Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Location:	Board Room
Meeting:	Regular 5:00-7:52 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Thomas Snyder, Leon LeBlanc, Rick Donah (@5:20 pm) and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Regular Meeting was Trustee David Maroun.

Also present was Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard and Electric Superintendent John Bouck.

Into Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to enter into Executive Session at 5:00 pm for the purpose of discussing information relating to the employment history of several individuals who may be considered for future employment. Also to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). (Carried 3-0)

Trustee Rick Donah Entered at 5:20 PM

Trustee Rick Donah entered Executive Session at 5:00 pm.

Nathan Durfee Appointed FT W/WW Helper

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to appoint Mr. Nathan Durfee to the position of full-time W/WW Helper effective August 3, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Part-time Clerk James Donah

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to increase part-time Clerk Mr. James Moody's rate per hour to $; he will be filling in while Sarah Denue is out on Family Medical Leave or until her retirement. (Carried 4-0)

Negotiations Schedule

It was mutually agreed to meet with CSEA Representatives on August 6th, 2015 at 9:00 am for our second meeting.

JFPC Meeting August 6th @5:00 pm

It was noted that the next Joint Fire Protection Committee meeting will be held on August 6th, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Exit Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to exit Executive Session at 5:58 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Police Chief Eric Proulx, DPW Superintendent Robert Degrace, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, ESB Project Manager Christopher Alcocer, Town of Tupper Lake Board Member Michael Dechene, Residents Ronald LaScala, Joan Beaudette, News Reporters Mary Peryea and Thomas Salitsky.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

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

ESB Project Update	ESB Project Manager Mr. Christopher Alcocer gave a brief update to the Village Board on the Budget, Proposed Change Orders, Project Schedule, FFE, Exterior Signage, Contingency Balance, Other Misc. Bids etc.
Review PCO #17 & #18	Reviewed both PCO #17 & #18 for the additional steel panels to the slab on grade and the three masonry column wraps with the two steel columns for the police entrance and one steel column near the Sally Port Door.
APA Permit for Communications Tower	Mr. Chris Alcocer advised the board that the APA Communications Tower permit is complete and has been filed with the Franklin County Clerk.
Water Line and Power Installation	Mr. Chris Alcocer advised that the water line will be energized this week by the W/WW Departments and the power will be hung early next week.
Exterior Signage Direction	Mr. Chris Alcocer advised that he needs direction by the Village Board as to the exterior signage, whether we want steel letters for some other material. He advised he would have quotes for next month's meeting.
Public Comment Period: Joan Beaudette Snow Storage Area Concerns	Ms. Joan Beaudette a Washington Street resident was present to plead with the Village Board to make other arrangements for snow dumping and storage other than across from her home on Washington Street. She advised the board that she purchased a decibel reader and the truck dumping measured 96.8 on her reader this winter from inside her home. She advised that the noise from the two or three trucks dumping all day is like that of a freight train. Just image those trucks dumping 6 times an hour each or 96 times or 144 times a day depending how many trucks are used. She pleaded that we find another location to dump snow because it is now affecting her health and well being. Mayor Paul Maroun advised he would personally look into other locations and get back to her.
Ronald LaScala ESB Concerns	Mr. Ronald LaScala addressed to the board several concerns he had for example, comments made during executive session that he overheard, information he requested via FOIL request and wasn't happy with to comments made to him personally by several board members. During Mr. LaScala's comments he became disorderly and was asked by Mayor Maroun to leave the meeting or be removed by police personnel. After several exchanges of comments Mr. LaScala left at his own will.
MOU with Wild Center For Displays & Interactive Project	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with The Wild Center for Phase II Displays and Interactive Project for the DOS WSRP Grant for the Waterfront Park. (Carried 4-0)

Resolution of Support for
2015 Waterfront Revitalization
Program Grant

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve the following resolution of support:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
2015 LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT
FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS a notice of funding availability for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant funds has been made by the Department of State in the 2015 CFA Round; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tupper Lake seeks to advance goals and priority projects of its 2013 Revitalization Strategy and draft Marketing Plan, developed with funding from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, as well as the goals of the Raquette River Blueway Strategy and 90 Miler Blueway Plan; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tupper Lake also seeks to advance complementary goals of its Tourism Destination Master Plan Workbook and its 2007 Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS Adirondack municipalities in Essex, Hamilton, St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties are joining in partnership with Tupper Lake to advance tourism through destination development and promotion and by building community resiliency, advancing key strategies of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan and NY Rising; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will leverage ongoing public and private efforts to enhance the curb appeal along the Adirondack and Olympic Scenic Byways, and

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

NOW HERE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Mayor Paul Maroun, as Mayor of the Village of Tupper Lake, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds to the New York State Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization.

Be it further resolved that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Village of Tupper Lake Board in all matters related to this financial assistance, and upon approval of said request, to enter into and execute a state assistance contract for such financial assistance. The attached Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 July 22nd, 2015 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.

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(Signature of Clerk)

Seal of Municipality

Resolution of Support for
2015 CFA to Empire
State Development

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve the following resolution of support:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
2015 CFA to Empire State Development

WHEREAS a Notice of Funding Availability for Empire State Development Corporation Capital Program funds has been issued in the 2015 CFA Round; and

WHEREAS the Adirondack Club and Resort is included as a Vital Action in the North Country Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan and an Ongoing Priority in strategic plan update documents, due to its ability to advance the region's vision of activating tourism as a driver for the North Country economy; and

WHEREAS the Adirondack Club and Resort advances key strategies of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan by developing tourism infrastructure to transform the region, by leveraging private investment and by increasing jobs in industries that import dollars; and
WHEREAS the Adirondack Club and Resort is essential to advancing Tupper Lake's economic goals as identified in the NCREDC Tourism Destination Workbook and 2007 Economic Development Strategy; 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, 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 Empire State Development Corporation.

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Resolution of Support for 2015 Engineering and Planning Program Grant

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee to formally approve the following resolution of support:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
2015 ENGINEERING AND PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT
FUNDING APPLICATION

WHEREAS a notice of funding availability for Engineering Planning Grant Program funds has been issued by the Environmental Facilities Corporation in the 2015 CFA Round; and

WHEREAS Tupper Lake seeks to join in partnership with the North Country Regional Economic Development Council to advance key tourism strategies of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan by developing tourism infrastructure to transform the region, by leveraging private investment in tourism and by increasing jobs in industries that import dollars; and

WHEREAS adequate wastewater infrastructure is essential to the advancing Tupper Lake's tourism goals as identified in the community's Tourism Destination Master Plan Workbook and 2007 Economic Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS the Village of Tupper Lake seeks to assess and plan for improvements needed to its wastewater system to serve the needs of its residents and future economic development opportunities offered by the Adirondack Club and Resort project; 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 Environmental Facilities Corporation Engineering Planning Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of Tupper Lake authorizes and appropriates the $7,500 local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Tupper Lake is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and to fulfill the Village of Tupper Lake's obligations under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement.

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120 Park Street Purchase Offer	Mayor Maroun asked that the discussion concerning the purchase offer made by Ms. Betsy Lowe be tabled until each member of the board has had the time to review the appraisal.
Samantha Pickering Memorial Volleyball Tournament	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally approve use of the municipal volleyball courts by Patricia Imlach to host the 2nd "Samantha Pickering Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament" on August 8, 2015 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. (Carried 4-0)
Relay for Life Race/Walk	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve use of the Washington Street Parking Lot and Bathrooms for a 5K/10K Race/Walk for "Relay for Life Tupper Lake" from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on October 24, 2015. (Carried 4-0)
Clarence Bell Memorial Softball Tournament	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally approve use of the Municipal Ball Field on August 29th and 30th to host the Clarence Bell Memorial Softball Tournament from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. (Carried 4-0)
Re-appoint Mr. Gerald Savage to Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to reappoint Mr. Gerald Savage to the Village of Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board for a five (5) year term. (Carried 4-0)
Code: Accept June Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the June 2015 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)
187 Park Street Demolition Update	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that the testing completed shows that the burned out structure contains asbestos; we have applied for a NYS Highway Permit for the removal.
Swimming Pool & Dome Tent Reminders	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards reminded residents that pools over 24" require a no-cost permit. In addition, dome tents also require a no-cost permit to ensure they meet fire code.
Fire: Accept June Report	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the June 2015 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)
Police: Accept June Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the June 2015 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 4-0)

Touch a Truck 9/6/15

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to participate in a "Touch a Truck" event September 6, 2015 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Municipal Park. There will be no charge and it will be held rain or shine. (Carried 4-0)

Recycle Glock Handguns

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to recycle our old Glock Handguns with AmChar for $200.00 each with the fund to be used to purchase a gun safe for the new police station. (Carried 4-0)

Little Logger's Restrooms

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that the Little Logger's restrooms are finished with a few items on the exterior still to be done in our down time.

He basketball courts are being repainted in time for this weekend's basketball tournament.

Trustee Donah asked why there were changes made to the front entrance to the restrooms without his knowledge. He was advised by DPW Superintendent Degrace that the entrance required the additional work because it needed a footer, frost wall, and floor on top. These are all requirements of the NYS Building Code.

LeBoeuf Street Failed Drainage & Other Misc.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that the drainage system on LeBoeuf Street he has replaced over 350' of drainage pipe. The "S" curve also needs attention.

The street sweeper has been out to help with the dust from the NYS DOT Reconstruction project and will continue to be out throughout the summer.

Next they will be heading to Lafayette Street to improve drainage and then to Hosley Avenue to complete our required match for the Multi-use Connector Trail Project to Museum Drive.

It was noted that there are some logs near the boat launch at the Municipal Park and they will schedule their removal sometime tomorrow.

Water/Wastewater: NYS EFC DWSRF Grant Award

Mayor Maroun acknowledged that we received notice on June 24, 2015 that our drinking water project is eligible for a Drinking Water Supply Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Grant in the amount of $2,000,000 and $4,221,808 in interest-free financing for a term of 30 years for our Ground Water Supply Project. We applied last December for the funding.

Jessie Kavanagh Resignation W/WW Worker

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally accept the resignation of Mr. Jessie Kavanagh effective August 1, 2015 from the Water/Wastewater Department. (Carried 4-0)

Fill Vacancy & Interviews

Mayor Maroun advised that we conducted five (5) interviews earlier today and we expect to fill the vacancy by the end of the month.

Electric: Electric Curtailment

There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the period August 1-31, 2015.

Utility Easement with Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keniston

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a utility easement with Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keniston for the placement of a utility pole on their property on Little Wolf. (Carried 4-0)

Write-Off Deceased Customer

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to write off an electric account balance for a deceased electric customer in the amount of $89.38. (Carried 4-0)

MEUA Annual Conference & Voting Delegate

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc,

WHEREAS, the Electric Superintendent John Bouck of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on September 15-18, 2015, to be held at The Crowne Plaza, 101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, New York, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that John Bouck be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York.

On roll call: Affirmative: 4 Negative: 0

I certify that the Board of Trustees of the Village adopted this resolution Tupper Lake, New York on the 22nd day of July 2015.

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Signature

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Title

Treasurer:
Approve Warrants

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the July 20, 2015 warrant in the amount of $658,723.43 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of June, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash Position

Review the monthly cash position for June 30, 2015. It was noted that we were under collateralized and it has been bumped up to $5 Million to account for recent borrowings.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to adjourn at 7:15 PM. (Carried 4-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer