Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 6:00-8:01 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 and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Arsenault, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Chamber Members Krit LaMere and Sunny Young, residents James Lanthier and Jan Yaworski and News Reporters Dan McClelland, and Thomas Salitsky.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Public Comment:
Mark Arsenault

Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Arsenault shared with the board the research he has completed in finding the Village a viable used fire vehicle to replace the oldest vehicle in our fleet. Mr. Arsenault explained that he has a 1996 Pierce Quantum that is for sale for $75,000 and the Volunteer Fire Department has authorized approval to take a closer look at the vehicle. After highlighting the perks of the vehicle Mr. Arsenault asked the board if they would support the purchase.

Trustee LaScala stated he was only interested in purchasing a new vehicle and that the funds currently being set aside towards a purchase are not sufficient between the Village and Town Fire Contract. He added a motion to never purchase used equipment again for municipal purposes. It was never seconded thus failing.

A second attempt was made by Trustee LaScala to never purchase used fire trucks again. Trustee Snyder stated it was took broad and would not support it. It was never seconded thus failing.

Other board members echoed they were not interested in supporting such a motion not knowing the future and if they would ever need to make an emergency purchase for village operations.

Krit LaMere
Music Festival

Ms. Krit LaMere from the Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce asked for permission to host a music festival Labor Day weekend in the Municipal Park and to also issue an alcohol permit for the event. It was so moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc. (Carried 5-0)

Warrior Run
Fire Truck &
Water Truck

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to offer our assistance Warrior Run weekend July 16, 2016 of a Fire Truck and Water Truck and needed culverts if necessary. (Carried 5-0)

Brand Study June 6, 2016	Mayor Maroun reminded each board member that there will be a Brand Study Public Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Aaron Maddox Hall, both village and town board members are encouraged to attend.
119-Mile Travel Corridor Release	Mayor Maroun announced that Governor Cuomo announced plans to create a 199-mile Travel Corridor to boost tourism between Remsen and Lake Placid. He noted that $15 Million has been set aside for the Remsen to Tupper Lake portion of the corridor and $9 Million for the Tupper Lake to Lake Placid portion of the corridor.
VFW Entertainment Request	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the VFW Post 3120 to extend their Woodsmen entertainment activities on Friday and Saturday night, July 8th and 9th, 2016 to include a band each night till midnight. (Carried 5-0)
Peddler's License Approved	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve a Peddler's License for Ms. Melanie Webb for the 2016 season for $100.00. (Carried 5-0)
Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the Board and Public Hearing Minutes from April 18, 19, 20 & 28, 2016 and May 3 & 12, 2016 respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Community Revitalization/Grants:

2016 NY Main Street CFA Round	After a brief discussion of Melissa McManus's report concerning the news that we would not be able to utilize PRIDE of Ticonderoga to help compile our next grant submission. It was noted that the Development Authority of the North Country have submitted a proposal not to exceed $4,000 to submit this a 2016 New York Main Street CFA Grant Application and to seek the help of DANC for the preparation and submission of the grant application. Our target area will be the Main Street Business District around the Train Depot for this year's grant submission.

Resolution #051816A

Motion By: Trustee Ronald LaScala
Seconded By: Trustee Thomas Snyder

Resolution by the Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees approving and endorsing the Village of Tupper Lake in its application to New York Main Street for funding under the 2016 Consolidated Funding Application Program.

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake desires to apply for $300,000 in financial assistance through the 2016 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown "main street" buildings on Main Street between Washington Street and Water Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake approves and endorses the 2016 New York Main Street for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Development Authority of the North Country on our behalf.

Passed by the following vote of all the Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Village Board of Trustee Members: Mayor Paul A. Maroun
Trustee Thomas Snyder
Trustee Ronald LaScala
Trustee David Maroun
Trustee Leon LeBlanc

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, Mary A. Casagrain do hereby certify that resolution 051816A was passed at a meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on May 18, 2016, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Official Seal of Municipality:

(Carried 5-0)

2016 Round 2 NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Resolution

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the following resolution in support of a New York State Water Grant for the Village of Tupper Lake Water System Improvement Project for our base water project:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE WATER GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability from the 2016 Round 2 of the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Water Grant Assistance Program was announced for the current round of funding which will provide a maximum grant award of $3,000,0000 or 60% of total eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake seeks to construct water system infrastructure improvements essential to addressing critical water quality issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake has received a $2,000,000 grant award and hardship determination to provide a 0% 30 year loan of $4,221,808 from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (Project No. 18061) for a total project cost of $6,221,808; and

WHEREAS, the Village has completed all necessary steps to advance this project to construction in 2016 including completion of an Engineering Report, Bond Resolution, Environmental Review including SEQR and SHPO, and Smart Growth Assessment; and

WHEREAS, an additional $1,000,000 grant from the NYS Water Grant Assistance program would greatly assist the Village in providing a critical municipal service to customers at an affordable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees fully supports the proposed funding application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that Mayor Paul A. Maroun, as Mayor of the Village of Tupper Lake, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds to the NYS Water Grant Assistance program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute of the attached certification contained in the application packet.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, Mary A. Casagrain, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York, do hereby certify that the attached resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Tupper Lake Village Board held on May 18, 2016 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Seal of the Municipality:

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk

(Carried 5-0)

Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Application Resolution

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the following resolution in support of a Northern Boarder Regional Commission Grant for the Village of Tupper Lake Water System Improvement Project for our ACR project:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability for the Northern Border Regional Commission 2016 Economic and Infrastructure Development Investment Program was announced for the current round of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake seeks to construct water system infrastructure improvements essential to construction of the Adirondack Club and Resort project; and

WHEREAS, developing this infrastructure to support the Adirondack Club and Resort project is essential to advancing Tupper Lake's economic goals as identified in the community's Tourism Destination Master Plan Workbook and 2007 Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake has received a $1,000,000 grant award from the 2015 Consolidation Funding Application (CFA) program administered by NYS Empire State Development (ESD), and

WHEREAS, a grant award from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) would provide the funding needed to proceed with this critical infrastructure project that will provide significant economic benefits to Tupper Lake and the North Country region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees fully supports the proposed funding application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:
RESOLVED that Mayor Paul A. Maroun, as Mayor of the Village of Tupper Lake, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds to the Northern Border Regional Commission requesting the maximum grant amount of $250,000.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, Mary A. Casagrain, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York, do hereby certify that the attached resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Tupper Lake Village Board held on May 18, 2016 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Seal of the Municipality:

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk

(Carried 5-0)

Code:
Accept April Report — Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the April 2016 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

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

90-Mile Canoe Classic Assistance 9/10/16 — Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the Police Department to assist with traffic control for the Adirondack Watershed Alliance for the Adirondack Canoe Classic, the 90 Mile Canoe Race on September 10, 2016 between the hours of 1:00 to 4:00 pm. (Carried 5-0)

K-9 Fund Raiser & Schooling Update — Police Chief Proulx advised that Officer Nason and JD are doing fine at K-9 school and they have risen over $7,000 to date.

Bike Rodeo Donations Accepted — Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept $1,250.00 in donation toward the annual Bike Rodeo to be held on June 11, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:
Accept April Report — Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the April 2016 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Approve Volunteer Appointed to Dept. — Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally appoint Nicholas Dukette to the Volunteer Fire Department. (Carried 5-0)

Membership is now at 49 members.

Annual Block Dance 7/2/16 — Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the Annual Block Dance on July 2, 2016 in conjunction with Woodmen of the World on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the new fire station on Santa Clara Avenue. (Carried 5-0)

Boat Update for Upper Saranac Lake — Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that the Upper Saranac Lake Association has authorize the repairs to their boat and once it is back in service it will be stored at a new location to be discussed next month. Currently we have arrangements with the Girl Scout Camp at Eagle Island.

21 High Street Bids Received — Mayor Maroun noted that we received three bids on the 21 High Street property as follows: $70,100 was submitted by David M. Beausoleil, $63,000 and a Large Pepperoni Pizza from Little Italy was submitted by Hollingsworth Carpentry & Renovation LLC and $30,000 was submitted by Stacked Graphics.

Trustee Snyder advised that he feels we need guidance from legal counsel as to the discrepancy between the appraisal value of $108,500.00 and the high bid of $70,100.00. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to table until we could get clarification from Attorney Race on the matter. (Carried 5-0)

DPW:
Municipal Park

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that we are just getting moving on opening the parks for the season and expect to have things moving along soon.

Woulf Avenue Property Sale

Mayor Maroun advised that we received two bids for the sale of the Woulf Avenue property of $20,000 by Hadrians of Tupper Lake, LLC and $19,000 by Charles R. & Mary Chapman.

It was so moved by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to award the bid to Hadrians of Tupper Lake, LLC in the amount $20,000 for the purchase of the Woulf Avenue East Tax Map #480.64-5-2.100. (Carried 5-0)

Mining Permit for NYS APA Filed

It was noted that we received our official filed NYS APA Mining Permit.

NYS DOT Tree Donation

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to accept a donation of trees from NYS DOT for our Municipal Park. (Carried 5-0)

Oak Street Reconstruction

Ms. Jan Yaworski was present to ask for an update on the research completed by the Department of Public Works as to the integrity of the buried sidewalks on Oak Street.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that the sidewalk blocks are crumbled and need a total overhaul.

Trustee Snyder advised that he wants the department heads to put together a plan to rebuild the street including the drainage, water, sewer. He advised that the board would revisit next month.

Water/Wastewater Chapter 50 Amendments Water Rents Local Law #3-2016

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve Local Law #3-2016 to amend Chapter 50, Water Rents for the purpose of increasing water rental rates and other miscellaneous service charges both inside and outside the corporation limits of the Village. This approval would increase the residential user $4.20 each per month and also give the Village Board permission to reset the water rates annual as needed by Village resolution instead of by local law. (Carried 3-2, Trustee LaScala voted "No", Trustee Snyder "Abstained")

C2AE Engineering & Professional Services Agreement

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the agreement between the Village and C2AE for Engineering and Professional Services as presented for our Ground Water Supply and Water Distribution System Improvement Project. (Carried 5-0)

Pease & Gustafson LLP Local and Bond Counsel Agreements

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Legal Services Agreement

for Local Counsel and Bond Counsel professional services with Pease and Gustafson, LLP for services relating to the Ground Water Supply and Water Distribution System Improvement Project, Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements as well as the Empire State Development grant. (Carried 5-0)

Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC Water Production and Access Easement

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Water Production and Access Easement with Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC for the Village's Groundwater Supply and Water Distribution System Improvement project and to also cover the associated closing costs related to the easement draft and filing with Lyme Adirondack Timberlands I, LLC's attorney. (Carried 5-0)

NYS DOT Work Progressing

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his crew is working closely with NYS DOT and Kubricky Construction. His crew is now done Berkley Avenue and they are working closely with Kubricky Construction on High Street and Cliff Avenue improvements.

Electric:

Census Clarification

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves stated for the record that we have close to 4,000 meters in the community and that Mr. McClelland's census account of residents in the community was considerably off since most homes have two or more people residing in them.

Disconnects 5/26/16

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised that we will be tagging on 5/23/16 over 200 residential and 12 commercial customers this month and will be disconnecting on 5/26/16. He encouraged residents to come in and make payment arrangements to avoid a shut off.

Software Investment Inventory System

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised that the Electric Department has invested in a new software program that will help with our mapping of our utility system and inventory project underway. We still have about 15 Streets left to complete.

MEUA Northern Meeting

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala to authorize Village Board Members and Members of the Department to attend the MEUA Northern Regional Meeting in Plattsburgh, New York on June 1, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

TWC Billing To Be Sent

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised that the Time Warner Cable bill be will sent our in the coming week.

Treasurer:

Approve Warrants

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the May 18, 2016 warrant in the amount of $544,464.76 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of April, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash Position

Review the monthly cash position for April 30, 2016.

Memorial Day Observance

It was noted that the Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to enter Executive Session at 7:29 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. (Carried 5-0)
Summer Seasonal Laborer Appoint Tanner Hockey & Nicholas Moeller	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to appoint Mr. Tanner Hockey and Mr. Nicholas Moeller to the position of part-time seasonal laborer for the Municipal Park at a rate of $10.00 an hour. Mr. Hockey to start on Monday, May 23, 2016 and Mr. Moeller June 27, 2016. (Carried 5-0)
Planning Board Vacancy	After a long discussion as to the credentials of the candidates for the planning board vacancy an appointment was tabled.
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to exit Executive Session at 8:00 pm. (Carried 5-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn at 8:01 PM. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer