

Town of Tupper Lake Regular Town Board Meeting

February 12, 2015

Roll Call: Supervisor Patricia S Littlefield
 Councilman John Quinn
 Councilman Michael Dechene
 Councilwoman Kathleen Lefebvre

Absent – Councilman Rick Skiff

Recording Secretary: Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk

Press: Dan McClelland – Tupper Lake Free Press
 Tom Salitsky – Adirondack Daily Enterprise

Also: William Dechene – Highway Superintendent
 Kirk Gagnier- Town Attorney

Supervisor Littlefield called regular board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approve Abstract:

Town of Tupper Lake
 Abstract #2 – February 12, 2015
 Vouchers #2014-0877-0887 & 2015-0020-0098

Fund		Prepaid/Debit	Unpaid	Total
General	200.01	\$47,987.15	\$65,313.29	\$113,300.44
General Outside	200.02	-	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Highway	200.03	\$253.70	\$21,517.90	\$21,771.60
Highway Outside	200.04	\$33.35	-	\$33.35
Fire District	200.06	-	\$129,641.22	\$129,641.22
Sewer #5	200.10	-	\$490.73	\$490.73
Sewer #8-1	200.12	-	\$45.22	\$45.22
Sewer #8-2	200.13	-	\$93.13	\$93.13
Sewer #17	200.15	-	\$2,942.60	\$2,942.60
Sewer #17-1	200.16	-	\$378.02	\$378.02
Sewer #17-2	200.17	-	\$135.62	\$135.62
Sewer #23	200.19	-	\$3,337.27	\$3,337.27
Water #23	200.21	-	\$191.51	\$191.51
Moody Lighting	200.31	-	\$509.35	\$509.35
Water #15	200.36	-	\$32.44	\$32.44
Total for Abstract		\$48,274.20	\$249,628.30	\$297,902.50

Motion to approve Abstract #2 of Audited Vouchers as presented in the amount of \$297,902.50 was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

2. Approve Budget Transfers:

2014 Final Budget Transfers

	Account	Detail	Decrease	Increase
	14404.01	Engineering CE	\$127.95	
	14304.01	Bookkeeper CE		\$127.95
	19104.01	Insurance	\$1,553.49	

	16204.01	Building CE		\$1,473.38
	16804.01	Data Processing CE		\$80.11
	71404.01	Beach CE	\$498.00	
	71804.01	Golf Course		\$498.00
	14404.01	Engineering CE	\$365.35	
	19104.01	Insurance	\$25.50	
	16204.01	Building CE		\$390.85
	67724.01	Center for the Aging CE	\$155.00	
	16204.01	Building CE		\$155.00
	90408.03	Worker's Comp	\$419.98	
	51424.03	Snow CE		\$419.98
			\$3,145.27	\$3,145.27

2015 Budget Transfers

	Account	Detail	Decrease	Increase
Highway	19904.03	Contingency	\$10,000.00	
	51302.03	Machinery EQ		\$9,500.00
			\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00

Motion to approve budget transfers for 2014 & 2015 as presented was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre
All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

3. Approve Minutes:

Town Clerk provided each board member a drafted copy of minutes dated December 30th 2014 & January 8th 2015 for approval.

Motion to approve minutes as written for meetings dated December 30th 2014 and January 8th 2015 was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilman Quinn
All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0

4. Approve Monthly Reports:

Code Officer

**Monthly Report
January 2015**

0 Building Permits issued in January

0 Demolition Permits

1 Complaint filed

Completed 2 field inspections

January 2015 miles logged 16

My wife and I were in a terrible automobile accident on Monday January 12th and I was unable to work until January 26th.

Margaret and I appreciate the kind wishes for a speedy recovery we received from the board members and Town staff. Thank you very much.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul O'Leary
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Tupper Lake

Youth Activity Director

Recreation Report for 02-12-15

TUPPER LAKE 9 MILER

The organizer of the race has informed me that they need to change the date for the event. The new event, which wishes to utilize the Rod and Gun Club, will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015. I have his paperwork and am just waiting for his certificate of insurance.

LUMBERJACK SCRAMBLE

All set and ready to go. Hoping for a good turnout since we have plenty of snow.

SUMMER STAFF

I plan to begin advertising at the beginning of March.

125TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the town. I thought it might be nice to do something special so please start thinking of any and all ideas. I've reached out to the Woodsmen's Association to see if they'd like to incorporate this milestone in with their event.

STORAGE BARN

Quote for Adirondack Storage Barn

10 x 10 Cottage Style Barn - \$1935 plus \$185 delivery. (delivery is needed because it's an oversize haul requiring permits)

With two 6'8" x 36" metal doors - \$2520 (doors are \$200 a piece; about what I've seen them priced other places).

Without doors - \$2170

EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

I have spoken with a couple people and they would be interested in exploring the idea of creating a dog park. I've been researching a bit and would like to proceed and follow this up with a report. But before I expend any additional time I would like to ask if the board thought this might be a good idea to look into.

TRAIL MAP/BROCHURE

I wanted to acknowledge Owen Littlefield for the fine job he did in creating a new map for the cross country trail system. There are now 13 updated maps at locations throughout the trail network. I would also note that the new dog waste disposal station has been setup so hopefully it will help curb some of the presents left behind. I'm still tweaking with the brochure.

***** Board members all agreed to purchase a banner for town hall for 125th anniversary celebration

*****Also thanked Owen Littlefield for creating new map for cross country trails

*****Also thanked bill and his crew for keeping groomer running for trials

Dog Control Officer

Town of Tupper Lake
Dog Control Report

For the Month of: January

Date: 1-31-15

Complaints Received	2
Complaints Answered	2
Dogs Captured	2
Dogs return to owner	1
Dogs turned over to DCO	2
Dogs transported to Humane Society	0
Dogs Adopted	1
Dogs Euthonized	0
Dogs treated by Vet	0
Dangerous Dog Complaints	0
Tickets issued	0

Mileage 79 DCO Shaheen R Shaheen

Report prepared by Shaheen R Shaheen DCO

Highway Superintendent

Highway Report: January 6th – February 10, 2015

- Weekly dump runs for the Maddox Hall and town hall.
- Picked up snow at the Maddox Hall and the town hall parking lot at the Rod & Gun Club per weather conditions.
- Cleaned all parking lots around the Rod & Gun club and pushed snowbanks back on Lake Simond Road for the Northern Challenge Fishing Derby.
- Replaced the wire whip on the Skandic snowmobile for the cross country groomer.
- The snowmobile groomer has been out grooming the Mt. Matumbula loop trail, the trail going to Piercefield dump and the railroad tracks from Gull Pond Road to the Lead Pond Road.
- Plowed and sanded roads per weather conditions.
- Rinsed trucks off daily after use.
- Picked up snow on Broad Street, Sunset Ave, Racquette River Drive and Logan Lane.
- Pushed snowbanks back on Haymeadow Road.
- Helped the village DPW pick up snow on Park Street, Wawbeek Ave and Main Street for two nights; one loader and one tandem truck.
- I would like to attend Advocacy Day in Albany on March 4th to rally for CHIPS money.

Fuel and gas logs as per other records.

Motion to approve department's monthly reports as submitted was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

5. Committee Reports:

Town Hall fixing sign out front, installing WIFI at town hall

Country Club change in board members, hired Tim Clark as Golf Pro, No signs of any water flooding problems

Tupper Lake Emergency Squad, still waiting for signed agreement from them, money has been budgeted

Emergency service building, Supervisor Littlefield & Councilman Dechene met with Village board members and their attorney and engineer for a update on new emergency service building, they have “disengaged” with original consultant a now have a project manager, so they are moving forward.

Board members would also like to discuss with Village board members about equalizing water & sewer rates.

6. Update on selling Town property:

Town Attorney, Kirk Gagnier researched the selling of Town property. In the case of selling the dam, it would be up to the board to determine if there is a public use. The board would have to undertake an inquiry to determine what if any purpose the property serves.

Board members discuss looking at all town owned property, like the downtown fire hall.

Town board members agreed to hold a public hearing to hear what the public has to say on the selling of the dam, also the possibility of also selling the down town fire hall.

Councilman Dechene made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to invite the people of the community have a say about selling the dam or not , tentatively set hearing date for June 4th 2015 at 7:00 p.m..

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

7. Resolution approving

Town Court’s Annual Report:

RESOLUTION #5 – 2015

RESOLUTION AUDITING TOWN COURT’S RECORDS AS PER REQUEST
FROM STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

WHEREAS; the State of New York Unified Court System has requested the Town Audit the Town of Tupper court’s records annually and,

WHEREAS; at a Town Board Meeting held February 12, 2015 the Town Board reviewed court records for the year 2014 and passed a resolution approving the auditing Justice Leonard F. Young III court’s records to be satisfactory.

Date: February 12, 2015

Motion: Councilman Quinn

Seconded: Councilman Dechene

Absent: Councilman Skiff

Action: Carried 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

Laurie J. Fuller – Town Clerk RMC

TOWN JUSTICE’S ANNUAL REPORT – 2014 FISCAL YEAR

MONTH	AMOUNT	DEPOSIT	CK#
January	\$12,854.33	\$12,854.33	1130
February	\$10,237.00	\$10,237.00	1133
March	\$12,054.00	\$12,054.00	1134
April	\$10,602.00	\$10,602.00	1136

May	\$12,826.00	\$12,826.00	1137
June	\$11,456.00	\$11,456.00	1138
July	\$14,198.00	\$14,198.00	1140
August	\$9,914.00	\$9,914.00	1142
September	\$12,134.00	\$12,134.00	1144
October	\$13,815.00	\$13,815.00	1145
November	\$8,845.00	\$8,845.00	1147
December	\$5,835.00	\$5,835.00	1148

TOTAL \$134,770.33

Leonard F. Young III – Town Justice

- 8. Approve Bookkeeper attend GFOA training**
 Town Clerk & Deputy attend Conference:
 Highway Superintendent attend Advocacy Day

Motion to approve Bookkeeper to attend GFOA training March 26th, 27th 2015 & Town Clerk & Deputy to attend Town Clerks Conference April 26th – 29th 2015 & Highway Superintendent to attend Advocacy Day March 4th 2015 was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre.

Seconded Councilman Dechene
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

- 9. Gradall Bid:**

Highway Superintendent put up for bid on Auctions International a 1989 Koehring 4470 Teleskoop Excavator (Gradall).

Bid was award to the Town of Watson in the amount of \$3,550.00

Motion to accept bid of \$3,550.00 was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Dechene
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

- 10. Quote from Nortrax**

Highway Superintendent, William Dechene presented the board a quote from Nortrax to update the 2010 John Deere 544K wheel loader with a similarly equipped 2015 model at a Trade-In price of \$22,656.24. This price is through NYS OGS contract.

Councilman Quinn made a motion to authorize the trade and purchase of a 2015 John Deere loader as listed at a total cost of \$22,656.24.

Seconded by Councilman Dechene
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

- 11. Executive Session:**

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss pending litigation was made by Councilman Quinn.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre
 All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

Motion to enter out of executive session at 9:02 p.m. with no action taken was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre

Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC