

Town of Tupper Lake Regular Board Meeting

September 10, 2015

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

Recording Secretary: Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk

Press: Rich Rosentreter – Tupper Lake Free Press

Guest: Village Trustee - Rick Donah
 Valerie Nadeau- Resident
 Shirley Lavigne – Heritage Museum
 Dian Connor – Heritage Museum
 Garry Beaudette – TL Snowmobile Club
 Kelly Fleury – TL Snowmobile Club

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

Establish Agenda

Add discussing proposed rates for Littlewolf Campground for next year item 10.5

1. Village Trustee Rick Donah
 Emergency Service Building:

Trustee Donah, Village Fire Commissioner updated board members on the new Emergency Service Building, which will be completed within the next few weeks. Project began in 2011. Each Town Board member was given a financial analysis of all revenues and costs associated with the Emergency Service Building prepared by Village Clerk Mary Casagrain, for review. The Town's projected cost for fire protection is \$204,000.00 for the 2016 budget, 2015 budget was \$129,641.00.

2. Valerie Nadeau:

Valerie thanked board members for signing a contract and budgeting money for the Tri Lakes Human Society in Saranac Lake. She is putting her BFF foundation on the "back burner" for now. She also wanted board members to be aware of the dog in the dog pound; with the 90 degree weather maybe should have water more than once a day. She has the time to help the Dog Control Officer if needed; she presented town board members with an application for employment, but stated she does not want to be paid if considered.

3. Garry Beaudette & Kelly Fleury:
 Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club:

Garry Beaudette and Kelly Fleury from the Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club presented board members with a check for \$1,323.00 for mileage reimbursement for the 2014 grooming of trails. Money will be put towards payment of new groomer town purchased.

4. Dian Connor
 Heritage Museum:

Dian Connor read a letter from the Board of Directors of the Tupper Lake Heritage Museum, asking if it would be possible to get a lease for 2 years for the use of the downtown fire hall for their museum. They are also asking the town board to rethink selling the building at this time.

5. Approve Minutes:

Town Clerk provided each board member a drafted copy of minutes for meetings dated July 9th and July 22nd for approval.

Councilman Dechene made a motion to approve minutes as written for meetings dated July 9th and July 22nd 2015.

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

6. Approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers:

Town of Tupper Lake
Abstract #9 – September 10, 2015

Fund		Prepaid/Debit	Unpaid	Total
General	200.01	\$5,762.16	\$13,982.15	\$19,744.31
General (B)	200.02	-	-	-
Highway	200.03	-	\$6,753.85	\$6,753.85
Highway Outside	200.04	\$5,000.00	\$23,186.38	\$28,186.38
Fire District	200.06	-	-	-
Sewer #5	200.10	\$173.85	\$39.08	\$212.93
Sewer #8-1	200.12	-	\$5,668.88	\$5,668.88
Sewer #8-2	200.13	\$8,164.13	\$15.30	\$8,179.43
Sewer #17	200.15	\$66.60	\$1,593.47	\$1,660.07
Sewer #17-1	200.16	\$9.75	\$122.20	\$131.95
Sewer #17-2	200.17	\$32.32	\$40.57	\$72.89
Sewer #23	200.19	-	\$2,164.06	\$2,164.06
Water #3	200.21	\$115.25	\$1,189.47	\$1,304.72
Water #8-2	200.26	\$4,620.82	-	\$4,620.82
Moody Lighting	20031	\$526.62	\$519.86	\$1,046.48
Water #15	200.36	\$4.69	\$4.46	\$9.15
Total for Abstract		\$24,476.19	\$55,279.73	\$79,755.92

Motion to approve Abstract #9 of Audited Vouchers in the amount of \$79,755.92 was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre.

Seconded by Councilman Quinn
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

7. Approve Town Departments Monthly Reports:

Code Officer

Monthly Report
August 2015

9 Building Permits issued in August

0 Demolition Permit

2 Complaints filed

Completed 17 field inspections

August 2015 miles logged 191

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 September 10, 2015

ZOMBIEWALK

All is set. Hoping for a big turnout.

DANCE

Dance classes start next week. Given the popularity of last year the LPCA has decided to add three more classes.

HALLOWEEN BASH

Early planning stages are in works for this year’s Mischief Night Halloween Dance. The Tupper Lake Youth Council has been doing this dance for the past 6 years as a deterrent to mischief night.

XC SKIING PROGRAM

Registration will begin shortly.

BEACH

I want to thank Jacob Klossner for helping out Labor Day weekend and lifeguarding at the beach. Oddly it was one of the hottest weekends all summer and Jacob came through to help us out

OKTUPPERFEST

I will once again be helping out at the chamber event. I have some fun kid’s games planned and look forward to the event.

AARON MADDOX

I’ve been brainstorming ideas on how to better utilize the hall, especially in the colder months. I think it would be a great place to hold paint classes or perhaps scrapbooking or something. I’ll be reaching out to community members to get their input as I move forward.

Dog Control Officer

Town of Tupper Lake
Dog Control Report

For the Month of: August

Date: 8-31-2015

Complaints Received	4
Complaints Answered	4
Dogs Captured	3
Dogs return to owner	2
Dogs turned over to DCO	3
Dogs transported to Humane Society	0
Dogs Adopted	0
Dogs Euthonized	0
Dogs treated by Vet	0
Dangerous Dog Complaints	1
Tickets issued	2

Mileage 31 DCO Shaheen R Shaheen

Report prepared by Shaheen R Shaheen DCO

Highway Superintendent

Town of Tupper Lake Highway Department
3 Pine Street
Tupper Lake, NY 12986
William Dechene
Highway Superintendent
Garage 359-9241
Cell 524-7086
Home 359-3779

August 11 – Sept 8, 2015

- Hauled bank run sand from the town garage to the Rod & Gun Club for future use on the end of Lake Simond Road.
- Hauled cob-rock from Tahaws mine (Newcomb) to the garage to stockpile for future use.
- Graded Pitchfork Pond Rd and put down approx. 350 tons of crusher run.
- Mowed the town's old landfill.
- Mowed the town hall, Maddox Hall and the parking areas out on Moody, the lower parking lot at the Rod & Gun Club, as well as the train station every other week.
- Hauled 500 tons of crusher run from Saranac Lake Quarries to the town garage for use on Sunset Ave, Broad St and Underwood Rd.
- Put down approx.. 100 tons of crusher run on Setting Pole Dam Rd where we pulled up large stones last month.
- Dug up road in front of Bobby Newman's house on Sunset Ave and backfilled with crusher run to repair a bad dip in the road.
- Ditched and cut shoulders on 1,050' of Dugal Rd.
- Ditched 300' on River Road.
- Installed 20' of 18" culvert for Scott King on Dugal Rd.
- Installed 40' of 36" low profile culvert on Broad St.
- Dug up a 40' x 20' bad spot on Broad St. to get ready for blacktop.
- Cut and chipped brush on Broad St. to make the STOP sign visible.
- Cut and chipped brush on Sunset Ave below Shaheens IGA.
- Kevin & Ryan have been working on Fridays painting the Country Club.
- Started piling firewood in the woodshed at the town garage.

SHARED SERVICES

- Helped the Town of Franklin haul blacktop 2.5 days; one tandem truck with operator Brent Cook.

Fuel and gas logs per other records.

*****Supervisor Littlefield wish to thank Jacob Klossner for helping out lifeguarding during Labor Day weekend.

Motion to approve Town Departments Monthly reports as presented was made by Councilman Skiff

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

8. Committee Reports:

Councilman Quinn reported there is no grant funding available to convert an electric heat system to wood pellets.

Councilman Quinn also reported divers were sent down at Setting Pole Dam to inspect, new hooks were welded on, to replace nylon straps. Brookfield power is asking concurrence from the town to try raising gates, higher than the 48 inches.

*****Councilman Quinn made motion to authorize Brookfield Power to test raise gates at Setting Pole Dam higher than 4 feet with the understanding there may be issues if problems town will have to address.

Seconded by Councilman Skiff

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Councilman Quinn reported Hearthealthy Network may have grant money available for Cross Country signs up at golf course.

Councilman Quinn suggested possibly looking at getting grant money or something to replace one snowmobile for grooming cross country trials.

Councilman Dechene reported the Golf season coming to an end. Received some phone calls about Golf Course being sold, article in paper, would like press and everyone to know the Golf Course is not for sale, this is article is untrue.

Councilwoman Lefebvre reported in front of Maddox Hall building, there is old boards and insulation that should be picked up, and the bathrooms in back need to be repaired.

Councilwoman Lefebvre reported caretaker Paul Besaw at Littlewolf campground is taking sand from sand sculpture and putting in tent area, campground is open until end of month.

9. Renovation to Roofs at Adult Center & Highway Garage:

Bids for renovations to the Adult Center & Highway Garage roofs were TABLED at last board meeting.

As per The Association of Towns bids can be rejected in the best interest of fiscal reasonability and re-advertise in hopes of getting lower bids for both jobs.

Councilman Quinn made motion to reject bids previously received and TABLED at last board meeting for both Adult Center and Highway Roof jobs and re-advertises with a completion date of August 31st 2016 and bid opening date of December 8th 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councilman Dechene
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

10. Approve payment for Appraisal on Downtown Fire hall:

Rick Ley from Advanced Appraisals, LLC has offered to contract with the town to complete appraisal for the downtown fire hall on Pine Street for a fee of \$1,000.00 dollars.

Motion to approve payment of \$1,000.00 dollars to Advanced Appraisals for appraisal on the Downtown Fire hall on Pine Street was made by Councilman Dechene.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre
All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

11. Approve Snow & Ice Contract with County:

RESOLUTION #29 – 2015

SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County, New York passed a resolution at a Regular Town Board Meeting held September 10, 2015 authorizing the Town Superintendent of Highways William Dechene to enter into such agreement of removal of snow and sanding of County Highways within said Town of Tupper Lake.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is mutually, agreed the Town of Tupper Lake has the following miles of County highways within the said Town for which it shall be paid the following amounts for the year:

2015 – 2016	
CR 44 & 49	2.23 miles @ \$5,295
	Total \$11,807.85
2016-2017	
CR 44 & 49	2.23 miles @ \$5,374
	Total \$11,984.02

Motion: Councilman Dechene

Seconded: Councilwoman Lefebvre

Action: Carried 5/0 Vote Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Date: September 10, 2015

Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC

12. Approve resolution for financing New Highway Plow Truck:

Motion to approve financing lease purchase agreement with MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SERVICES USA LLC for new 2016 Highway Plow Truck was made by Councilman Skiff.

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

13. Approve Letter of Support for Village CDBG:

September 11, 2015

Commissioner James S. Rubin
Office of Homes and Community Renewal
Hampton Plaza
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner Rubin:

On behalf of the Town of Tupper Lake, Please accept our strong support for the Village of Tupper Lake's NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal.

Housing rehabilitation funding for property owners in the Village's Main Street Junction neighborhood will assist home owners who do not have the resources necessary to make essential home repairs. The need for housing rehabilitation in Tupper Lake is apparent to anyone who drives through the community and is fully documented in the Tri Lakes Housing Needs Assessment, completed in 2010.

This project will also support ongoing public and private efforts to enhance curb appeal, a key goal of the recently completed Tupper Lake Tourism Destination Handbook. HCR's support of Tupper Lake's request will make the community a more attractive location for tourist visitation and for business investment, assisting Tupper Lake in more fully capitalizing on the thousands of yearly visitors to The Wild Center and its new Wild Walk and leveraging the success of the Adirondack Club and Resort, identified as Vital Action and Ongoing Priority in North Country Regional Economic Development Council plans.

Since this project advances the Vision and the Strategies of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council Strategic Plan by improving a key regional tourism destination and implementing local community revitalization plans, I hope that you will give Tupper Lake's application every consideration.

Sincerely,
TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE

Patricia S. Littlefield
Town Supervisor

Motion to approve letter of support for Village's Community Development Block Grant was made by Councilman Skiff.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lefebvre

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

14. Discuss raising rates at Littlewolf Campground:

Caretaker Paul Besaw has suggested raising the rates at the campground, would like to do away with monthly rate and raise weekly rates. Board members agreed would like an idea to give campers next year's rates before they leave.

15. Public Comment:

Cierra Thompson was a guest from the Tupper Lake High School, Mrs. Sexton Class, as part of her government class. Supervisor Littlefield sign her attendance sheet.

16. Executive Session:

Motion to enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre.

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Motion to enter out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. with no action taken was made by Councilman Dechene

Seconded by Councilman Skiff

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

17. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Lefebvre

Seconded by Councilman Skiff

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Lefebvre, Skiff

Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC