Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Monday, November 17, 2014
Location:	Board Room
Meeting:	Regular 5:30-6:50 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, Leon LeBlanc and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Regular Meeting was Trustee David Maroun.

Enter Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to enter Executive Session at 5:30 pm for the purpose of discussing proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. (Carried 4-0)

Exit Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to exit Executive Session at 6:00 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Resident Joseph Bennett, Mac's Safe Ride Supporters Melissa Howard and Vivian Smith and News Reporters Mary Peryea and Thomas Selitsky.

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 Property Interest

Mr. Jospeh Bennett inquired as to an update on his previous written request to purchase and unopened street called Nelson Avenue that borders his motel property.

Trustee Donah advised that he wouldn't be able to consider his request until we were able to get an appraisal of the fair market value of the property.

All board members were in favor of an appraisal.

MAC's Safe Ride Initiative

Local supporters Ms. Melissa Howard and Ms. Vivian Smith were present to ask for the Village's support of their initiative to provide a safe alternative to drinking and driving called MAC's Safe Ride.

Ms. Vivian Smith gave a brief background of the initiative and how it would operate and how it would be funded. They added that the safe ride wasn't just for drinking establishments it would provide door to door service with it kicking off around the first of new year.

The concluded by telling us that there was going to be a public forum on the initiative this Thursday at the Pine Gove Resteraunt and a fund raiser this Friday at the VFW Bar to please come out and support the cause.

Annual Chad Martin Tree Lighting	It was noted that Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 5:30 pm the Annual Chad Martin Christmas Tree Lighting would be held.
Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the Board Minutes from October 20, 29, and November 10, 2014 respectively. (Carried 4-0)
Code: Accept October Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the October 2014 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)
Small Cities: NYS HOME Grant Denial	It was noted that we received notice on October 27, 2014 that our NYS HOME grant application was unsuccessful.
Police: Accept October Report	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the October 2014 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 4-0)
Fire: Accept October Report	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the October 2014 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)
187 Park Street Structural Fire	Mayor Maroun took a moment to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts in containing the structural fire at 187 Park Street and for the assistance of neighboring fire departments such as Piercefield, Saranac Lake, Gabriels, Paul Smiths, Lake Placid, and Bloomingdale and for the generosity of the VFW for opening their doors to warm our fire fighters.
Electric & W/WW Departments	Fire Chief Carl Steffen thanked the crews of the Electric Department and Water/Wastewater Departments for their assistance with the fire as well.
Harrietstown Budget Hearing	Mayor Maroun advised that he and Fire Chief Carl Steffen will be attended the Harrietstown Budget Hearing on November 20, 2014 in Saranac Lake to discuss furthering our proposal to provide fire protection to the Corey's and Bartlett Carry areas.
DPW: NYS DOT Use Of Lake Street	We received notice from NYS DOT that under official order they are going to take a portion of Lake Street and Wawbeek Avenue as an alternate route for their NYS Routes 3 & 30 Reconstruction Project.
NYS DOT Crosswalks Denial	Mayor Maroun advised that we received notice from NYS DOT that they were not going to install the inlaid thermoplastic crosswalks that we requested as part of the reconstruction project. He advised that he would be speaking with Robert Curtis in the coming days to see if they would reconsider.
No Bids for F350 Ford Pickup Box	It was noted that we received no bids for the sale of our 2012 Ford F350 Dual Wheel 8' Pickup Bed. Look for other avenues to post it for sale.
Water/Wastewater: NYS DOH Review	It was noted that we are still working with NYS DOH in completing our preliminary engineering report for our ground water supply project and our hardship application would be resubmitted come the first of December.

Electric:	
Electric Curtailment	There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of December 1-31, 2014.
Incremental Purchase Amendment NYPA	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve an Incremental Purchase Amendment with NYPA as presented and authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the amendment agreement. (Carried 4-0)
Set Public Hearing Electric Moratorium	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to set a public hearing to extend the Electric Moratorium for one year. Hearing would be held on December 1, 2014 at 6:15 pm. (Carried 4-0)
Treasurer:	
Approve Warrants	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the November 17, 2014 warrant in the amount of $540,168.64 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of October, 2014. (Carried 4-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for October 31, 2014.
Organizational Meeting Set	Reminder that our Annual Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm.
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn at 6:50 PM. (Carried 4-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer