his assessment.

Supervisor Wright interrupted to say this is not what we are here talking about tonight. Please stick to the subject.

Mr. Harrington continued that our assessments are not based upon the eyesores in our neighborhood, they are based upon another house within the county. That all happened and everybody in the neighborhood said Jesus, my assessment is going up and I have this eyesore. Well, maybe we ought to work on this eyesore because he can never sell it for what it is assessed for. Never. Two vacant buildings on his street, another one going up for taxes on the end, and eyesore. There are a lot of issues in that one area that needs to be addressed and you are right, he would not allow any extensions for this situation. He was a Code Enforcement Officer in this Town, he knows what the rules are, he knows what the books all say.

Laura Conley is here tonight representing the Bank, the situation at this point is the bank is in the process of going through a foreclosure and a foreclosure takes a lengthy time and we cannot go into the property until we own it. The closure has to go through, right now we have discovered that there are squatters on this property and because there are squatters on the property, it can't be treated like a vacant property, there are certain rules that go along with a vacant property. She is curious to the process that the board is going to proceed with.

Supervisor Wright stated that the board is in the process of putting forward a resolution to pull the certificate of occupancy, which would mean Code Enforcement would board up and lock up the building.

Ms. Conley stated that we (the bank) would not object to that, because there is nothing that we can do at this point, because we do not own the property yet and because there are squatters there. The bank obviously does not want a dangerous situation for the Town, but at the same time we can't move forward because it is not technically a vacant property. If you can revoke the CO, we would not object to that resolution.

Public Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

Supervisor Wright stated that it is time for the Town to send a signal that we are going to pursue all we can in these types of cases to protect the residents and enforce the law.

Resolution #203-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper declaring 64 The Portage (Tax map #150.59-5-5.100) a Nuisance Property under Local Law 2 of 2011. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. Opposed – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 203 of 2024

Adopted May 9, 2024

Introduced by Dave Woods

who moved its adoption

Seconded by Joyce Cooper

RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS UNDER LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2011 CONCERING PROPERTY LOCATED AT

64 THE PORTAGE, TAX MAP PARCEL 150.59-5-5.100,

TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 2 of 2011, entitled "Nuisance Properties", the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga has the authority to declare certain parcels nuisance properties where they pose a threat to the interest of the public in the quality of life and total community environment, commerce in the Town, property values and public health, safety, peace, comfort, conveniences and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received reports from the Police Department and Code Enforcement office relative to potential nuisance activities at property located at 64 The Portage, Tax Map Parcel 150.59-5-5.100, Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York which tend to show that said property may have accumulated sufficient points under said Local Law to warrant action by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board set a public hearing for May 9, 2024, to provide the owner, tenants and any mortgagee, if any, of 64 The Portage, Tax Map Parcel 150.59-5-5.100, Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York with notice and an opportunity to be heard relative to a potential findings of nuisance by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, notices were duly sent in accordance with the Nuisance Properties law and the Town Board held a public hearing on May 9, 2024, at which time any party wishing to be heard was permitted to appear and be heard on the above property; and

WHEREAS, the Town's code enforcement officer and police department provided evidence of points under the Nuisance Properties law, and interested parties including the owner of the above property appeared at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has calculated the points, accepted all of the information of the police, code enforcement, neighbors and the property owner, and is prepared to render findings and a determination in accordance with the Town's Nuisance Properties Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the property has accumulated sufficient points under the Town's Nuisance Law as follows:

- a. Ongoing- July, 2023 to current- property maintenance including accumulation of garbage. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(B)(2)(a), 3 POINTS, though could accumulate multiple additional points due to ongoing violations;
- b. February 13, 2024- criminal sale of controlled substance. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(1)(f), 6 POINTS;
- c. February 14, 2024- criminal sale of controlled substance. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(1)(f), 6 POINTS;
- d. March 4, 2024- Possession of controlled substance. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(1)(f), 6 POINTS;
- e. June 20, 2023- Possession of controlled substances. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(1)(f), 6 POINTS;
- f. April 19, 2023- Possession of controlled substances. POINTS UNDER NUISANCE LAW: Local Law Section 62-2(B)(1)(f), 6 POINTS;

33 TOTAL and continuing.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the property has violated the Town's Nuisance Properties Law and has caused significant impact to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the property owner has not addressed the violations in any actual or meaningful way, which evidences a disregard for the laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs the following:

- a. Occupancy of the Property is hereby suspended effective 24 hours from the service by code enforcement officer Dave Burrows of a copy of this resolution on any occupant of the Property, and for a period of twelve (12) months from the date hereof, provided that in the event items "b", "c" and "d" below are not completed within twelve (12) months from the date of this resolution, suspension of occupancy may be further extended by the Town Board;
- b. Property owner or his designee will meet with Dave Burrows, the Town's code enforcement officer, to coordinate inspection of 64 The Portage;
- c. Property owner or his designee, through report to code enforcement officer Dave Burrows, will report back to the Town Board at the July 11, 2024, Town Board meeting by which time all violations, if any, arising from the above inspection shall be completed;

- d. That the Board imposes a fine in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 US Dollars (\$1,000.00) which will be paid within sixty (60) days and prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy or suspension of occupancy by the Town Board;
- e. Owner may apply to the Town Board for reduction in the 12 month suspension of occupancy, or any extension thereof, once the Property complies with the above, and provided there are no further violations at the Property.

RESOLVED, that the foregoing shall not prohibit or exclude any further enforcement under the Town's laws, including but not limited to the Nuisance Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT:

Mark Wright, Supervisor	Aye
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman	Aye
Clifton Thatcher, Councilman	Aye
Heath Towne, Councilman	Absent
Dave Woods, Councilman	Aye

Report of Committees

<u>Airport – Tom Thatcher, Councilman</u>

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6

7 May 2024

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Alan Densmore, Mark Wright, Gary Vosburgh, and Bryan Duros.

Excused: Tom Thatcher, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander.

Guests: Dave Woods, Laura Jarvis, Bob Salls.

Mark reported fuel sales of 881 gallons for April. Town will purchase another load of fuel.

Mark shared the status of the hangar discussions from Passero.

The committee discussed the snow removal equipment (SRE) shed and a weather system. Another discussion will occur at the June meeting when more of the committee is present. At that time, the group will discuss whether to continue with the SRE shed and/or weather system. The FAA needs more justification for a weather system before funding. The Committee considers hangars more critical than SRE or a weather system. The latter two benefit few operators.

The new airport sign has been installed. The historic sign was moved to the other side of the road. Alan stated the sign for the historic beacon tower will be installed by 6/8.

Councilman Thatcher would like to thank Don and Anthony Paige along with Grant Spaulding, Jason Winchell, Bill Norton, Jon Hanna and special thanks to Dave Woods for all their help putting in the signage.

Alan reported on the latest status for tree clearing.

The Fly-in & Open House was discussed. Tom Thatcher had provided information, but it is unknown which items have been finalized. June 8th with a rain date of June 9th.

The Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce is working on getting a taxi service for the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 0853.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 4 June, at the town hall.

Submitted by Mark Wright

Building and Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

No news

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

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

Committee members present were James Chauncy, Bill Dolback, Nicole Green representing PRIDE, Nancy Kelly, and Joyce Cooper. Also present were Tom Thatcher and Mark Wright.

Updates:

New Bleachers for Fields 2 and 3

The area behind home plate at Field 2 has been leveled to allow placement of the new bleachers there. It is still too wet and cold to pour a concrete pad at both Fields 2 and 3. The bleachers are unassembled and presently stored near the Groundskeepers shop on Burgoyne Rd.

Field 4

It has been too wet for any fill to be brought to the site of this future field. Drainage has been addressed.

Town Christmas Tree

The diseased spruce tree will be removed from the Community Building lawn by Dedrick's Tree Service. A replacement blue spruce tree has been selected through DeFranco's Landscaping and will be planted and watered for several months by this company.

Discussions:

Bicentennial Park

The gazebo in the park does not have handrails on the stairs. This should be addressed before summer. Kiwanis Club would like to replace the plaque on the building which has weathered and cannot be read. They also plan to paint several of the older pieces of equipment in the Children's Playground during Downtown Cleanup Day on May 11.

Kiwanis Club is also considering applying for a grant to obtain handicapped playground equipment which could be placed in or near the present playground.

Nicole Green noted there are several non-profit grants available for such a project as well as the Kiwanis Foundation Grant that has been mentioned by the Kiwanis Club. She could help guide the committee through such a process. She also mentioned a naming contest to get children involved in the process if this project moves forward.

Field Damage at Rec Park

Dan Woods has noted that damage has been done to the outfield at the Little League Field that appears to have happened during the town's soccer season program. The field was used for practice by children in grades 1-2 and grades 3-4 teams. He would prefer this field not be used to present such damage. It was noted by committee members that many individuals, both adults and children, have been seen using this field for personal recreation. This could also have caused damage to the field.

Of special note, some individuals are allowing their dogs off lease to play on this field as well as Fields 2 and 3. They also are not cleaning up after their dogs. Another dog station should be placed at the walking trail entrance near Field 1. It was also the decision of the committee that signs be placed at all three fields prohibiting dogs on the playing fields at *any time*. The town's Dog Park on Lord Howe Street was developed to allow dogs a safe place to run and play.

Liberty Pole and Flagpoles

The Liberty Pole which was placed below Champlain Legacy Park needs maintenance including repairs and painting. A volunteer did this work more than 10 years ago. A volunteer should again be sought to do this work, or the town might have to consider removing this pole. Nicole

Green expressed interest in learning more about the history of Legacy Park and the Liberty Pole and sharing this information with the public.

Each of the town's 3 playfield fields has three flagpoles. It is not clear what the 2 smaller poles were used for. All need painting. It is the opinion of the committee that the 2 lower poles at each field be removed, if possible, and the American Flag be flown at each field at the beginning of games and removed at game's end.

Black Point Beach

The committee discussed handicapped accessibility at the beach. Consensus was reached that accessibility to the beach house and the pavilion should be provided. However, the playground does not have to be included because grass can allow handicapped access. Both the building and pavilion have raised entrances that are not easily accessed by wheelchairs. James Chauncy also noted that the concrete between the porch and hallway entrance of the building is now raised and presents a tripping hazard. This must be taken care of before the beach opens.

Nicole Green also suggested handicapped access to the water be considered. Removable plastic ramps are available and are fairly inexpensive. These could be rolled out and removed daily by the lifeguards.

Vendor Fees

The Use of Facilities Form and town vendor fees will continue to be investigated at future meetings. The cost of utilities used by vendors locally and in other towns should be researched.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, May 21st at 8:30

Public Safety - Mark Wright, Supervisor (will speak on the proposed K9 program)

There was a proposal written by Officer Cook and approved by Chief Hurlburt.

Ticonderoga Police Department Canine Proposal

It is no secret that Ticonderoga, much like the rest of our nation, has a growing drug problem. The recent news of the increasing opiate epidemic is a great concern to our community. We have made it a priority to be an active part of drug enforcement in the Town of Ticonderoga. There has been a chance to increase our ability to investigate and enforce drug crimes. The addition of a canine team to our community will send a message to the people we serve, that we are taking the drug problem seriously. Citizens feel an increase in

personal security with a canine presence in the community. Canines have also been effective in promoting interaction with the public at schools, events, and other day to day contacts, especially since adults and children alike love animals. A canine team is a great way to send a proactive message to the young people of Ticonderoga by displaying the capabilities of a drug detection dog, helping to bridge the gap between the youth and Ticonderoga Police. We can send a positive lifesaving message to these young citizens and maintain that connection into adulthood, when they become the leaders in our community.

THE ROLE OF A K9



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dogs are often able to break down barriers that may exist between officers and citizens and often serve as conversation starters. The primary role of the new K9 will be as an "ambassador" of the department.



OFFICER & CITIZEN SAFETY

The K9 will be trained to search buildings that could potentially contain dangerous suspects, meaning officers may be exposed to less danger. Often the mere presence of a K9 in a dangerous situation can de-escalate the situation, keeping officers and citizens safe.



TRACKING

K9s are able to search for individuals, sometimes even hours later. They can search for dangerous suspects, lost children or missing adults.

EVIDENCE LOCATION

K9s can locate items with human scent on them that may have been discarded by suspects after committing a crime.

NARCOTICS DETECTION

A K9 trained in the detection of narcotics is able to alert to the odor of several different illegal drugs and can help officers locate hidden drugs. With the assistance of a K9, potentially dangerous drugs can be kept off of the street.

Canine

- Cost of the dog \$15,500 (one time)
- The dog will be selected from a reputable kennel to ensure good pedigree, mitigating unforeseen potential health problems.
- Two-year health guarantee certificate issued with canine covering hips, back, spine elbows and major disease or illness.
- Health guarantee covers; Hips, Spine, Elbows x-rayed and cleared on each canine before training begins.

- One year guarantee on training after successfully completing the basic class.
- Online and phone consulting for problem solving and assistance for working life of teams trained by FM K9.

Training

- Training for the canine will be 6-8 weeks; handler will complete 2-week training after canine is certified.
- Certification to International Police Work Dog Association (IDWDA) standards is offered at the end of each class, with membership.
- 16 hours of monthly training is required to keep current certification.

Veterinarian

- Annual vaccinations and care are estimated to be about \$500.
- All care will be at the Ticonderoga Animal Hospital.
- Medication Costs, annually (1) <u>Heart Guard</u>, help with the prevention of Heart Worms-\$105.00 (2) <u>HelpS</u> with the protection from Fleas and Ticks, is \$238.00
- "Pet Insurance," through PetsBest, \$374.76. This covers up to \$10,000 of emergency care.

Equipment

- To outfit an existing vehicle with equipment this includes: Transport kennel, Hot N Pop remote door and alarm system, Remote door opener, Window fan. Total cost is \$7,000
- Leashes, collars, harnesses, etc., and other training equipment is estimated to be \$1,000
- Ballistic Patrol Vests, (largest, most important piece of equipment for canine), options: (1) <u>TEX 10 Ballistic Vest</u>- \$699.99 (2) <u>Agile Canine Vest</u>- \$899.99
- Outdoor secured kennel 6X10X10 lockable metal fenced enclosure \$299

Other

- Food, estimated to be about \$500 annually.
- Handler will receive 2 hours of overtime a week for dog care on scheduled days off for ongoing care, grooming and housing of the canine.
- Canine food, depending on breed of dog, will last approximately 6 weeks, per 50 pound bag. Purina Nutrition Company, out of Buffalo NY, donates many canine departments yearly adequate food or vouchers for free bags.

Donations

- Sylvamo, Expected \$5,000
- Walmart, Expected \$1,500
- Pride of Ticonderoga \$1,500

YTD calls for K9 assistance 12 times, NO Availability. YTD calls with K9 assistance 5, Resulting in 3 drug arrests. YTD drug arrests 19.

CANINE COST MATRIX		
ITEM	INITIAL COST	ANNUAL COST
Canine	\$8,500	
Training	\$7,000	
Vehicle Equipment	\$7,000	
Leash, collars, Misc. Equipment	\$1,000	
Food	\$250	\$500
Vet Services		\$500
K9 Ballistic vest	\$699-\$899	
Medications		\$717.76
Kennel (6X10X10) Chain link	\$299	
Handler Compensation 2Hrs/week 2/days month		\$12,986.33
TOTALS	\$25,248-\$25,448	\$14,704.09

Supervisor Wright continued by stating if this is something the board wants to do, he does have some remaining ARPA funds for the purchase of the dog all the training, all the initial set up cost, but we would have to have a discussion on the annual cost moving forward. This is basically for the handler which is around \$13,000.00 and change and then an annual food budget, this ends up

being around \$14,000.00 annual expected costs which we would have to put in the budget for 2025. For 2024, for that part of the program or whatever starts, it would be approximately 1/12 of the annual cost. We would need to find this money. Officer Cook is here in case people have questions about the program. We have to do something and he believes that we need to use every tool in our tool chest to help combat the drug situation in town, but it does come with a cost.

Councilman Woods stated that this has been a long time coming and we need it bad. For example, the public hearing we had just a little while ago. That would have been a big factor right there.

Supervisor Wright stated that it is an effective deterrent, it does send a signal from the Town that we are trying to do as much as we can to combat the drug situation. As he said, it does come as a cost so we have to be willing to finance that cost. If you are worried about meeting the tax cap, you might as well throw that out the window, we are never going to meet the tax cap again with the current 2% set by the state, unless we start cutting everything. Positions, programs, social programs, after school, everything, it is impossible to stay under that tax cap. We are a large town, the second largest Town in the county and have a lot of things going on, and a lot of projects, water, sewer, you name it. That tax burden is to the public, he is not saying that we are not going to meet the tax cap just to be flippant in that we are going to spend wildly, the tax cap is a guide. He has never seen this Town maliciously move forward with a bunch of high costs on the taxpayers just because we could.

Councilman Woods stated that there is no guarantee, but the revenue coming in from the dog could offset it, depending on what we...

Supervisor Wright stated to be honest that there probably won't be a lot of money brought in from the dog, if we were in Phoenix, Arizona, yes, we would be pulling in hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund programs with confiscation of property and things like that, but we are not looking at a big cash cow from this. It might be something, maybe enough to offset the food for the year.

Councilwoman Cooper has a question, what are you doing now since we do not have a dog?

Officer Cook explained that Essex County does have two canines that work opposing days, but there has been countless times that they are not available or they are up in Lake Placid. They need to be down here to utilize them. If we are at a traffic stop, we are not allowed to delay the stop longer than it would normally take. So, if they are not here within 15 – maybe 20 minutes pushing it, then forget. That is our only asset right now is if their dogs are available.

Sgt. Belden added that after midnight there is no one on the road for the county.

Councilman Woods asked about our dog, he would be on call all the time? Absolutely.

Supervisor Wright stated that the initial cost would be just under \$30,000.00.

Councilwoman Cooper asked if we still have the car?

Supervisor Wright stated that we have the car, we would have to do a little bit of modification on it which is included in this cost. Everything we need to do to start this program he can do with ARPA funding, it is just a matter of whoever is handling will be a stipend for the remaining of this year and then the stipend next year it would need to be budgeted.

Councilman Woods asked if this is passed, when can it start, next month?

Supervisor Wright does not know what the exact timing would be, it depends on when you get the dog, when the training is for the animal and then for the human.

Officer Cook explained that the dog would need 6 to 8 weeks of training and then the handler would need an additional 2 weeks on top of that. Plus, pick the dog – you are looking at probably a 3 month lead time from whenever it is approved from being here to being on the road.

Supervisor Wright inquired how they plan to find the handler, is it an application type process.

Officer Cook believes that this will be how it would be handled, in house, interviewed.

Supervisor Wright asked if the Chief had plans for coverage of that officer while they are in 2 weeks of training.

Officer Cook and Sgt. Belden believes the Chief would cover, but they will work on this. All of the money is included in the proposal.

The board is in favor of this program.

Councilman Woods stated that there are grants and funding that have been investigated for this program to help with that funding.

Officer Cook stated that there are also companies that donate such as a Purina warehouse out in Buffalo, the county gets vouchers for food so that covers the cost of that for the year. Washington County gets pallets of food delivered for their 6 or 8 dogs.

Supervisor Wright wants to make it clear to the board that this will be a new line item in next years 2025 budget in the amount of \$14K and change. He just wants to be clear with that, it doesn't mean we can't find something to offset that and he doesn't know what that would be.

Resolution #204-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the establishment of a K9 Dog program and the purchase of a dog with associated gear with ARPA funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Supervisor Wright added what he and finance needs going forward is very crisp, clear receipts on everything that is purchases because he has to answer to the United States for the expenditure of these funds.

Councilman Woods asked when the dog would be picked.

Officer Cook stated that he can reach out to the owner of the company tonight and he should have an answer back some time tomorrow when.

Councilwoman Cooper asked how old the dog is and if it was a German Shepard?

Officer Cook stated that it varies, nine to fourteen months and there are different choices, German Shepard, Belgin Malinois, there are a couple kinds to choose from.

Mrs. Thompson wanted to remind the board and officers of the last k9 program the town had, there needs to be a connection, her concern is about the dog. We can't just go out and pick out a dog, whoever is going to be that handler should be the one to go and bond with that dog.

Councilman Woods asked if there is just one or are they all trained the same and then you go and pick one?

Officer Cook stated that the dog is pre-trained, you can say that this is the dog, this is the one we fell in love with and then they train that.

Councilman Woods then asked if they have a certain amount of dogs that are trained and we go pick from that.

Supervisor Wright inquired that the handler looks at the animals and chooses the one that he bonds with.

Councilman Thatcher stated that the first thing we need to do is chose the handler before we even talk about the dog.

All agree.

Councilwoman Cooper asked if the handler had already been chosen?

Supervisor Wright stated no, they have a high probability of who it is, but they still need to give everyone a fair chance to look into the position.

Building & Grounds

Supervisor Wright stated that he had a request from Dan Woods in regard to a batting cage. He was asked to provide a description of what was being talked about and quote was provided.

Ticonderoga Little League Baseball Batting Area Project Quote

- Carrara Concrete 33 yards of concrete for 32 feet x 80 feet x 4 inches
- Normal price \$180/ yard x 33 yards \$5,940
- Discounted Price for Little League \$100/yard x 33 yards \$3,300
- Armstrongs Item 4 base 32 feet x 80 feet x 4 inches thick
- Normal Price \$8/ yard plus \$160 trucking \$400
- Discounted Price for Little League \$0 Donated by Joe Villardo
- Wire Mesh for under concrete 32 feet x 80 feet
- 5 feet by 10 feet sheets
- Pro Build Price for 52 sheets \$453.44
- 2 New Baseball Batting Nets 14' x 80' (This package is 12' high x 14' wide x 70' long)
- 2 Rolls of 15'x80' of batting cage Turf with padding (This package is 15' wide x 70' long)
- 2 12' x 6' Baseball Batting Mats Clay
- 2 Canvas Backdrops Batting Cage Protectors
- 2 Varsity L Screens
- Total for Package Deal on ATX TURF \$8,205.93

TOTAL COST FOR PROJECT

- Concrete 33 yards \$3,300
- Item 4 30 yards Donated \$0
- Wire Mesh \$453.44
- Turf/batting nets package \$8,205.93
- Turf Glue / Adhesive / Sealer Tape \$740.63
- Materials for forming concrete pad \$ 300

\$13,000.00

Councilwoman Cooper would like to see this come in front of the Parks and Rec. committee.

Supervisor Wright acknowledged this, what he would like to see from that meeting is a yes or a no – are we spending these funds or not. No delay, let's have a good conversation and get your questions answered and we will hold this resolution until the next meeting.

Economic Development - Mark Wright, Supervisor

Town of Ticonderoga

Economic Development Committee (EDC) Minutes (04/17/2024)

Attendees: Mark A. Wright (Chair); John Bartlett (TMSP); Nicole Justice Green (PRIDE); Beth Hill (Fort Ticonderoga Association); Matt Courtright (TACC).

Excused: Donna Wotton (TRA); Heath Towne (Vice-Chair).

Guests: Carol Calabrese.

Mark Wright opened the meeting (1500).

Town Updates

- Mark Wright announced there is still no word from NYS regarding final approved DRI projects. The group surmised that the delay may be attributed to the State not yet finalizing its budget.
- Wright asked Matt Courtright if the Airport Committee had contacted TACC regarding the upcoming Airport Fly-In and Open House. Matt Courtright stated that Tom Thatcher, Committee Chair, did contact them. TACC will be helping with the preparation.

CPKC Railroad Holiday Train

- The group discussed the possibility of once again hosting the Holiday Train as a stop. Wright provided the group with background information and a list of areas required to submit a competitive application. He pointed out that cooperation from the Ticonderoga Central School District is the key element to this event's success. John Bartlett agreed early dismissal was a critical issue. Due to the nature of the train's usual arrival time, it would require some sort of early dismissal or other school scheduling to ensure students could attend. Without this, the Town will not go forward.
- The group discussed transportation and parking. Beth Hill mentioned the potential use of the DEC boat launch parking lot. John Bartlett mentioned that the Ticonderoga School District may be able to provide bus transportation (assumption that early dismissal or other) but others may have to fund the cost of that. Nicole stated PRIDE may be able to assist with that cost.
- The group discussed associated ideas and events surrounding the stop. Wright mentioned perhaps the High School band could play before train arrival. Nicole stated PRIDE could assist in coordinating with "We Are Instrumental" for pre-train arrival music. Matt Courtright suggested some sort of recognition for the school grade that brought in the most food donations. Carol Calabrese suggested obtaining letters of support. Wright mentioned that these types of ideas must form a package that would be presented to, and expected by, the railroad to demonstrate the town's commitment to the event.

250th Anniversary

- The group once again posed the question of what we should do and in what capacity.
- Beth Hill provided information on Fort Ticonderoga's plans including those leading up to the anniversary. Fort Ticonderoga will present at the next EDC meeting.
- Nicole asked what others could do to aid any anniversary efforts. John Bartlett asked if there were any reenactments planned.

- Non-Fort events would center around town promotions, etc. that add to the efforts of Fort Ticonderoga.
- Matt Courtright will invite the Ticonderoga Historical Society to attend the next meeting and bring in the TACC events coordinator. Mark Wright will invite the Ticonderoga Heritage Museum President (Terry Smith) to attend.

Regan Development Project – Fireman's Field

- Wright provided an update. The Town held a meeting on 4/17 with Regan Development to discuss a path forward. The Developer is looking for conditional approvals to use for funding submissions to make the project competitive. The group discussed the project.
- Wright mentioned the Town received some preliminary PILOT information from the IDA and that he has a meeting to discuss this next week.

Miscellaneous Topics

- Nicole Justice Green reported that PRIDE is close to choosing its new name. The PRIDE Board must still approve the change.
- Beth Hill reported a positive look for the 2024 Fort Ticonderoga season. Approximately 400 people attended the recent event. She reported the status of the water project which involves direction drilling under the highway.
- RESTORE NY: Wright provided a short update. The Town was invited to apply, and PRIDE is currently spearheading the application. Matt Courtright stated he can provide a list of entities looking for space. This would demonstrate the demand for the rehabilitation of the structure (108 Montcalm).
- Matt Courtright asked about the status of the Christmas Tree on the Community Building lawn. He noticed it was removed. Wright stated a new tree, blue or Norway spruce, will replace it soon. It will be of sufficient size for the annual ceremony.
- Childcare: Much of the information regarding St. Mary's was not for public consumption at this time. Nicole Justice Green reported no significant progress on the childcare project that would support the current anticipated schedule.
- John Bartlett provided information on recycling day and cleanup day (May 11).
- There was a short discussion on the Bicentennial Park playground and grant opportunities to purchase some ADA compatible equipment.
- Carol Calabrese informed the group of an upcoming job fair event at the County Fairgrounds on May 30 from 10am to 5pm.
- Discussion on fishing tournaments.
- The group briefly discussed observations regarding the eclipse event.

ACTION ITEMS:

1) Wright to invite Heritage Museum (President Terry Smith) to next meeting.

2) Courtright to invite Ticonderoga Historical Society to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 1610.

Resolution #205-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Joyce Cooper adopting the Pro-Housing Communities Pledge. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution Number 205 of 2024

Adopted May 9, 2024

Introduced by Mark Wright

who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Joyce Cooper

PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES MODEL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ticonderoga (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being); and

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ticonderoga in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

- 1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
- 2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
- 3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
- 4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
- 5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Mark A. Wright, Supervisor	Aye
Dave Woods, Council Member	Aye
Joyce Cooper, Council Member	Aye
C.T. Thatcher, Council Member	Aye
Heath Towne, Council Member	Absent

Adopted this 9th day of May, 2024, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga

Highway and Transfer Station - Dave Woods, Councilman

Town of Ticonderoga Highway and Transfer Station April 30, 2024, minutes of Meeting

Present: Dave Woods, Sal Barnao, Mark Wright, John Deming, Don Paige

Others: Matt Fuller, Joyce Cooper, Tom Thatcher

Public Discussion

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

- Joyce Do we have a timeline to get the new bleachers to be put in place?
 - Dave-We are going to see if we can Town people to frame it like we did the generator pad. Also, the cement company said they will work on a price for us.
- Joyce- Have you come up with a cost for the beach ADA Compliance?
 - \circ $\,$ We need to discuss exactly what we will be placing the pathway. Measure out the exact area.

End public comment.

Committee Discussion

- Sal- We are in need of two new MEO operators and possibly two trucks. We have advertised again.
 - For a single axle truck fully built is \$ 287,000.00. This is with the looking at a year and a half.
 - We need to watch for the clean truck act as well when we think about purchasing.
 - We saved over \$90,000 just by purchasing the cab and chassis.
 - We are going to look at the Highway Reserve and Fund Balance to see if we can move forward with the purchase.
 - We will surplus the old trucks to help accommodate the pricing.
- Sal We are working on pulling sidewalks today on Lake George Ave.
- Mark The County is trying to get Baldwin Road and Black Point Road, milled and paved before the middle of June Triathlon. NO GUARANTEE.
- Mark- How do we go about getting the Storm Water Stream to not flood over the road?
 - Sal- I think we need to look at wing walls, but I'm not sure how they need to be.
 - Matt- I think we need to ask AES if The Portage Project has been added to that stream and causing the flooding.
- Mark- Do we have a schedule for line painting?
 - Sal- we need to have weather above 65.
- Discussions on St Clair was had.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33am

Minutes were taken and prepared by Rebecca Norton

Resolution #206-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for two (2) Highway Motor Equipment Operator, with CDL license, at \$22.76/hour, with benefits. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. Opposed – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Municipal Evaluation - Tom Thatcher, Councilman

No Meeting

Discussion on the Hudson Headwaters Health Network's building located on Racetrack Road was held. The past few weeks there has been many conversations regarding the Town's acquisition of the building. We have come to an agreement and we are thankful to HHHN officials for dedicating the time that was needed for these discussions that will benefit our community. The sale price is \$350,000.00 and it is a fair price, it fulfills his goal and the boards of being a good steward of taxpayers' dollars. He would recommend the purchase through the use of general unreserved, unappropriated fund balance. We can do the refit funding through bond resolution and member item. This can has been kicked down the road for way too long, like many of our cans. This is an option that had been considered once before and it just did not become the Town's plan, the timing now seems to be right and this opportunity has presented itself so we seized it. This is a more affordable solution for the taxpayer. It will provide a new home for the Ticonderoga Police Department, which is way long overdue, it gives them improved and safer working environments and it really provides the necessary facility space that they need for department operations. This option provides a more appropriate home potentially for the municipal court, understanding there is obviously some logistical efforts involved with that, and he doesn't know how everyone else feels but there is a clear public safety and building security issue concerning the court in this building. This purchase will also allow the potential to move the Town Board meetings to that vacant court space. It is a safer area for this body to meet, it provides more space for the community to attend those meetings, provides some office space for council members and it also opens up the community building's second floor to what it was designed for which was a community building.

Resolution #207-2024 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the appropriation of surplus funds and purchase of 102 Racetrack Road in the Town of Ticonderoga for Town Purposes in the amount of \$350,000.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA

COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK

Resolution No. 207 of 2024

Adopted May 9, 2024

Introduced by Mark Wright

who moved its adoption

Seconded by Dave Woods

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS FUNDS

AND PURCHASE OF 102 RACETRACK ROAD

IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA FOR TOWN PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to \$\$64 and 220 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase, alteration or remodel of a town lockup or any other necessary building for Town, which resolution is not subject to permissive referendum provided the funds therefore are surplus funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has negotiated with the owner of real property and improvements located at 102 Racetrack Road, tax map parcel 150.34-9-18.019/2/3, in the Town, for the sale by said owner, and purchase by the Town, of said real property, for use by the Town as offices for the Town police department, including but not limited to a lock up, and for other Town purposes as the Town Board shall direct; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for said real property is proposed to be Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/US Dollars (\$350,000), subject to such usual and customary adjustments and prorations for taxes and assessments, and the incurrence by the Town for survey, title and such other expenses as are customary for a real estate acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has had the property appraised, which appraisal exceed the above mentioned purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has consulted with the Town's engineer who has offered advice and guidance as to improvements to the property; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, has determined that the proposed action, being an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), is an unlisted action, for which a short environmental assessment form has been prepared and presented at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adequate surplus funds for such purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, having considered the proposed acquisition and the environmental assessment form, is prepared to take action relative to such proposed purchase of the above real property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, having reviewed the short environmental assessment form, and parts 2 and 3 associated therewith, hereby finds that the proposed acquisition and use of the above described real property and improvements at 102 Racetrack Road in the Town, will not have the potential for one or more adverse environmental impacts, and hereby issued a negative declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR \$607.7 the regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appropriates the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 US Dollars (\$350,000) from surplus funds of the Town, for the acquisition of the above described real property and improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board finds that the proposed purchase of the above described real property and improvements to be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the power of the Town Board under §§64, 220 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Town Board hereby approves of the purchase of the above described property for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 US Dollars (\$350,000) plus or minus usual and customary adjustments and prorations for taxes and assessments, and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute a contract, subject to drafting, negotiation and finalization by counsel for the Town with usual and customary conditions for such purchase including but not limited to survey, marketability and insurability of title, inspections, for the purchase of the above described property; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is authorized to take such further action in the course of the transaction for the purchase as he shall deem necessary and proper, and that upon satisfaction of such contract conditions, and approval of survey and title by counsel to the Town, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to take such further action as the Town Supervisor shall deem necessary to carry out the purchase of the above described real property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Supervisor Wright would like to get the footprint of the building's floors, we will need space for proposed areas. He would like to be able to show the area.

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting

April 30, 2024

Councilman Dave Woods calls the meeting at 8:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Following committee members were present: Ross Kelly, Joyce Cooper, Dave Woods, Rhiannon Peters and Jennifer Gendron.

Councilman Woods opens the floor to the public- No public.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was handed out for review.

Joyce Cooper would like to have the no parking signs changed that are on the south side of Calkins, she would like the hours changed to 3:15 or 3:30.

Dave Burrows served 64 The Portage on 4-25-24 Dave states that as of today 4-30-24 nothing has been done, they have till 5-8-24.

CODES DEPARTMENT:

Rhiannon goes over the monthly codes report.

Dave says 61 Delano the burn out structure is being demolished and removed, they started last week, should be finished up today or tomorrow.

Ross Kelly talked to a Resident Engineer in Essex yesterday asking about the speed limit sign by the Windchill, he said he reached out to Legion One Traffic and Safety group in Albany and was told that a draft response had been written and is currently reviewing it before sending it out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23am

Next meeting is May 28, 2024, at 8:00am

The Following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from March 25th, 2024, to April 30th, 2024.

Patrol Statistics	Monthly	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service	324	1191
Incident Reports	39	136
Arrests	34	130
Uniform traffic tickets	54	270
DWI Arrests	0	5
Accidents investigated	10	33

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection / Code Enforcement Department.

Building Inspection:

	(March)	YTD
Building Permits Issued:	14	229
Safety Inspections:	0	46
Pass/Fail:	0/0	41/2

Permit & Inspection Notes:

- 6- Alterations & Repairs Permits→ Ell St, Trout Brook Rd, Champlain Ave, Outlet Dr & Montcalm St (2)
- 1- Generator Install \rightarrow River Rd
- 2- Accessory Structures \rightarrow NYS Route 9N & Vineyard Rd
- 1- Chimney Repair Permit→ Amherst Ave
- 1- Re-Roofing Permit→ Montcalm St
- 1- Store Signage→ Montcalm St
- 1- Addition Permit→ NYS Route 74
- 1- New Manufactured Home & Septic Permit \rightarrow Warner Hill Rd

Code Violation Notices:	(March)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	0	45
Remediated:	0	27
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	4
NYS DFS	0	0
Condemned:	0	0
Do Not Occupy:	0	2
Appearance Tickets:	0	3

Code Violation Notes

Miscellaneous:	(March)	YTD
*Complaints:	1	48
Resolved:	7	7/21

Misc. Complaint Notes:

• Complaint from neighbor about no heat & abandoned apartment next door with animals left inside, Contacted animal control and Police. The apartment was not abandoned.

Trainings:

No Trainings this Month!

Safety & Resource Grants (YTD):

N/A

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements:

61 Delano (Fire Structure) is in process of being demolished

Resolution #208-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for the part-time Police Clerk position at the rate of \$19.12 (no benefits). All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed –** none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #209-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to authorize reimbursement to Dennis Towne for expenses related to SRT Training. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed –** none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Resolution #210-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to schedule a public hearing for June 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building board meeting room regarding a language change in the no parking times on signage currently located on Calkins Place near the Ticonderoga High School. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. Opposed – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Public Works - Mark Wright, Supervisor

Town of Ticonderoga

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024

10:00 am

Committee Members Present: Mark Wright, Tom Thatcher, Derrick Fleury, Eric Blanchard, Matt Fuller (Town Attorney), Sherry Veneto

Committee Members Absent: None

Others: Jennifer Weeks (AES-Architecture, Engineering, & Land Surveying), Kristin Darby (AES), Hannah Neilly (Essex County), Anna Reynolds (Essex County), Steve & Pam Arzberger, Joe & Deb Conroy

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment: Residents of Sagamore Drive are here to get any updates on creating a sewer district for their area, as they feel they are at the mercy of LGPC. Mr. Arzberger is wondering how to begin to petition for a district. Matt stated there is a petition process under 12 & 12a in Town Law that will help them along the way. It's basically the same format as the petitions that go around at election time.

Mrs. Arzberger asked if the Town/Attorney could form a petition for them to use. Mark stated the Town has a long list of projects right now, we would have to determine the priorities. It was also asked if email responses can be submitted. Email responses are not acceptable, the petition must be physically signed by the resident. Mrs. Arzberger stated a petition may be difficult as out of 13 residents on Sagamore Drive and Snapping Turtle Way only 4 are full-time residents.

Hannah asked if they had a Map Plan & Report yet. Mrs. Arzberger said they had one completed before covid; their engineer Rich Trudeau will amend it from 60 properties to 13.

Mrs. Conroy asked if there was any conversation happening to move the Homelands Pump Station back further away from the Lake. Derrick said there are renovations happening at that pump station that are helping with all of the overflows at that station. More upgrades and renovations will be completed.

It was asked if they could hook onto the Homelands sewer district. There are private properties between their homes and the Homelands district. If they were able to get easements from those property owners, it might work out.

Mr. Conroy asked about connecting to the Town water system as well. He is wondering if they could petition for that on the same paper. No, that must be a separate petition.

Items for Discussion:

8 Calkins Place

- a. The account is currently being charged for 2 EDU for both water and sewer. Per the tax roll, there are 3 apartments in the building, that account needs to be increased.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to increase the account for 8 Calkins Place to 3 EDU water and 3 EDU sewer, as there are 3 apartments in the building.

116 Montcalm Street

- a. The account is currently being charged .25 EDU for both water and sewer. It should have been increased when the Town stopped giving reduced rates for vacant properties.
- b. It was also found that 114 Montcalm Street does not have an account set up for billing. It may have been overlooked as it is attached to 116 Montcalm. We will need to set up an account for 114 Montcalm.
 - i. It is recommended to the Town Board to increase the account for 116 Montcalm Street to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer, as it has been undercharged for several years.
 - ii. It is recommended to the Town Board to create an account for 114 Montcalm Street with a charge of .10 EDU water and .10 EDU sewer.

The Regan Development

- a. Derrick received an email asking for ideas for stormwater reduction in that area.
- b. Derrick asked about easements for line replacements. He will speak to the property owners.

Homelands

- a. The new pump has been installed, switched propellers on the other, and replaced a starter. Also raised a manhole in that area to avoid infiltration.
- b. The next rainstorm, the guys will be out looking for roof drains running into the system.
- c. Matt suggested sending out another letter to residents about roof drains and sump pumps, as the continuous pump outs are going to cost that district more in the end.

Superintendent's Report

Eric Rafferty is looking to hook his rental property on 9N onto the Town water line. A hookup agreement will need to be completed. Matt will work on that.

Derrick has applications for sewer taps. Can we proceed with in district hook-ups, or do we have to ask DEC. Can proceed for in district single-family homes.

Chief Wastewater Operator's Report

The UV was started yesterday, bulbs should be in soon. The belt press had maintenance done to it. We were given a \$11,000 parts list from the vendor for needed repairs. Shopping around for the parts will help reduce the costs. Cleaning and switching aeration tanks to get ready for the season.

Town Supervisor Discussions

Wondering about an update on Aaron's. Derrick will reach out to the company.

Daylight stream needs corrections. The last big storm it overflowed the basin and washed out a road in the Park that had to be repaired.

AES Report

1. Water

- I. Chilson Eagle Lake (Required by DOH) On Hold due to Litigation
 - April 2024 No updates
 - Project Status and Key Items
 - i. Update from EPA/EFC EFC will supply funding for Test Well Drilling
 - ii. IUP 2023 was posted for DWSRF/BIL Chilson was awarded \$14,000,000.00
 - iii. AES provided the Town with estimated costs for Test Well Drilling at both the Porter and Williams Properties
 - iv. Next Steps:
 - 1. HydroSource perform Geophysical Survey on Porter & Williams Properties
 - 2. Go out to RFP for Well Drilling
 - 3. Develop MPR
 - 4. District Vote
- II. 4898/4801: Water Meters (Required by DEC)
 - April 2024 Update
 - *i.* Project scope and schedule (water meters, Mt. Defiance/Abercrombie tank, trunk main), then engineering design contract.
 - 1. AES is moving forward with these next steps.
 - 2. AES is working on updating the budget. We are bidding a water meter project in April and would like to see where the bids come in to compare to our revised budget numbers. Jen will send the information to Eric when it comes in.
 - *ii.* On Wednesday 4/24/24 EFC held a kickoff call to review the GIGP project checklist. The following items are due by August 31, 2024
 - 1. Project Schedule to be updated
 - 2. Engineering Report completed and awaiting EFC comments
 - 3. Budget & Financing Items
 - a. Project costs (AES is in the process of updating)
 - b. Plan of finance
 - c. DUNS #
 - 4. Legal
 - a. Title cert
 - b. Cert copy of authorized representative & local match funding resolutions of eligible GIGP total project costs only
 - c. Bond resolution, Estoppel Notice, & Permissive Referendum (if applicable)
 - 5. SHPO signoff

- 6. SEQR
- 7. MWBE Work plan
- *iii.* Prior to disbursement of funds need, among other things, Engineering agreement compliant with EFC terms and conditions and EFC procurement requirements.
- Project Status and Key Items
 - i. The Town was awarded a \$1,795,000 GIGP grant for water meters. Minimum local match is \$598,333. Most current budget estimate was just under \$2 million as of July 2022.
 - ii. Town elected to move forward with ultrasonic meters in a drive-by system to later be upgraded at the Town's discretion.
 - iii. Current DEC deadline is 5/31/25.
 - iv. NEXT STEPS:
 - Provide DEC with an updated schedule. waiting to hear back from Albany DEC. Connor Cincotta indicated on 11/9/23 that the Town should hold off on an extension request until they can provide a locked in schedule that is reasonable to meet.
 - 2. NEED TO ESTABLISH RATES Baker Tilly?
 - 3. Funding June 2024
 - 4. Design Finalize Dec 2024
 - 5. Agency Review 2025
 - 6. Bidding Fall 2025
 - 7. Construction 2026-2027
- III. 5262: Lead Service Lines
 - April 2024- Update
 - i. Desktop study is in progress.
 - 1. The desktop study results are nearing completion. Max is finishing comparing letter survey responses (AES No. 4852) to the LSL inventory database.
 - 2. Next steps:
 - a. Final review with Derrick
 - b. Submit forms to DOH and wait to hear back, Respond to DOH comments if necessary
 - Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Town signed LOA 11/30/23.
 - ii. Budget: not to exceed \$10,500 & \$300 reimbursables.
 - iii. Work to be completed and submitted to DOH by 10/16/24 deadline.
 - iv. AES has finished the desktop study of service lines and overlay of the data onto GIS maps to estimate (by age) which lines may be lead.

v. This work meets the inventory deadline for October. There is no need to dig up service lines or get into homes for a visual inspection. AES will let Derrick know if this changes for any reason.

IV. Additional Water System Upgrades

- April 2024 Update
 - *i.* AES and Derrick should identify logger locations by the April W&S meeting.
- Project Status & Key Items
 - **i. 4975**: AES and Derrick to start identifying areas for transient pressure logger deployment in the spring.

2. <u>Wastewater</u>

- I. 4394: Portage Project
 - April 2024 Update
 - *i.* The survey group at AES completed the easement maps and Matt completed the easements and forms. AES is working on getting the easements executed and recorded.
 - *ii.* Meeting was held on Friday April 26th at Matt Fuller's office w/ Town's Attorneys:
 - 1. AES will continue to work with the town as needed to provide requested information.
 - Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Motion for default judgement withdrawn
 - ii. AES has pulled together documents in response to Reale's Claim
 - iii. Upon request from Town AES will provide documentation following review by our attorney
 - iv. AES Survey is working on remaining Easements
 - 1. Reale never closed-out the project and does not have the as-built documents to provide.

II. 5052: Treatment Plant

- April 2024 No Update
- Project Status & Key Items
 - i. DEC report approval was received on March 22, 2024.
 - ii. DEC report comments were provided 12/29/2023.
 - iii. AES Comment responses and updated report issued 01/29/2024.

III. 5001: Long Term Control Plan

• April 2024 – Update

- i. DEC responded to the 2023 Flow Certification violation by requesting that the Flow Management Plan be incorporated into the LTCP. A LOA has been drafted for the Town's review and approval for the Flow Management Plan portion of the LTCP.
- ii. Jen to circulate a project priority list.
- Project Status & Key Items
 - The Updated Long Term Control Plan Draft Permit extended due date to **August 1**, **2024**.
 - We will work on finalizing the LTCP once the scope of the collection system projects is finalized.

IV. 5229: Collection System

- April 2024 Update
 - *i.* Final reports (4737 ventilation and 5229 collection system) were issued to EFC on April 16, 2024. The most recent changes modified the cover page for the ventilation report to reflect both CWSRF numbers and the GIGP number.
 - *ii.* Earlier revisions (April 2 and April 5) modified the FEMA flood maps in the collection system and ventilation reports to identify the location of the WPCP.
- Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Comment response and addendums on the 5229 Combined Sewer System Evaluation Outfall 003 & Trunk Sewer Main Report and the 4737 WPCP Effluent Exchange System Evaluation Final Engineering Report were submitted on February 16, 2024.
 - ii. The submittal included a final Summary Report detailing the total project scope, budget, and schedule for all three reports (5052, 5229, and 4737).
 - iii. Comments on the 5229 Combined Sewer System Evaluation Outfall 003 & Trunk Sewer Main and the 4737 – WPCP Effluent Exchange System Evaluation Final Engineering Report were provided verbally during the virtual meeting on 11/28/23 and were provided formally in writing on December 22, 2023 with a due date of Friday January 26, 2024.
 - iv. One of the comments requested the creation of a summary report that combines the total project scope, budget, and schedule for all three reports (5052, 5229, and 4737). AES requested an extension until February 16, 2024, which was granted by EFC.
 - v. The existing report, along with the 4737 (ventilation) report and 5052 (WWTP phosphorus) report is the basis for current funding package. Both original reports were submitted to EFC & DEC on 5/10/2023.
- V. Wastewater Funding
 - April 2024 Update

- i. A LOA for two 2024 WQIP applications has been drafted for the Town to review and approve. The LOA covers re-working the WPCP WQIP (\$1.4M) to better tie-in the Lake George Basin septage disposal needs, and to update and resubmit the Collection System WQIP (\$10M).
- *ii.* WQIP (\$1.795M) see water meter section above.
- Project Status & Key Items
 - i. It was confirmed at the March W&S meeting that there is no need to re-issue the 4737/5052/5229 EPG reports.
 - ii. The WQIP awards were announced, and the Town did not receive the \$10M grant for the collection system.
 - 1. Rob Wick recommended moving forward with the grant funding as-is for now, and revising the bond later (with revised scope if needed).
 - iii. If scope changes are made then the final project scope will need to be resubmitted to WIIA for approval.
 - 1. All 8 service areas are included in the WIIA scope.
 - iv. March 29th is the 6 month deadline for BIL funding. Town needs to submit an SRF funding application by March 29, 2024 to secure BIL funding and close on financing agreement by September 30, 2024 or lose BIL (\$8,559,500). If the Town loses BIL funding the Town will not be eligible for future rounds of funding.
 - v. Existing Engineering Contract is for planning and preliminary design only and is being used by ECCR as the existing contract required for funding. Will need to execute a contract amendment to update the contract for Final Design, Bidding, Construction, & Post Construction services to move forward.
 - *vi.* Town is working with ECCR to complete the documentation needed to execute the project financing agreement. AES can provide assistance upon request from the Town or ECCR. Town and ECCR submitted some *items and, per Rob, received an extension for the remaining items until the WQIP awards are announced*
 - 1. Current Funding Outlook:
 - a. Project Cost:
 - b. IUP & Bond Amount:
 - c. BIL: \$8,559,500.00 (50% of project cost \$17,119,000)
 - d. WIIA: \$7,743,293.22 (25% of project cost \$30,973,172.88)
 - i. <u>Award may be reduced if the project scope/costs</u> change
 - e. GIGP: \$1,000,000.00 tied to effluent heat exchanger

VI. Additional Wastewater System Upgrades

- Sewer District Consolidation
 - o Committee would like to start consolidation following Water District Consolidation
- 3. Additional Items

- I. 2024-001 LOA for general water & sewer engineering
 - a. April 2024 Update
 - *i.* \$15,000. Covers 2024 W&S meetings, misc. calls and correspondence, and 40 hrs. of misc. work upon the town's request. Tasks exceeding 4 hours would warrant a separate LOA.
- II. 2024-002 LOA for Homelands PS
 - a. April 2024 Update
 - *i.* \$5,000. Current costs incurred are \$3,639.75. Remaining balance available for any further assistance needed. If not needed, then it will not be billed.

III. 2024-003 LOA for Flow Management Plan

- a. April 2024 Update
 - i. \$8,885. This covers time spent working with Derrick, Eric, & DEC to figure out what DEC is going to require, and will cover writing the Flow Management Plan and 1 round of DEC comments. The Flow Management Plan will be written per the CFR requirements and included in the LTCP as an appendix. The work consists of approximately 10 hours previously incurred, and 55 hours of time intended to be spent on the report and DEC comment response.

IV. 2024-004 LOA for (2) WQIP Grant Applications

- a. April 2024 Update
 - i. Draft available for review.

V. Fiscal Advisors

- a. April 2024 Update
 - i. Jen sent an email on 4/26/2024 to Baker Tilly requesting a status update on their progress on the evaluation of water/sewer debt and rates. I received a notification that Alex Hilt, the main contact, is no longer with Baker Tilly and a number to call 317-465-1500 and I received an out of office number for the other main contact. If no one else from Baker Tilly responds this week then I will call the number.

VI. 5274: St Clair Storm Culvert

a. April 2024 – No Update

- i. Project Status & Key Items
 - 1. Dave Burrows has been in touch with Kristin and Michael regarding the work proposed to repair the Lowes detention pond. Dave submitted the bid docs for the maintenance work in March and it was sent out to bid.
 - 2. Has the Town heard back from Connor at DEC regarding the NOV response?
 - 3. AES put together Proposal for Report on St Clair and sent to Town for Review but it has not been accepted/executed.

- 4. In 2023 Lowes performed some maintenance on the Bio-Retention Pond but this only included mowing and not dredging the Pond. On 12/1/23 AES provided a memo to the town with recommendations for Lowe's Bioretention area.
- 5. Per February 2024 W&S meeting The Town indicated that this project is not done, but they're not aggressively pursuing at this time.

VII. 5260: Fireman's Field (Regan Development)

- a. April 2024 Update
 - i. 4/12/24 call w/ Jamie Easton, Derrick, & Jen can town start working on developing the ratio of the offset they would want for this development project and others moving forward for adding flow to the system (e.g. if estimated additional sewer flow is 10,000 gpd then with a 5:1 offset a total of 50,000 gpd of storm would need to be removed from the system (based on 1 year avg rainfall event over 30 yrs).
 - ii. Follow-up call with the Town, Matt Fuller, Jamie Easton, and Larry Regan Jamie Easton is supposed to be working on a plan to propose to the Town for SEQR and also dealing with the flow cert issue. Town is supposed to see if it can identify any areas for potential sewer offset.
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Jen provided a second round of comments to the town on the engineer's resubmission to the town on March 6, 2024. The engineer followed up with a 3rd submission on March 19, 2024. The engineer Jamie Easton attended the March W&S meeting to answer questions and discuss the project.
 - ii. Escrow set up and LOA processed.
 - iii. Jen has been in contact with the engineer (Jamie Easton) after he received AES's initial review comments.
 - iv. The Engineer issued a 2nd submission on 2/16/24.

VIII. Alexandria Ave Bridge Replacement

a. April 2024 – No new updates

- i. Waiting on the health department.
- ii. Courtesy review of plans and comment letter for the Town to issue to the consultant engineer letter drafted for discussion with Derrick. If additional work is needed AES can provide an LOA for the Town to execute.

IX. 5261: Golf Course

a. April 2024 – No new updates

- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. The golf course is purportedly looking at building their own sewer system/soil disposal option.

- ii. AES drafted letter responding to Golf Course and sent to Town on 9/8/23
- iii. Any update from the Golf Course?

X. Well Field Building

- a. April 2024 No new updates
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Well Abandonment
 - 1. Derrick working on it and will let AES know if any assistance is needed.
 - ii. Cyber Security Report due to NYS DOH Revised version sent to Derrick 1/31/24 – raw water data for Lake George and Gooseneck were still open items. Does Derrick need anything else?

XI. 5263: Homeland Sewer

- a. April 2024 No new update
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Derrick reported one of the pumps in the Homelands PS went down and the PS is operating with one pump. Check valve issues resulting in Delano pumping into Homelands. Eric & Derrick are pursuing pump rebuilds if possible. Derrick said the better pump stopped working. They are ordering a replacement from Sweden and are looking at a rental pump in the meantime. Derrick said they are hoping to rebuild a spare pump, but if it can't be rebuilt then pursue the rental option for the time being.
 - 1. The temporary Liberty pump was installed in March 2024 and is doing okay for now based on pump down times. The Liberty pump takes 6.7 minutes to pump down compared to 5.8 minutes with the original pump.
 - 2. The failed GR pump impeller was installed in the still working GR pump in March 2024 and it is now pumping better than the temporary Liberty pump.
 - 3. They are still waiting for the permanent replacement Flygt pump to arrive from overseas.
 - 4. The replacement check valve in the Homelands PS was installed in March 2024.
 - ii. Jen reviewed pump alternatives with Derrick on 10/30/23.
 - iii. AES has drafted an LOA for work associated with evaluating the pumping needs and is reviewing it with Derrick
 - iv. AES is available to assist further if needed.

XII. 5099: Black Point Sewer

- a. April 2024 No new updates
 - i. Waiting until Spring.
- b. Project Status & Key Items

- i. Michael Metcalf provided information on peat moss beds at the last meeting
- ii. Derrick/Eric installed carbon bags on outlets to manage odor
- iii. Town will work on installing the peat bed system in the spring. Mike Metcalf will be available to provide guidance.

XIII.WPCP Flow Certification

- a. April 2024 Update
 - *i.* DEC is requiring a Flow Management Plan as an appendix to the LTCP. AES has drafted a LOA for this work.
- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. In March, Eric sent a letter to Connor Cincotta @ DEC requesting input on the flow exceedance versus the BMP that calls for maximizing flow to the WWTP. Eric has also had several calls with Connor regarding the issue. Connor indicated that he elevated the issue and DEC is working on a response.
 - ii. WPCP exceeded the annual average flow in 2023, which initiates a reporting process with DEC.
 - iii. AES is working with Eric and Derrick to notify the DEC and determine will be required.

XIV. Stormwater No Exposure Certification (due 9/16/2024)

a. April 2024 – No new updates

- b. Project Status & Key Items
 - i. Eric will have this item covered. Just putting it here to keep it on the radar because it is required on a non-standard 5-year cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07.

Next Committee meeting is May 28, 2024, at 10:00.

Minutes submitted by Sherry Veneto Water/Wastewater Clerk

(Councilman Woods left the meeting for a short moment at approximately 7:30 p.m.)

Resolution #211-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to publish the annual water quality report. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed –** none. Dave Woods – Absent, Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Resolution #212-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to increase the account for 8 Calkins Place to 3 EDU water and 3 EDU sewer, as there are 3 apartments in the building. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent, Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #213-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to correct the account for 116 Montcalm Street to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer, as it has been incorrectly

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

Resolution #214-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to create an account for 114 Montcalm Street, with charges of .10 EDU water and .10 EDU sewer. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent, Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #215-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the purchase of various pump repair parts for the Sewer Department, from BDP Industries. Total price will be \$4,385.34. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Dave Woods – Absent, Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

(Councilman Woods returned to the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.)

Resolution #216-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$4,385.34, to BDP Industries for the purchase of pump repair parts, for the Sewer Department. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #217-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the purchase of cleaner and sensor assembly, including freight, for the Sewer Department, from Trojan Technologies. The total price will be \$3,215.75. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #218-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$3,215.75, to Trojan Technologies for the purchase of cleaner and sensor assembly (including freight), for the Sewer Department. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #219-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-001 with AES Northeast for Drinking Water & Wastewater Engineering Support in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses (mileage, printing, postage estimated at \$2,000.00). All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #220-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-002 with AES Northeast for Homeland Pump Station Engineering Support in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses (mileage, printing, postage estimated at \$500.00). All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye,

Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #221-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-003 with AES Northeast for WPCP Flow Management Plan for 2023 Flow Certification Exceedance in the amount of \$8,885.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #222-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-004 with AES Northeast for professional services on NYSDEC WQIP APPLICATION in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Human Services: Youth - Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Councilwoman Cooper helped at the program today, we had approximately 20 children and it sounds like everything is ready for the 2024 Beach season and the 2024 Summer Camp program.

Human Services: Seniors - Heath Towne, Councilman

No meeting

Health Insurance - Mark Wright, Supervisor

Resolution #223-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Excellus Group Agreement for the Town of Ticonderoga (00007772 Medical Plan(s); 00501487 Medicare-Eligible Plan(s); 00510219 Medicare-Eligible Plan(s); 00323548 Dental Plan(s)). All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. Opposed – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Contract Negotiations - Mark Wright, Supervisor

No Meeting

I.T./Cable T.V. - Mark Wright, Supervisor

This letter will serve as notice that on or around May 20, 2024, Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), will launch UPtv on channel 124 in high definition (165 and 817 in Plattsburgh) on SPP Select.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around May 15, 2024, Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), will launch Univision on channels 16, 26, 36, 38., 42, 60, 61, 62, 65, 66 or 70 in

standard definition and channel 801 in high definition (237 and 877 in Plattsburgh) on SPP Select on the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around June 3, 2024, Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), will launch TUDN on channels 444 and 959 (Ch 273 in Plattsburgh) on SPP Sports Tiers on the channel lineup serving your community.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #224-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept corrected Audit & Transfers report from April 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed –** none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Board Meeting Date 4/11/2024			
Gross Payroll # 7	110,725.70		
Gross Payroll # 8	117,721.76		
Gross Payroll #			
Trust & Agency Total	\$228,447.46		
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00		

		Cash	YTD	YTD
ABSTRACT # 4	4/11/2024	Transfers	Revenue	Expenses
General (A)	155,686.49	155,686.49	3,867,640.31	1,193,920.41
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	161.93	-
Highway (DA)	180,902.57	180,902.57	1,802,421.71	460,912.17
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport				
Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement				
Management	-	-	755,472.06	51,846.85
H19 - Airport Apron				
Reconstruction / Taxiway				
Rehab	-	-	73,114.69	2,121.52

H20 - Airport Environmental		1		
Assessment	3,139.73	3,139.73	_	3,139.73
H36 - C/P Chilson Res.	- ,			- ,
Replacement	-	_	6.68	-
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		_	-	_
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water				
Main		-	0.06	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	-	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP				
Disinfection	-	-	4.17	-
H51 - Res & Design French				
Sawmill	-	-	-	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	-	-	7.42	-
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		_	-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to				
Know		-	0.71	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball				
Path		-	0.18	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		-	-	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water				
Sewer Separation	-	-	11.58	-
H60 - Veterans RD				
Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	-	-
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake				
Water Exploration	-	11,193.25	390.89	390.89
H62 - Lead Service Line				
Replacement Grant	-		5.09	-
H63 - Water Meter Project	-		-	-
H64 - WWTP Ventilation				
Project GIGP	11,193.25		-	11,710.75
H65 - 5052 WWTP				
Phosphorous removal EPG	-		-	-
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	-		-	-
H67- Wet Weather Operating				
Plan	-	-	0.04	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	_	-	-	-
H69 - LaChute River Walk Trail				
Extension	3,400.00	3,400.00	-	7,480.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope				
Cemetery			130.63	-
SF01- Ticonderoga			700 -00 00	700 602 00
Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		738,602.00	738,602.00

SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District			103,650.00	103,650.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	39.00		3,011.24	248.07
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	10,205.61		25,762.52	20,473.34
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	8,360.16		18,136.60	16,809.33
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	15,272.71		10,198.67	23,499.19
Central Sewer (SS05)	31,610.62	144,202.02	709,053.88	367,535.21
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	17,126.21		40,001.56	34,872.99
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	5,408.92		12,840.47	10,565.00
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	24,005.77		22,637.03	31,235.06
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	23,948.41		137,575.06	139,220.57
Coates Pt / Heart's Bay Sewer (SS10)			5,962.05	2,538.04
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	5,982.58		15,117.94	12,876.30
Hague Sewer (SS12)	2,242.03			2,242.03
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	17,299.20		36,131.76	34,598.40
Street Road Water (SW02)	7,808.00		17,716.24	15,616.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	7,168.00		15,091.15	14,336.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	2,956.80		6,203.58	5,913.60
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	11,193.60		22,594.26	22,387.20
Central Water (SW06)	28,930.89	107,889.46	650,355.58	273,362.37
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	8,384.00		17,157.16	16,768.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	24,148.97		122,003.02	171,516.16
Multi Account Total	606,413.52	606,413.52	9,229,169.92	3,790,387.18

Total Expenditures This			
Abstract	\$834,860.98	TRUE	

Resolution #225-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following budget transfers: A.1989.400 Contingency (\$546.27) Town Clerk Software A.1410.415 \$67.47 A.1910.400 Unallocated Insurance \$478.80 Fund underbudgeted General accounts & increased costs from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$74,030.16). Garage Heating Oil A.5132.422 (\$690.05)**Buildings** Propane A.1620.423 \$690.05 Transfer funds due to change in account line expense paid from. General Services, Escrow Regan Dev. (\$800.00) A.2210.001 A.1440.499 Engineer Regan Development Escrow \$800.00 Transfer Escrow revenue received to the appropriate expense line. Capital Reserve – Buildings & Grounds Equipment A.0450.021 (\$3,771.59) A.8510.021 Community Beautification Mower Tractor \$3,771.59 Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor. Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure SS05.0450.020 (\$1,885.80) Sanitary Sewers Equipment SS05.8120.220 \$1,885.80 Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor. Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure SW06.0450.020 (\$1,885.79) SW06.8340.210 **Central Water Equipment** \$1,885.79 Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Resolution #226-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following budget adjustments:

DA.5130.200Highway Machinery Equipment\$34,754.55SW06.8310.493Water Professional Contractual Engineer\$1,442.95Funding equipment purchase and un/underbudgeted accounts by respective Fund Balances.All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher –Aye.Opposed – none.Heath Towne – Absent.Carried.

Resolution 227-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$7,50	05.17)
H20.0630	Airport Environmental Assessmen	t	\$7,505.17
Transfer funds	from General to Airport Environmental Assessme	ent project u	nder funding is
received.			
A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$11,55	50.75)
H64.0630	WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/	Collection	\$11,550.75

Transfer funds from General to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection project until funding is received.

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$8,000.0)0)			
H69.0630	LaChute River Walk Trail Exten	sion	58,000.00			
Transfer funds from General to LaChute River Walk project until funding is received.						
SW06.0391	Central Water Due From Other Funds	(\$135	5.00)			
H63.0630	Water Meter Project Due To Oth	er Funds	\$135.00			
Transfer funds	from Central Water to Water Meter project until	l funding is rec	eived.			
SS05.0391	Sewer Due From Other Funds	(\$40,957	7.36)			
SS04.0630	Sewer Due To Other Funds	\$40,95	7.36			
Transfer funds	to cover Abstract, until they can be paid back.					
All in Favor –	Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce	Cooper – Aye,	Tom Thatcher -			

Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. Carried.

Resolution #228-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to appoint Jordan Quesnel as the Full-time Deputy Town Clerk and to appoint same as Deputy Registrar at the rate of \$19.12/hr with benefits. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #229-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the purchase of Avaya IP Office Support (3-year 24x7 Technical Support - Advanced Parts Replacement Next Business Day) from StoredTech in the amount of \$2,800.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #230-2024 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to close down Montcalm Street from the intersection of Lake George Avenue to the intersection of Champlain Avenue on July 27, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Annual Street fest. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #231-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to award a bid to Simply Stone as the sole bidder to replace the stone pillar at the Ticonderoga/Hague town line at a cost of \$3,550.00. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #232-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the purchase of a 2024 John Deere X580 Select Series Tractor with 54 in. Accel Deep mower deck, through Sourcewell State Contract, from United Ag & Turf, with funds to come from Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve (50%), Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve (25%) and Water Equipment Capital Reserve (25%). Total price will be \$7,543.18. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #233-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$7,543.18, to United Ag & Turf for the purchase of a 2024 John Deere X580 Select Series Tractor with 54 in. Accel Deep mower deck, with funds to come from Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve (50%), Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve (25%) and Water Equipment Capital Reserve (25%). All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #234-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis, from R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Total Price will be \$122,770.00, with funds coming from Fund Balance. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #235-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$122,770.00, to R.R. Charlebois, Inc. for the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #236-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis, from R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Total Price will be \$139,150.00, with funds coming from Fund Balance. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #237-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$139,150.00, to R.R. Charlebois, Inc. for the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Resolution #238-2024 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting and April 25, 2024, Finance Meeting. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Resolution #239-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to Pay the Abstract #5 of 2024. All in Favor – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Board Meeting Date 5/9/2024			
Gross Payroll # 9	117,224.10		
Gross Payroll # 10	110,446.32		
Gross Payroll #			
Trust & Agency Total	\$227,670.42		
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00		

		Cash	YTD	YTD
ABSTRACT #	5/9/2024	Transfers	Revenue	Expenses
General (A)	105,654.91	105,654.91	3,987,885.83	1,591,631.32
	105,054.91	105,054.91	3,907,003.03	1,391,031.32
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector	-	-		
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	-
CM Library Trust Special		-	161.93	-
Highway (DA)	17,195.68	17,195.68	1,824,626.37	532,569.70
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		_	_	_
H18 - Airport Pavement				
Management	-	-	755,528.81	51,846.85
H19 - Airport Apron				
Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	-	-	73,174.98	2,121.52
H20 - Airport Environmental				
Assessment	7,505.17	7,505.17	3,139.64	10,644.90
H36 - C/P Chilson Res.				
Replacement	-	-	13.60	-
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water				
Main		-	0.12	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming	-	2,160.00	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP				
Disinfection	2,160.00	-	8.49	2,160.00
H51 - Res & Design French				
Sawmill		-	-	-
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	_	-	15.11	-
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	-

H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to				
Know		-	1.43	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball				
Path		-	0.36	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		_	_	_
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer				
Separation	-	-	23.22	-
H60 - Veterans RD				
Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	-	-
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water				
Exploration	-	11,685.75	390.89	390.89
H62 - Lead Service Line				
Replacement Grant	-		10.20	-
H63 - Water Meter Project	135.00		-	135.00
H64 - WWTP Ventilation				
Project GIGP	11,550.75		-	23,261.50
H65 - 5052 WWTP Phosphorous				
removal EPG	-		-	-
H66 - NYS DEC EPG #104867	_		-	-
H67- Wet Weather Operating				
Plan	-	-	0.08	-
H68 - Black Point HVAC 5099	_	-	-	-
H69 - LaChute River Walk Trail				
Extension	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	15,480.00
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope				
Cemetery			130.63	-
SF01- Ticonderoga				
Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		738,602.00	738,602.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection				
District			103,650.00	103,650.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	51.69		3,012.94	299.76
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	31.04		25,763.64	20,504.38
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	52.87		18,137.02	16,862.20
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	2,773.40		10,199.14	26,272.59
Central Sewer (SS05)	61,905.45	67,086.18	729,473.79	481,371.91
	007.00		40.002.70	25.000.20
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	207.30		40,002.70	35,080.29

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Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	187.46		12,840.73	10,752.46
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist				
(SS08)	234.57		22,637.78	31,469.63
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	1,254.33		137,576.87	140,474.90
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)			5,962.92	2,538.04
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	355.49		15,118.48	13,231.79
Hague Sewer (SS12)	32.58			2,274.61
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	-		36,132.39	34,598.40
Street Road Water (SW02)	-		17,717.99	15,616.00
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		15,091.69	14,336.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		6,203.92	5,913.60
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		22,595.58	22,387.20
Central Water (SW06)	53,160.71	53,181.89	652,871.06	378,928.86
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	-		17,157.88	16,768.00
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	21.18		122,012.24	171,537.34
Multi Account Total	272,469.58	272,469.58	9,397,872.45	4,513,711.64
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$500,140.00	TRUE		

Resolution #240-2024 brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** – Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried**.

Supervisor's Report

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Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	73,361.02	178,045.97	5,518,352.16	5 760 750 15
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Airport	98,269.41			98,269.41
Highway	91,541.45	89,652.14	1,662,159.54	1,843,353.13
H17 - Airport				-
H36 - Master Drinking				
Water	100,128.44			100,128.44
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	160,931.97			160,931.97
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know				
H57 - Parking Lot				-
Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC				
Planning Grant				-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPCC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake				
Project				-
All other Capital Projects	1,833,808.62			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	323,305.49	730,719.31	1,370,881.01	2,424,905.81
SS06 - Commerce				-
SS07 - Delano Point				_
SS08 - Baldwin				-
SS09 - Black Point				-
SS10 - Hague Rd				-
SS11 - 9N&74				-

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SW01 - 9N&73				-
SW02 - Street Road				_
SW03 - Alex Ave I				-
SW04 - Homelands				-
SW05 - Alex Ave II				-
SW06 - Central Water All				
Districts	274,313.76	538,964.93	664,100.10	1,477,378.79
C/R - Carillon Park		5,483.83		5,483.83
C/R - Liberty Monument		16,460.66		16,460.66
C/R - Unemployment		32,404.16		32,404.16
C/R - Police Equipment		24,131.20		24,131.20
C/R - Senior Bus		32,168.24		32,168.24
C/R - Senior Bus		32,108.24		32,108.24
C/R - Frazier Bridge		7,073.83		7,073.83
C/R - Forfeiture		1,852.96		1,852.96
C/R - Building Improvement		353,820.62		353,820.62
C/R - General Sidewalk				
Improvement		318,364.91		
C/R - Building & Grounds Equipment		15,025.81		
C/R - Airport Development		211,342.63		
C/D Hishway Estimat		261 102 57		261 102 57
C/R - Highway EquipmentC/R - DA Sidewalk Repair		<u>361,123.57</u> 52,716.70		361,123.57
C/R - DA Sidewark Repair C/R - Sewer Equipment +		32,/10./0		
Infrastructure		63,246.84		63,246.84
C/R - Sewer Repair		107,509.22		107,509.22
C/R - Water Equipment +				
Infrastructure		241,013.16		241,013.16
C/R - Water Repair		89,214.96		89,214.96

0		-
Library Trust	36,229.11	36,229.11
Mount Hope Cemetery	29,223.88	29,223.88

13,275,682.94

Total 2,955,660.16 3,535,788.64 9,215,492.81 15,706,9						
	6,941.61	15,706,9	9,215,492.81	3,535,788.64	2,955,660.16	Total

Public Comment

Laura Wright had a neighbor ask her to bring to the board's attention tonight a matter regarding the softball field up in the Recreation Park – the one way in the back. They said the outfield is extremely unlevel and there are a lot of pockets and the kids are falling, those that are playing in the outfield. They are concerned about injuries, they figured with the winter things have settled and wanted to bring it to your attention. In addition, the 64 The Portage decision, is the Town going to be cleaning that up and billing the property owner or are you going to be asking the current owner to clean it up, she just wasn't sure how that ended.

Supervisor Wright explained that we are done with the property owner, if we want it cleaned up, we will be hiring someone to get this done or it will not get done. He also recommends that law enforcement be sent that day when the contractor is there cleaning up the property.

Mrs. Wright stated that the Fly-in sounds fantastic, she will be going; but before she goes, will there be a bathroom? (Yes).

John Reale asked about the Resolution for the Portage, you gave a date of July 20th or something? Does this give the mortgage company time to come in.

Supervisor Wright stated we are well past that now, we are not talking about this anymore, we will be doing this work ourselves.

Councilman Woods asked if this can be done immediately. (Yes)

Supervisor Wright stated that Code Enforcement will be serving them this resolution.

Mr. Reale asked if there was a timeline for the Police Department to move into that facility.

Supervisor Wright stated that we have to go through the real estate process and it may take a few months. There is also some refit work that would need to be done, but in terms of safety and just a better place to be, he might want to start operating a little bit out of the building.

Councilman Woods stated that he is willing to do the bare necessities top get in.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

<u>Town of Ticonderoga</u> Board Meeting Agenda (Thursday, May 09, 2024; 6:00 p.m.)

Call to Order

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Remarks

Presentations

- 1) Proclamation: PRIDE of Ticonderoga 40th Anniversary
- 2) NYS Route 22 and 74 (Mixed Use Development Regan/Reale)

Public Hearing

Nuisance Properties – 64 The Portage.

Committee Reports

Airport TT

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JC/DW

DISCUSSION: Rec Field batting cage.

Economic Development MW/HT

RESOLUTION for the Town of Ticonderoga to adopt the Pro-Housing Communities pledge.

Highway / Transfer Station DW/MW

RESOLUTION to advertise for a Highway Motor Equipment Operator, with CDL license, at \$22.76/hour, with benefits.

Municipal Facility Evaluation TT/HT

Public Safety DW/JC

RESOLUTION to advertise for the part time Police Clerk position at the rate of \$19.12/hr (no benefits).

RESOLUTION to authorize reimbursement to Dennis Towne for expenses related to SRT Training.

RESOLUTION to schedule a public hearing for June 13, 2024, at 6 PM in the Community Building board meeting room regarding a language change in the no parking times on signage currently located on Calkins Place near the Ticonderoga High School.

DISCUSSION: K9 Program proposal by Ticonderoga Police Department.

Public Works MW/TC

RESOLUTION to publish the annual water quality report.

RESOLUTION to increase the account for 8 Calkins Place to 3 EDU water and 3 EDU sewer, as there are 3 apartments in the building.

RESOLUTION to correct the account for 116 Montcalm Street to 2 EDU water and 2 EDU sewer, as it has been incorrectly charged.

RESOLUTION to create an account for 114 Montcalm Street, with charges of .10 EDU water and .10 EDU sewer.

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of various pump repair parts for the Sewer Department, from BDP Industries. Total price will be \$4,385.34.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$4,385.34, to BDP Industries for the purchase of pump repair parts, for the Sewer Department.

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of cleaner and sensor assembly, including freight, for the Sewer Department, from Trojan Technologies. The total price will be \$3,215.75.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$3,215.75, to Trojan Technologies for the purchase of cleaner and sensor assembly (including freight), for the Sewer Department.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-001 with AES Northeast for Drinking Water & Wastewater Engineering Support in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses (mileage, printing, postage estimated at \$2,000.00).

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-002 with AES Northeast for Homeland Pump Station Engineering Support in the amount of \$5,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses (mileage, printing, postage estimated at \$500.00).

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-003 with AES Northeast for WPCP Flow Management Plan for 2023 Flow Certification Exceedance in the amount of \$8,885.00.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute letter of authorization (LOA) NO. 2024-004 with AES Northeast for professional services on NYSDEC WQIP APPLICATION in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Human Services - Youth JC/HT

Human Services - Seniors HT

Health Insurance MW

RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Excellus Group Agreement for the Town of Ticonderoga (00007772 Medical Plan(s); 00501487 Medicare-Eligible Plan(s); 00510219 Medicare-Eligible Plan(s); 00323548 Dental Plan(s)).

Contract Negotiations MW

I.T. / Cable T.V. MW

Resolutions

RESOLUTION to accept corrected Audit & Transfers report from April 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers:

0	A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$546.27)
0	A.1410.415	Town Clerk Software	\$67.47
0	A.1910.400	Unallocated Insurance	\$478.80
Fur	nd underbudgeted after transfer \$74	General accounts & increased costs from Contingency 4,030.16).	(Balance
0	A.5132.422	Garage Heating Oil	(\$690.05)
0	A.1620.423	Buildings Propane	\$690.05
	Transfer funds d	ue to change in account line expense paid from.	
0	A.2210.001	General Services, Escrow Regan Dev.	(\$800.00)
0	A.1440.499	Engineer Regan Development Escrow	\$800.00
	Transfer Escrow	revenue received to the appropriate expense line.	
0	A.0450.021	Capital Reserve – Buildings & Grounds Equipment	(\$3,771.59)
0	A.8510.021	Community Beautification Mower Tractor	\$3,771.59
	Transfer funds fi	om Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor.	
0	SS05.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Sewer Infrastructure	(\$1,885.80)
0	SS05.8120.220	Sanitary Sewers Equipment	\$1,885.80
	Transfer funds fi	om Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor.	

• SW06 8340 210 Central Water Equipment \$1 885 7	o SV	W06.0450.020	Capital Reserve – Water Infrastructure	(\$1,885.79)
	o SV	W06.8340.210	Central Water Equipment	\$1,885.79

Transfer funds from Capital Reserve to purchase new tractor.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments:

0	DA.5130.200	Highway Machinery Equipment	\$34,754.55
0	SW06.8310.493	Water Professional Contractual Engineer	\$1,442.95

Funding equipment purchase and un/underbudgeted accounts by respective Fund Balances.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

0	A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$7,505.17)		
0	H20.0630	Airport Environmental Assessment	\$7,505.17		
	Transfer funds from Ger funding is received.	neral to Airport Environmental Assessment pro	oject under		
0	A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$11,550.75)		
0	H64.0630	WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Collection	\$11,550.75		
	Transfer funds from Ge until funding is received	neral to WWTP Ventilation/Phosphorous/Colle 1.	ection project		
0	A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$8,000.00)		
0	H69.0630	LaChute River Walk Trail Extension	\$8,000.00		
Transfer funds from General to LaChute River Walk project until funding is received.					
0	SW06.0391	Central Water Due From Other Funds	(\$135.00)		
0	H63.0630	Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds	\$135.00		
	Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.				
0	SS05.0391	Sewer Due From Other Funds	(\$40,957.36)		
0	SS04.0630	Sewer Due To Other Funds	\$40,957.36		

Transfer funds to cover Abstract, until they can be paid back.

RESOLUTION to appoint Jordan Quesnel as the Full-time Deputy Town Clerk and to appoint same as Deputy Registrar at the rate of \$19.12/hr with benefits.

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of Avaya IP Office Support (3-year 24x7 Technical Support - Advanced Parts Replacement Next Business Day) from StoredTech in the amount of \$2,800.00.

RESOLUTION to award a bid to Simply Stone as the sole bidder to replace the stone pillar at the Ticonderoga/Hague town line at a cost of \$3,550.00.

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of a 2024 John Deere X580 Select Series Tractor with 54 in. Accel Deep mower deck, through Sourcewell State Contract, from United Ag & Turf, with funds to come from Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve (50%), Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve (25%) and Water Equipment Capital Reserve (25%). Total price will be \$7,543.18.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$7,543.18, to United Ag & Turf for the purchase of a 2024 John Deere X580 Select Series Tractor with 54 in. Accel Deep mower deck, with funds to come from Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve (50%), Sewer Equipment Capital Reserve (25%) and Water Equipment Capital Reserve (25%).

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis, from R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Total Price will be \$122,770.00, with funds coming from Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$122,770.00, to R.R. Charlebois, Inc. for the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis.

RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis, from R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Total Price will be \$139,150.00, with funds coming from Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a purchase order in the amount of \$139,150.00, to R.R. Charlebois, Inc. for the purchase of a Freightliner M2 106 Plus Conventional Chassis.

RESOLUTION to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2024, Regular Town Board Meeting and April 25, 2024, Finance Meeting.

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract.

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Public Comment

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting