

**TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE**

**2013 BUDGET HEARING**

**&**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 8, 2012

Roll Call: Supervisor Roger Amell  
Councilwoman Kathleen Lefebvre  
Councilman David Tomberlin  
Councilwoman Patricia Littlefield  
Councilman Gerald Fletcher

Recording Secretary: Laurie J. Fuller – Town Clerk

Press: Jessica Collier – Adirondack Daily Enterprise  
Mary Peryea – Tupper Lake Free Press

Also: Town Attorney – Kirk Gagnier  
Mike Fritts – Youth Activity Director  
Paul O’Leary – Assessor/Code Officer  
William Dechene – Highway Superintendent

Guest on  
Sign in sheet:

Bruce Cook	Ron LaScala	Bob Zande
Randy Bedore	Mark J Amell	Derek Foote
Brent Cook	Jess Collier	Mary K Amell
Dennis Dechene	Bill Dechene	Christi Dausin
Beulah Dechene	Rachel Dechene	Kirk Gagnier
Bucky Kentile	Andrea O’Neil	Dan Striney
Dorothy Bedore	Ron Snyder	Michael Dechene
Adam Boudreau	Mark Arsenault	

Guest on sheet who wished to speak were Randy Bedore, Ron LaScala, Bill Dechene, Bob Zande

Supervisor Amell called 2013 Budget Hearing to order at 4:02 p.m. opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Lefebvre read Legal Notice, which reads as:

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
that the

Preliminary Budget of the Town of Tupper Lake for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 has been completed and filed in the Town Clerk’s office where it is available for inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**FURTHER NOTICE**  
**IS GIVEN**

That the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the said 2013 Preliminary budget on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall office building 120 Demars Blvd., Tupper Lake, New York, at which time any person may be heard in favor of or against any item contained in the Preliminary Budget.

**PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 108 of**

The Town Law, the proposed salaries of the town officials are listed below:

Town Supervisor- \$16,000.00  
Deputy Supervisor - \$1,500.00  
4 Council Members – \$4,500.00  
Town Clerk – \$32,898.00

Town Justice – \$18,281.00

Town Highway Superintendent - \$48,932.00

Attorney Gagnier addressed the crowd, saying that the published notice of salaries could not be modified by the board at a public hearing, but rather must be done via a local law, for which the town would convene another public hearing. Most of the public in audience which to speak about the salary publish in paper for the Town Highway Superintendent.

Randy Bedore spoke first, having questions to board members about the salary of the Highway Superintendent not to include 2% increase.

Ron LaScala, commended the work of the Highway Superintendent and feels he deserves the raise.

William Dechene, Town Highway Superintendent addressed board members, stating he feels he works very well with all board members including Supervisor and taxpayers and ask for them to reconsider the 2% increase to his salary.

Councilwoman Littlefield thanked everyone for input and will take their comments into consideration at the regular board meeting following public hearing.

No further comments were heard.

Motion to close public hearing at 4:26 p.m. and call regular board meeting to order was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Fletcher

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

Establish the agenda:

1. Councilwoman Littlefield would like to add discussion on salary of Highway Superintendent.

1. Personnel Appearance

Bob Zande(District #23):

Mr. Zande stated they own a lot on Tamarac Road in District #23 and is requesting the Town put in a grinder pump.

He feels he is already paying for a grinder pump in the district charge, and grinder pump was never put in.

Mr. Zande has paper work from the bond company stating that half of district charge is for the infrastructure and half for grinder pump.

Board members asked Mr. Zande to provide them with a copy of that paper work he has from Bond Company for them to review, and they will look into matter.

2. Approve minutes:

Town clerk provided each board member a drafted copy of minutes dated October 11, 2012 for approval.

Motion to approve minutes as written for meeting dated October 11, 2012 was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre.

Seconded by Councilman Tomberlin

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

3. Approve Code Officer's

Monthly report:

## **Monthly Report October 2012**

8 Building Permits issued in October.

2 Complaint filed

Completed 10 field inspections

October 2012 miles logged 129

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul O'Leary  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Tupper Lake

Permit #	Issue Date	Owner	Property Location	Permit Type	Amount
065-12	10/17/2012	Tom Lamere	208 Raquette Rvr Dr. 500.27-4-1	Roof	25.00
066-12	10/17/2012	Tom Lamare/Tony Quinn	2032 State Route 30 500.27-3-2	Addition	273.00
067-12	10/5/2012	Gerald Sojda	N. Little Wolf Rd 480.7-1-17	Camp	288.00
068-12	10/19/2012	Bill Arsenault/Brown	1997 State Route 30 500.27-1-6	Roof	67.00
069-12	10/24/2012	Dale Kovalsky	43 Dugal Road 491.-5-22.200	Septic System	45.00
070-12	10/25/2012	William Michelfelder	1455 State Route 30 510.-1-16	Gas Appliance	48.00
071-12	10/26/2012	Joseph Cavallaro	2511 State Route 30 491.-3-17	Roof	36.00
072-12	10/30/2012	Kentile Excav/Whitehouse	29 Big Wolf Rd 470.-3-1	Septic System	93.00
<b>Total:</b>					<b>875.00</b>

Complaint #	Location	Identifier	Type	Status	Owner
2012-0023	1997 State Route 30	500.27-1-6	Work W/O Permit	C	On File w/CEO
2012-0024	2511 State Route 30	491.-3-17	Work W/O Permit	C	On File w/CEO

\* Status: C= completed, O= open, V= void

Motion to approve Code Officer's Monthly report was made by Councilwoman Littlefield.

Seconded by Councilman Tomberlin  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

4. Approve Youth Activity Director's Monthly report:

## **Recreation Report for November 8, 2012**

### **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

As I mentioned last time around I have asked for a couple of donations for the ski center and ski club. When I saw in the papers that Big Tupper would not open this year and that ARISE was thinking about giving support to some other causes I figured the trail system and ski club would be perfect matches. I've yet to hear anything but a little support would go a long way in continuing to provide an excellent facility and program that benefits many elementary school children. With Big

Tupper not opening many folks will be clamoring for a fun, family outdoor activity and the golf course and surrounding lands is uniquely positioned to fill this void.

### **BROCHURE**

As you can see I have a few final designs I would like an opinion on. If there is a consensus I will get these to the printer's tomorrow.

### **SIGNS**

I'm working with Lisa at Tupper Lake Supply to get signs for the course. They'll be cheaper than the \$40 a piece quote I received previous.

### **2013 LUMBERJACK SCRAMBLE**

I have picked the date for this year's event, February 16. With a good enough lead this year I'm hoping we can draw even more participants this year. I'll meet with last year's committee to see if there is room to expand the event this year. Perhaps some more kid friendly events could be an attraction. Also maybe we can see about having a food vendor. I do plan to hold a mini biathlon for the kids.

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

We had another successful dance with close to 80 students attending. In our fourth year this dance is meant to serve as a deterrent to Mischief Night and it once again did the trick. Officer Hoyt, member of the Youth Council, said little vandalism and mischief was reported Tuesday evening. I'll be talking to the youth council about offering another dance in the future. I was thinking perhaps about a Holiday Dance. It would be perfect to time it around the Snowball Dance that way we could take advantage of the decorations and setup.

### **WEBSITE**

I've spoken with the website company and they'd like to move forward with the design portion of the site. I'll get together with Rick Donah, Mary Casagrain and anyone here that is interested to get this going. I'm feeling pretty confident with the functionality and hope to make things happening soon.

Motion to approve Youth Activity Director's Monthly report as submitted was made by Councilwoman Littlefield.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

5. Approve Dog Control Officer's Monthly report:

## Town of Tupper Lake Dog Control Report

For the Month of: October 2012

Date: November 1, 2012

Complaints Received	3
Complaints Answered	3
Dogs Captured	0
Dogs return to owner	0
Dogs turned over to DCO	0
Dogs transported to Humane Society	0

Dogs Adopted 0  
Dogs Euthonized 0  
Dogs treated by Vet 0  
Dangerous Dog Complaints 0  
Tickets issued 0

Mileage 56 DCO William Moody

Report prepared by William Moody, DCO

Motion to approve Dog Control Officer's Monthly report as submitted was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre.

Seconded by Councilman Fletcher  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

6. Accept Don Dew Jr's  
Resignation from the Planning Board:

A letter of resignation was received from Don Dew Jr, resigning from the Planning Board effective immediately.

Motion except Don Dew Jr's resignation from the Planning Board with regret was made by Councilwoman Littlefield.

Seconded by Councilman Tomberlin  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

7. Reappoint Dan Bower  
To the BAR:

**RESOLUTION #37 – 2012**

**OF**

**THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS;** the appointment of Mr. Dan Bower on the Board of Assessment Review term has expired, and

**WHEREAS;** Mr. Bower was finishing Patricia Littlefield's term which expired September 30, 2012, and

**WHEREAS;** Mr. Bower has accepted and attended the Board of Assessment Review training.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** at a regular town board meeting held November 8, 2012 Councilwoman Lefebvre made motion to reappoint Dan Bower for a 5-year term on the Board of Assessment Review Board, Seconded by Councilman Fletcher.

Supervisor Amell	AYE
Councilwoman Lefebvre	AYE
Councilman Tomberlin	AYE
Councilwoman Littlefield	AYE
Councilman Fletcher	AYE

Date: November 8, 2012

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8. Adopt 2013 Budget:

Motion to adopt the 2013 budget was made by Councilman Tomberlin

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

9. Introduce Local Law #2  
 Increase Highway Superintendent’s salary:

**RESOLUTION #38 – 2012**

OF

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE  
 FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK

Resolution to change Highway Superintendent’s salary

Councilwoman Littlefield offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS; a resolution to introduce Local Law #2 of 2013 changing the Highway Superintendent William Dechene’s salary from \$48,932.00 to \$49,911.00 and set Public Hearing date for 4:00 p.m. on December 10, 2012.

Councilwoman Lefebvre duly seconded this resolution and adopted as follows:

Councilwoman Kathleen Lefebvre	AYE
Councilman David Tomberlin	AYE
Councilwoman Patricia Littlefield	AYE
Councilman Gerald Fletcher	AYE

November 8, 2012

Laurie J Fuller, Town Clerk, RMC

10. Approve Budget Transfers:

	Acct/Budget	Detail	Credit	Debit	Revenue	Expenditure
<b>General</b>						
	1603	Vital Statistics			\$360.33	
	14102	Town Clerk EQ				\$149.99
	14104	Town Clerk CE				\$210.34
	14301	Bookkeeper PS	\$578.48			
	14304	Bookkeeper CE		\$578.48		
	16204	Buildings CE	\$873.21			
	16201	Buildings PS		\$873.21		
	19904	Contingency	\$53.49			
	64104	Publicity		\$53.49		
	71101	Boardwalk PS	\$18.17			
	71104	Boardwalk CE		\$18.17		



			\$3,545.13	\$3,545.13	\$1,312.61	\$1,312.61

Motion to approve budget transfers was made by Councilman Tomberlin

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

11. Approve Abstract:

Motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers for the period 10/12/2012 thru 11/7/2012 in the amount of \$66,116.17 was made by Councilwoman Littlefield

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Littlefield

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre  
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0

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Laurie J. Fuller Town Clerk, RMC