Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Monday, April 14, 2014	
Location:	Village Court Room & Board Room	
Meeting:	Public Hearing & Special Meeting	7:00-10:15 PM

At the Public Hearing and Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul Maroun, Trustees David Maroun, Richard Donah, Thomas Snyder, Leon LeBlanc and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Police Chief Eric Proulx, Police Sergeants Wesley Hoyt and Sean Stradley, Police Officers Troy Griffin, Michael Vaillancourt, Matthew Dana, Jordan Nason, Heather Kennedy, Thomas Fee, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Residents James Moody, Timothy and Wanda Robillard, Donna Thomas, Father Douglas Decker, Ronald LaScala, William Dechene, Tracey Sparks, Donald Robert Dechene, Donna Tanner, Robert Collier, Ursula Vaillancourt, Sarah Stradley, Assistant DA David Hayes, Royce Cole, Cheryl Vaillancourt, Fred Schuller, John Girouard, Tina Arsenault, Thomas Lawson, Cynthia Hoyt, Clarissa Hoyt, Nicholas Cervelin, David Reed, Peter Day and News Reporters Mary Peryea, Ted Morgan, and Shaun Kittle.

Call the Public Hearing To Order – Preliminary Budget FY2014-15

Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order for the purpose of hearing comments from the public concerning our Preliminary Budget for FY2014-15.

Police Rally Supporters

One by one there were many in attendance that supported the proposal to reinstate a ninth 9th police officer in the proposed FY 2014-15 Budget as follows:

Michael Vaillancourt — Stated he was worried about the case loads, casual time and rescue calls they assist on.

Tracey Sparks — Stated she was worried about the assistance they received for adult protective services and assistance with families in the late evening hours.

Donald "Rob" Dechene — Stated he and his wife have been very fortunate that there was an officer on duty the evening his wife was seriously ill and was able to keep her alive.

James Moody — Was present to request that board members take the time to drive up to McFarland Avenue inspect the road that is in dire need of repair ahead of Amell Lane.

Donna Tanner — Stated she works with families that have court ordered visitation and sometimes parents get out of hand and the local police department are the first responders. She also stated her husband fell from a ladder and was seriously injured and an officer from the police department provided first responder care until the rescue was able to assist.

Father Doug Decker — Stated the local police department provides a great service to the community and traffic safety near the parish center and churches.

Ursula Vaillancourt	Stated the board should take the time to get to know the officers better because there is more than they realize going on in Tupper Lake, for example domestic calls. Often the troopers are too far away to respond or to provide backup.
Tracey Sparks	Stated that having officers at the school in the am and pm has eliminated the smoking corner along Vachereau Street which is nice to see.
Thomas Fee	Stated for the record his history with the department and that having the fully staffed department has become a quality of life issue and we as a community should be preparing for what is about to develop in the community as the ACR project gets underway.
Matthew Dana	Stated he works primarily in the evening hours on the drug enforcement task force and the increase drug activity in the community has reached an all time high and having the second officer for backup is crucial to the safety of the community.
Donna Thomas	Stated her son is alive because of the quality of service received from the local police department.
Sean Stradley	Stated he loved raising his family in Tupper Lake and doesn't want to see a gap in the experience of officers be affected by a budget issue.
Cheryl Vaillancourt	Stated she is concerns for the safety and security of the officers and they provide a quality first responder service.
Heather Kennedy	Stated her niece is alive because of the quick response of the local police department today.
Robert Collier	Stated the rescue squad and local police department efforts together provide a 1st responses far greater than any monetary value placed on them because they save lives.
Fred Schuller	Stated monies should be allotted for public safety instead of advertising.
David Hayes	Stated he has seen the cases that flow through the local police department and they are needed here with the growing drug problems in small communities.
John Girouard	Stated he has followed DPW, W/S and Electric department employees and there is a lot of waste and a sure solution is to cut in those departments and give to the police department. He stated the board should make them more accountable.
Ronald LaScala	Stated he has followed the board very closely and that the departments and boards are doing a great job and that we should be looking to the Town of Tupper Lake for more monies to support the police department. He also stated that the fore fathers of the community created road bylaws and they should be followed in dealing with Amell Lane. Make the developer accountable to the residents of that area and we should be considering a coterminous boundary for the Village and Town.
Thomas Snyder	Stated that the addition of an officer is .48 cents a thousand and is more than the cost of running the entire fire department services to the community which is .45 cents a thousand.

Nicholas Cervelin	Stated the police service is a part of the quality of life in this community and that is why he lives here.
David Reed	Stated he believes the police are an important part of this community.
Close Public Hearing 8:45 pm	Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to a close at 8:45 pm after there were no further comments.
Call to Order and Agenda Established	Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order and established the agenda at 9:00 pm.
Police & Fire Budget Review	The board briefly reviewed each line item of the Police and Fire Budget.
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:15 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer