Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, February 17, 2016	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Regular	5:30-7:16 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Ronald LaScala, Thomas Snyder, David Maroun, Leon LeBlanc, Village Attorney Nathan N. Race and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Also present were Police Chief Eric Proulx and Electric Superintendent Marc Staves.

Enter Executive Session at 5:30 pm

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:30 pm for the purpose of discussing information relating to the employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Secondly to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. And lastly to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor law). (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive Session 6:06 pm

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to exit Executive Session at 6:06 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Royce Cole, Resident Hope Frenette, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Thomas Salitsky.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:07 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis and the speedy recovery of Kimberly Reandeau

Public Comment:
Hope Frenette
Option #7 to DEC UMP
Request for Supporting Resolution

Ms. Hope Frenette asked the Village Board to consider supporting Option #7 to the 1996 Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor as presented along with over 100 signatures from Tupper Lake businesses in favor of Option #7.

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve the following resolution as proposed:

Resolution #1-021716
Resolution to Support the addition and implementation of Option #7 to the 1996 Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Remsen – Lake Placid Travel Corridor

Whereas, the Village of Tupper Lake, Board of Trustees hereby endorses the addition of Option #7, as currently proposed by NYS Department of Transportation and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and deemed compliant to the Adirondack State Master Plan by the Adirondack Park Agency, to the current (1996) Unit Management Plan for the Remsen – Lake Placid Corridor, Option #7, as proposed, will entail railroad reconstruction from Big Moose to Tupper Lake and removal of the rails and ties to facilitate the construction of a multi-purpose Recreation Trail from Tupper Lake through Saranac Lake and onto Lake Placid, and

Whereas, the proposed expansion of the railroad to Tupper Lake and the addition of the Recreation Trail from Tupper Lake to Lake Placid is in the best interest to the Tupper Lake Community as a whole economically and will add additional venues and activities to our area and beyond, and

Whereas, the Tupper Lake business community has put forth a petition of more than 90% of the businesses currently operating in Tupper Lake requesting the Village support Option #7 to the UMP, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Tupper Lake request that the implementation of Option #7, as proposed, commence as soon as possible so that Tupper Lake can develop plans, promotions and funding that will help enhance this new and important addition to our community.

Whereupon the foregoing resolution was brought to a roll call vote and the following recorded:

Mayor Mayor – abstrain
Trustee Snyder – aye
Trustee LeBlanc – aye
Trustee LaScala – aye
Trustees Maroun – aye

Seal:

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Village Clerk/Treasurer Date

(Carried 4-1, Mayor Maroun "Abstained")

Peter Edwards
Option #7 Support
Ground Water Supply

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that he is speaking as a resident and not as a Code Enforcement Officer thanking the Village Board for supporting Option #7 to the UMP. He advised that he took time on Super Bowl Sunday and a work day to personally visit some of the 100+ businesses in Tupper Lake to attain their support. He advised that he had several business owners interested in staring up business such as bike rentals, car rentals and the like once the rails are removed between here and Lake Placid. He advised that DEC and DOT can start removing the rails as soon as November of this year.

Hope Frenette
Addition

Ms. Hope Frenette added that once the Adirondack Scenic Railroad's lease is up on December 1, 2016 things should move along quite quickly thereafter.

Bark Eater Events,
LLC Brew Relay

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the Bark Eater Events, LLC to host the 2016 Peak to Brew Relay on August 12, 2016 in our Municipal Park fro their second year. (Carried 5-0)

American Cancer
Society Relay For
Life

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the American Cancer Society's use of the Municipal Park to host their 2016 Relay for Life Fundraiser from June 3-5, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Adirondack Health & Kinney Drugs Healthy You Wellness Center

Mayor Maroun announced that Adirondack Health would like to invite the board and community to their grand opening of their Healthy You Wellness Center at the Kinney Drugs in Tupper Lake on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 3-4:00 pm, please RSVP with Mary.

ROOST Adirondack Destination Marketing Summit 3/3/16

Mayor Maroun announced that ROOST will be hosting the Adirondack Destination Marketing Summit on March 3, 2016 in Lake Placid from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm if any board member would like to attend to please RSVP with Mary.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the Board Minutes from December 20, 2016, January 20, 2016 and February 8, 2016 respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Community Revitalization/Grants:

2015 NYS CDBG Housing Grant Denied

Mayor Maroun advised that we received notice from NYS Homes and Community Renewal that our 2015 NYS CDBG Competitive Housing Application Project Number# 1152HR331-15 was denied funding assistance.

Water/Wastewater Agreement Between Village/Town of TL and ACR for Water & Wastewater Improvements & Technical Services Agreement With DANC

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Water and Wastewater agreement between the Village of Tupper Lake and Town of Tupper Lake and the Adirondack Club and Resort for Water and Wastewater Improvement Projects and to also authorize him to execute a similar agreement with Development Authority of the North Country for technical services for Sewer System Capital Improvement Project for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake.

When Mayor Maroun asked for discussion, Trustee Snyder stated he felt he needed more information as to the assessment of our collection system so he could see how the improvements would be benefiting our system vs. the developer for the ACR.
Trustee LaScala also echoed the same sentiments and he made the motion to rescind the previous motion and lay discussion aside until the documentation was provided for them to make a fair decision on the matter, it was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc. (Carried 5-0) Approval was tabled.

Code:

Accept January Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the January 2016 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

Accept 2015 Annual Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the 2015 Annual Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

DPW:

Dump Truck Bid Review

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that he received bids from six (6) different bidders and recommends we proceed to award the bid to Champlain Peterbilt for the purchase of a 2017 Peterbilt 8LL –

Manual per bid specs received on January 15, 2016 in the amount of $132,074. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc with the understanding that the payment will be funded from our annual CHIPS funding resulting in no burden to the tax payers. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:
Accept January Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the January 2016 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

21 High Street Appraisal & Bid Sale

Formally review the appraisal of 21 High Street property completed by Mr. Donald Hoffmann, SRA.

After a brief review and it was noted that in the next week the DPW would schedule a final moving day and cleaning with the Fire Department Chief Steffen before placing the building out for sale with a bid opening date of April 1, 2016.

It was so moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to declare that the 21 High Street property no longer serves any municipal purpose and therefore should be placed out for sale at a starting bid price of the fair market value and appraisal value of $108,500 for 1 month with the bid opening date of April 1, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Radio Tower & Generator Relocation

Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that he will have to make arrangements to have the Radio Tower removed and a decision needs to be made whether or not to leave the generator with the building or relocate it to this facility (53 Park Street).

Appoint New Members LaBombard, Dukett & Larabie

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to appoint Ms. Laura LaBombard, Mr. Matthew Dukett and Mr. Zachary Larabie to the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department. (Carried 5-0)

Fire Lane 21 High Street

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to remove the "Fire Lane" signs across from the 21 High Street location. Once the weather is better, the lines will be painted black. (Carried 5-0)

Raquette River Drive Fire

Mayor Maroun congratulated the fire department on a wonderful save on Raquette River Drive structural fire last evening.

Police:
Accept January Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the January 2016 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Accept Anonymous K-9 Donation

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept an anonymous donation in the amount of $1,000 for the K-9 Unit. (Carried 5-0)

Free STOP DWI Foundation Seminar

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the attendance of any of the department members if available to attend a free STOP DWI Foundation Seminar at Paul Smiths College March 15, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Narcotics Investigation 101 Training	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Officers Dana and Nason to attend a Narcotics Investigations 101 Training March 3rd & 4t, 2016 in Cairo, New York to include registration, meals and lodging. (Carried 5-0)
Water/Wastewater: Vac-Con Pre-Inspection Florida	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mr. Jacques Patry and Mr. Joseph Arsenault to travel on behalf of the Village Water/Wastewater Department to Florida at the expense of Vac-Con to include meals, air flight and lodging the date will be finalize in the coming days.
Electric: Electric Monthly Report	After a thorough review of the Superintendent Stave's monthly report it was so moved to accept it by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee La Scala. (Carried 5-0)
MEUA Engineering Workshop 3/23 & 3/24 Syracuse NY	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala to send three members to the MEUA Engineering Workshop March 23rd and 24th, 2016 in Syracuse, NY. (Carried 5-0)
Write-Off Electric Balances	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the write-off of an electric account balance in the amount of $658.14 for a deceased customer. (Carried 5-0)
Treasurer: Approve Warrants	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the February 17, 2016 warrant in the amount of $140,085.85 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of January, 2016. (Carried 5-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for January 31, 2016.
Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to enter Executive Session at 6:58 pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. (Carried 5-0)
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to exit Executive Session at 7:15 pm. (Carried 5-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn at 7:16 PM. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer