Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, April 14, 2015	
Start:	7:00 PM	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Special Meeting	7:02 – 9:40 PM

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

Absent from the Special Meeting were Trustee Richard Donah and Leon LeBlanc.

Also present were Town of Tupper Lake Board Members Patricia Littlefield, Kathleen LeFebvre, Michael Dechene and John Quinn. Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fireman Mark Arsenault, Santa Clara Resident Nancy Howard and News Reporters Daniel McClelland and Thomas Salitsky.

Call to Order and Agenda Established

Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order and established the agenda.

Budget Work Session for Fire, W/WW& Electric Departments

First we reviewed the Fire Department portion of the General Fund budget.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen also explained in detail the ISO Audit Results and possible resolutions to lower our fire rating.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen also explained in detail the three (3) FEMA Grants we applied for this past December and are awaiting funding awards.

Questions from Supervisor Littlefield

Supervisor Littlefield asked if we had any intentions of selling any equipment in the coming year that might offset any portion of the budget and what if a FEMA Grant is received, how would that be handled.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen explained at this time there is no intention of removing any equipment unless we are funded a grant from FEMA or it might negatively affect our ISO fire rating. If we are funded we would retire the oldest equipment first and put it out for bid.

Councilwoman LeFebvre

Councilwoman LeFebvre asked when we plan to start replacing vehicles.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen outlined the age and use of all vehicles and explained our first goal was to replace the fire station and then to start planning for equipment.

Councilman Quinn

Councilman Quinn asked about the Town of Santa Clara Fire Contract any why they weren't given the offsetting credit in last year's equalization.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary Casagrain gave a background to the history of the equalization formula and that our current board

requested it be offset to this year's equalization.

Supervisor Littlefield

Supervisor Littlefield stated she would like a meeting of the Joint Fire Protection Committee in the coming week to discuss the equalization, Santa Clara Contract and the BAN interest as well as a multi-year contract with fixed inflationary figure in it.

It was noted that Trustee Richard Donah would establish that meeting in the coming week with them.

Thank You

Supervisor Littlefield thanked the Village Board for the invitation and looked forward to future discussions to discuss the fire contract for services to the township.

Town of Tupper Lake Board Members exited the Special Meeting and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard and Electric Superintendent John Bouck entered the Special Meeting.

W/WW Budget Review

Next we discussed the Water/Wastewater Department budgets.

Authorization was given to the W/WW Departments to replace a pickup and to further investigate whether or not a Vac-Con was available on NYS OGS Contract.

Derrick Olds In-House Transfer to W/WW

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve an in-house lateral transfer from the DPW to the W/WW Department for Mr. Derrick Olds effective May 1, 2015 once the sand is picked up in the coming weeks. (Carried 4-0)

Electric Budget Review

Next we discussed the Electric Department budget.

Authorization was given to the Electric Department to replace a pickup in the coming budget and to check the cost out on the NYS OGS Contract.

The Electric Department was also directed to investigate if there were any alternative utility vehicles available from NYPA through the MAP program.

It was noted that in the coming month we expect to receive a transmission credit from National Grid.

The capital projects highlighted for the coming year are NYS DOT, System Improvements with Northline Utilities, LLC, Capital Property Records completion (80% at this point), SLIC and DANC connections, River Road Upgrade, ESB Project, Summer Park Events and Hemlock Ledge Capital Replacement.

IEEP Initiatives highlighted were furnace for W/WW, Municipal Office Generator and Street Light Replacement from High Pressure Sodium to LED.

No adjustments were made at this point in the budget process.

NYPA Tree Power Program

It was noted that the New York Power Authority was offering their Tree Power Program again this year with an order deadline of April 30, 2015.

Formally Adopt TL Revitalization Strategy & Action Plan & Design Concepts	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally accept the Tupper Lake Revitalization Strategy and Action Plan that was presented back in December of 2013 and the Tupper Lake Demars Blvd. Design Concepts for NYS Route 3 to present to the Joint Planning Board for reference, review and as guidelines for future community projects. (Carried 3-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:40 pm. (Carried 3-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer