

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga 2025 Budget Workshop with Any Other Lawful Business  
held on October 17, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mark A. Wright, Supervisor  
Dave Woods, Councilman  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman (arrived late at 1:25 p.m.)  
Tom Thatcher, Councilman  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Heath Towne, Councilman

**Others:** Rebecca Norton and Amy Beeman from Finance

Supervisor Wright opened the workshop going over the agenda.

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

**Budget Workshop #7** (10/17/2024)

Workshop #7: 10/17/2024 1300-1500 <del>Workshop #8: 10/25/2024 0800-1000</del>
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- **General Comments**
  - Last look before adopting budget - Budget Workshop #8 is cancelled.
  - \$107 over the cap without an ambulance district.
  - Thanks to Board & Departments for working hard on driving down costs.
  - Ti Fire District official budget received – no budget change.
  - Reminder: 10/24 will open public hearing on budget and water/sewer rates. We will adjourn to the November meeting to continue/close public hearing and then adopt.
- **K9 Program**
  - Draft MOU complete and sent to Board on 10/10.
  - Labor Relations instructed to coordinate MOU with Union on 10/15. Delivered 10/16.
- **Ambulance District**
  - Last date for taxpayers to file permissive referendum: Oct 19.
  - Coordinated w/Town Attorney on RFP process and developing agreement.
  - Next Steps: file District documents and issue RFP.
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Senior Bus status
    - Requires total engine rebuild (\$10K+) or replacement.
    - Looking into short/long term rental; replacement; concern for election day.
  - RFQ results
    - C/EL Project: Tied (Wright-Pierce and MJ Engineering); No time to review.
    - WWTP Project: Tied (Arcadis and AES); I had AES(95) Arcadis(90).
    - Water Meters: Tied (Wright-Pierce and MJ Engineering); I had MJ(95) WP(92).
    - Must interview top 3.
  - SRT Program – Should it continue?
    - Costly and seems like a one-way relationship.
    - Recommend Ti PD brief at public safety before any decision to end program.
  - Electricity Supply – time to renew.

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- 1888 Building potential structural issues
  - May require engineering study.
  - Can someone review issues w/Museum President before we go this route?
- HHHN PD Work
  - Town Attorney: In-kind work and volunteer work is okay. Volunteers must truly be volunteers.
  - Do not use to supplement contractor manpower – avoid circumventing contracts and prevailing wage.
- EC Land Bank water/sewer charges.
  - All charges since acquisition were deleted.
  - Charges before acquisition on balance must be paid.
  - Draft letter is prepared.
- November Finance Meeting – Move from 11/28 to 11/21 and cancel if not needed.

**Resolution #467-2024** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to increase account #A.1620.423 Buildings - Propane by \$20,000.00 for a total of \$46,000.00 due to the purchase of the 102 Racetrack Road property. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Joyce Cooper – Absent, Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #468-2024** brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Dave Woods to reschedule the November 28, 2024, Financial Meeting with Any Other Lawful Business to November 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #469-2024** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to declare the Town owned building behind the Black Watch Memorial Library as surplus. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

**Resolution #470-2024** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for Proposals for the removal of the Town owned building behind the Black Watch Memorial Library (removal can be dismantling the existing structure or physically moving the building as a whole) Bidders will be paying the Town to take possession and removal of the structure that is 40' x 14' for a total of 560 square feet. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye. **Opposed** – none. Heath Towne – Absent. **Carried.**

Workshop closed at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk