Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Monday, September 15, 2014
Location:	Board Room
Meeting:	Regular 5:00-8:55 PM

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

Via phone conference was Project Manager Mr. Sean Foran with Hueber- Breuer Construction Company Inc.

Enter Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:00 pm for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation and the employment history of potential employees for the Police Department. (Carried 4-0)

Exit Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to exit Executive Session at 6:05 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Assistant Fire Chief Tina Arsenault, John Muldowney Esq., Residents Ronald LaScala, Joseph Bennett, Cindy, Wesley and Klarissa Hoyt, Jeremy Dukette and News Reporter Mary Peryea.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:06 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 Period:

Joseph Bennett Jr.

Mr. Joseph Bennett Jr. was in to ask the Village Board to consider selling him the unopened road Nelson Avenue that borders his motel property. He informed the Mayor that he has a purchase option on one of the properties that border the property and is also interested in purchasing the 319 Park Street property, thus owning all interested property bordering the unopened road.

Mayor Maroun recommended Mr. Bennett put his request in writing and they will review it at our next meeting.

Ronald LaScala

Resident Mr. Ronald LaScala was present to express his unhappiness that the Town of Tupper Lake Board. He stated the Town isn't planning on paying their share of the ESB Project and that we provide them services and they don't pay their fair share of the costs to receive them. He asked what is our game plan? What are we going to do?

Mayor Maroun advised Mr. LaScala that he visited the Town of Tupper Lake Board meeting last month and explained their three (3) options; he also explained the voter numbers and reminded the Town that we are all Town Residents.

Peter Edwards	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards stated he has studied the issue of dissolution very closely and if Mr. LaScala wants to talk about the pro's and con's he'd more than welcomed to stop in to talk.
Trustee Donah	Trustee Donah stated this issue isn't about Village and Town, it's about 1st response service, we plan to work this out with the Town Board, there was a process and we held public input and information sessions and they were at the same table as we were to move forward with the Emergency Services Building project for 1st response service.
Park Use Get Fit with Brit	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mrs. Britni Casagrain to host a "Get Fit with Brit" personal training camp at the Washington Street Park during the month of September on Wednesday's and Sundays as requested. (Carried 4-0)
Thank-You From TL Tinman	Mayor Maroun acknowledged a thank you letter from the Tupper Lake Tinman Triathlon for our DPW Department's assistance with this years set up for their event.
ROOST Update	Village Board Members briefly reviewed the ROOST monthly Tupper Lake Marketing & Destination Planning Update and acknowledged that Ms. Michelle Clement would be present at next months meeting to give a personal update.
Local Gov't Day October 14, 2014	Mayor Maroun announced that the Annual Local Government Conference will be held at SUNY Potsdam, October 14, 2014. If any board member is interested in attending to please let Mary know by mid September.
Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the Board Minutes from August 18, 19, 27 and September 4, 2014. (Carried 5-0)
Code: Accept August Report	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the August 2014 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)
Fire: Accept August Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the August 2014 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)
Damon Jacobs Appointed Volunteer	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to appoint Mr. Damon Jacobs to the position of Volunteer Fire Fighter. (Carried 5-0)
Vehicle Update	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that pump testing has been done and repairs will be scheduled with our Village Mechanic and outside vendors in the coming weeks. Some of the repairs may require vehicles being taken out of service like the tanker and ladder truck.
Weekend Staffing	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that he would like to discuss weekend staffing with the Village Board in Executive Session.
Police: Accept August Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the August 2014 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

PT Police Officer Candidates

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised he'd like a moment to discuss the two part-time police officer candidate background checks in Executive Session.

Little Logger Park Vandalism Update

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that his department are investigating three acts of vandalism the recently laid sod at the Little Logger Park, all three incidents have been solved, The first incident was one juvenile, the second incident involved two juveniles and the third incident involved two juveniles and two adults. All three cases were solved because of the investment in the camera systems for the park. Formal charges are pending and we expect probation for the juveniles and criminal mischief for the adults.

DPW:
Misc. Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks advised that he is working with the Water/Wastewater Department to complete their winter repairs and road cuts. He also advised another storm water system behind Guido's Pizzeria failed this week and will be repaired.

Municipal Park Bathroom Rehab

The Board briefly reviewed the design proposal received from Ms. Meaghan Lynch with Studio Prospect for our Park Recreation/Restroom Building near the tennis courts. No action was taken.

It was noted that the Water/Wastewater Department will be investigating the water and wastewater lines to verify their integrity in the coming weeks before we proceed with repairs.

Blizzard Snow Plow For Sale

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to place for sale an early 2000 Blizzard straight blade snow plow with Ford plates that is surplus for the Department of Public Works Department. (Carried 5-0)

Water/Wastewater:
NYS DOT Resolution #091514 A
Payment For Requested Work

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally approve the following resolution for payment to the State for requested work on the NYS DOT Route 3 & 30 Reconstruction Project for Water, Wastewater and Electric betterments:

RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE STATE FOR REQUESTED WORK

WHEREAS, in connection with the contract for the reconstruction of NYS Rte 3 & 30, Village of Tupper Lake, S.H. 985, 1385 & 5707, Franklin County, by Resolution For Incorporating Municipal Incorporating Municipal Water Main Work (No. 031813B), adopted on March 18, 2013, and by Resolution For Incorporating Municipal Ornamental Street Lighting Work (No. 040914H), adopted on April 9, 2014, requested and authorized the State Department of Transportation to proceed with the necessary arrangement to replace portions of the village water mains, sanitary sewer system, ornamental street lighting and appurtenances, with the cost of said water main, sanitary sewer, and ornamental lighting system work in connection therewith to be borne by the Village of Tupper Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires that the said water main, sanitary sewer, and ornamental lighting system replacement, the village share of which based on the "additional cost" method is estimated to cost $650,000 be replaced at the sole expense of

the Village of Tupper Lake, in connection with the above mentioned State contract, as set forth in the plans and proposal for said project.
NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 27 of the New York Highway law, the sum of $650,000 is hereby appropriated to cover the cost of the water main, sanitary sewer, and ornamental lighting system replacement, and the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit such sum with the State Comptroller within (10) days of letting, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed with the State Comptroller and with State Commissioner of Transportation; it being understood that upon completion of the said highway project in the Village of Tupper Lake, the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York shall notify the Village Treasurer of the amount due from or to be returned to the Village, as the case may be, and that any sum due the State of New York shall be paid by the Village of Tupper Lake within ninety (90) days after the date of transmittal of said statement, and the funds therefore shall be raised according to the statutes in such cases made and provided; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Tupper Lake will own and maintain said water main, sanitary sewer, and ornamental lighting system subsequent to the construction thereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Village of Tupper Lake is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the following address:

Stephen G. Gagnon, P.E.
Design Project Engineer
New York State Department of Transportation
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Lake/Wawbeek Ave. Utility Improvements	It was noted by the Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard Lake and Wawbeek Avenue Utility Improvements project will be finishing up in the coming week and then they are expected to move on to the Pine Street Manhole Project.
New Uniform Provider	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the Board that he has been checking around for another uniform provider and he has found a company Robinson & Smith, Inc. that can save his department around $4,500 a year. It was so moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to allow our contract with Unifirst to expire and to enter into a one-year agreement with Robinson & Smith, Inc. for the Water/Wastewater Department's uniform needs. (Carried 5-0)
Electric: Electric Curtailment	There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of October 1-31, 2014.
Electric Moratorium Expiration	It was noted that the Village of Tupper Lake's Electrical Moratorium will expire on November 19, 2014. Mayor Maroun advised that he would like to table discussion and may need to schedule a special meeting to discuss it further.
Treasurer: Approve Warrants	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September 15, 2014 warrant in the amount of $238,695.86 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of August. (Carried 5-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for August 31, 2014.

FY 5/31/14 Budget Transfers	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize General Fund Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year End May 31, 2014 in the amount of $22,745.00. (Carried 5-0)
Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation and to also discuss matters that will imperil public safety. (Carried 5-0)
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to Exit Executive Session at 8:54 pm. (Carried 5-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to adjourn at 8:55 PM. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer