Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, May 16, 2018	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Public Hearing & Regular Monthly	5:45-7:16 PM

At the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Clint Hollingsworth, Ronald LaScala and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, residents Lynda Hoyt and Jan Yaworski and New Reporter Dan McClelland.

Call Public Hearing To Order – Local Law #1-2018, Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations in Tupper Lake

Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 pm for the purpose of hearing the public's comments concerning the proposed adoption of a local law entitled Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations in Tupper Lake.

Lynda Hoyt

Resident Ms. Lynda Hoyt stated she did not want Cryptocurrency Mining Operations allowed at this time. She stated she didn't want her electric bills during the winter months to increase nor did any other resident she has spoken to about the issue.

Dan McClelland

New Reporter Mr. Dan McClelland asked if other electric systems in the area like Massena were handling this issue.

Marc Staves

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised that we are a full requirement customer of NYPA's and Massena is only a partial requirement customer of NYPA's. Massena is governed under the Public Service Commission and have a little different set of policies and procedures to follow.

Mayor Maroun

Mayor Maroun explained that other are or will be imposing similar moratoriums, for example, Champlain, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh to mention a few.

Dan McClelland

New Reporter Mr. Dan McClelland asked why limit the use of power?

Marc Staves

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves stated that the cryptocurrency servers use a lot of power and during the winter months would exhaust our cheap hydro power allotment and cause the community as a whole to dip into incremental power more frequently which would cost us more in the end.

Close Public Hearing At 6:00 pm

Mayor Maroun closed the public hearing at 6:00 pm after comments were received.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Clint Hollingsworth, Ronald LaScala and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Royce Cole, Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Rolley, Raquette River Brewery Owner Joseph Hockey, Little League Organizers Daniel Brown Korey Kenniston, and James Dukett, Resident Jan Yaworski, and News Reporters Ian Roantree and Dan McClelland.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Colin Gillis.

Little League Field Update

Mr. Daniel Brown, Cory Kenniston and James Dukett gave a brief update on the progress with the Little League Field of Dreams project.

Mr. Brown explained that they have raised enough money at this point to break ground on the future little league field and they have hired Kentile's Contracting and Excavating, Inc. who will be starting June 4th, 2018. He explained that once they reached the $40,000 threshold they agreed they could start the project.

Mr. Brown asked if the Village's DPW could offer their dump trucks for the first three days, he explained that he has already gotten commitment from the Town of Tupper Lake. In addition they may need sand as fill and they are actively fund raising with a $5.00 raffle to continue additional capital improvements.

The project will necessitate the movement and or relocation of three utility poles and he expects to meet with representatives of the Municipal Electric and the Police Department on Friday to discuss it further.

It was suggested by Electric Superintendent Marc Staves that they may want to use the volleyball access road instead of the skate park area which may be the easiest and cleanest way to work with the field.

Mayor Maroun explained that he has spoken to the family of the late Matthew Wilson and they are supportive of the relocation of the skate park and a former classmate of Matthew's has volunteered to donate a new sign in memory of him.

Tupper Lake Lions Club Band Shell Checks Presented

Mayor Maroun was presented with two checks from Tupper Lake Lions Club Member Mr. Dan McClelland totaling $37,427.00 for their efforts in fund raising for the Flander's Park Band Shell project. Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally accept the donations totaling $37,427.00 from the Tupper Lake Lions Club. (Carried 5-0)

ZBA Member Appointed Rene "Billy" Breton

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Mr. Rene "Billy" Breton to the Zoning Board of Appeals Board for the Village of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Set Public Hearings	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to set two public hearings for June 11, 2018 for 9:00 & 9:15 am to hear the public's comments on rescinding Local Law #1-2011 to remove Annexation Required For Water and/or Sewer Services and to modify Chapter 48 of the Vehicle and Traffic law to add another handicapped parking space at 53 Lake Street. (Carried 5-0)
Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution For Elected & Appointed Officials RS 2417-A	Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials RS 2417-A as a 6 hour minimum day and an 8 hour maximum day with 10 days of activity per month for the Mayor and 5 days of activity per month for a Trustee. (Carried 5-0)
Oppose Assembly Bill A10428	Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala opposing Assembly Bill A10428 prohibiting marksmanship programs in New York State public schools. (Carried 5-0)
Board Minutes Approved	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the board minutes from April 18, and 25, 2018 and May 1, 2018 respectively. (Carried 5-0)
NYS HOME Thank You	Mayor Maroun acknowledged that we received a thank you from Ms. Alice Smith of Washington Street for the work completed on her home from the Village's HOME Grant.
Community Development MOU Clinton County	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Tupper Lake and Clinton County for implementation of C1000931 Grant as presented. (Carried 5-0)
Code Enforcement: Accept April Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee LaScala seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the April 2018 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)
Zombie Grant Update	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that the Zombie Grant monies will be flowing soon from New York State.
AEDA Engineering Consulting Services	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize mayor Maroun to execute an agreement between the Village of Tupper Lake and AEDA for engineering consult9ing services related to the demolition and removal of 16 McFarland Avenue as proposed not to exceed $3,600.00. (Carried 5-0)
Vendor's Permit Keystone Novelties LLC	Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to authorize an application for a vendor's permit for Keystone Novelties, LLC, Keystone Fireworks for a period of June 22, 2018 through July 5, 2018. (Carried 5-0)
Vendor's Permit The Market Place	Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to temporarily approve a vendor's permit for The Market Place for their location on Balsam Street adjacent to the Raquette River Brewery as discussions continue over the abandonment of Balsam Street. (Carried 5-0)

Vendor's Permit Fusion Street	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to temporarily approve a vendor's permit for Fusion Market for their location on Balsam Street adjacent to the Raquette River Brewery as discussions continue over the abandonment of Balsam Street. (Carried 5-0)
Police: LED Message Sign Discussion	Police Chief Eric Proulx asked if they could proceed with bidding out for a new LED Message Sign for the Police & Fire Building. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to bid for a new LED Message Sign with bid opening June 13, 2018. (Carried 5-0)
Accept April Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the April 2018 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)
Ford F150 Vehicle Update	Police Chief Eric Proulx advised the board that the plant where the vehicle's parts come from sustained a significant fire and the vehicle is at a stand still and delivery will be delayed.
Bike Rodeo Donation	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept donations from Belleville and Associates and Community Bank, NA in the amount of $250.00 respectively, a grant from Adirondack Foundation from the Generous Acts Fund and Weatherup Fund in the amount of $2,500.00 each for the June 9th Bike Rodeo Event. (Carried 5-0)
Wesley A. Hoyt Resignation	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the resignation of Wesley A. Hoyt as a part-time officer and thanked him for coming to the need of the Village Police Department following Officer Matthew Dana's death. (Carried 5-0)
2nd Annual "JD" Golf Benefit	Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that the 2nd Annual "JD" Benefit Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 2nd, 2018.
Police Thank You	Mayor Maroun took the time to thank the Village Police Department for their assistance during the recent scare with a former resident of Sunmount. Police Chief Eric Proulx thanked all the agencies involved for their assistance and a special thanks to Sergeant Geoffrey Carmichael for all the work and coordination he completed the evening before.
Fire: Accept April Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the April 2018 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0) Mayor Maroun thanked the Fire Department for their assistance during the big storm and the sand bagging assistance to property owners during the recent storm. He also thanked the Electric and DPW Departments and the Town of Tupper Lake.
Santa Clara Substation Update	Fire Chief Royce Cole advised the board that the truck is all set and delivered to Santa Clara and they are providing hands on training as we speak until mid June. He also advised that the boat should be out and training will be conducted in the coming weeks.

W/WW:

NC Contractors Change Order

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute Change Order No. 1-4 for North Country Contractors in the amount of $380,710.00 for our Water System Improvements to Contract #1 for our Water Distribution System as proposed to add Mitchell Lane Transmission Main. (Carried 5-0)

Award Pipes, Valves & Fittings Bid

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to award to the May 11, 2018 low bidder for the Pipes, Valves & Fittings bid to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of $9,220.88 for water fittings and $10.571.44 for sewer fittings respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that the Haymeadow Drive 12" tie in should take about 1-1 ½ weeks to complete. The leak on Demars Blvd by the OWD/Dish Street should be addressed later this week and the Country Club water line has been repaired.

Seasonal Labor Hired

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to re-hire Mr. Benjamin Casagrain as a seasonal laborer again this summer for the Water/Wastewater Department at $10.25 an hour. (Carried 5-0)

DPW:

Miscellaneous Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that he has one week of sweeping left, Amell Lane will be prepped in the coming weeks along with the other 7-8 streets that will be resurfaced and sidewalks.

Electric:

Approve Local Law #1-2018 Moratorium Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally approve Local Law #1-2018 titled Moratorium on Commercial Cryptocurrency Mining Operations in Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Thank-You Received

Mayor Maroun acknowledged receipt of a thank you letter from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Arsenault to the Electric Department's swift assistance during a recent wind storm.

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves stated he was proud of his crew, they shined well during event and were dedicated for the three days following the recent wind event.

Retirement Mark Dupuis 7/28/18

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept a letter of retirement from Mr. Mark Dupuis, Chief Line Worker effective July 28, 2018. (Carried 5-0)

Electric Balance Write Off

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally approve the write-off for a deceased customer's electric balance in the amount of $232.32. (Carried 5-0)

MEUA Northern Regional Meeting

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to authorize attendance by members of the Village of Tupper Lake at the MEUA Northern Regional meeting in Lake Placid June 14, 2018. (Carried 5-0)

Band Shell Project Lighting	Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised the board that the rest of the lighting should be here soon for installation in the band shell project and the conduits have been installed.
Treasurer: Approve Warrant	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the May 16, 2018 warrant in the amount of $246,169.30 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of April 2018. (Carried 5-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for April 30, 2018.
NYS Comptroller Visit Tax Cap Review	It was noted that a representative from the NYS Comptroller Office visited to complete a Tax Cap Review and a compliance letter should be forthcoming.
Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to enter Executive Session at 6:50 pm to discuss the medial, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. (Carried 5-0)
VFD Election Results Approved	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to accept the Volunteer Fire Department Election Results except Lieutenant #1 Joshua Clement and Lieutenant #2 Joseph Cormier until they have completed their required training. (Carried 5-0)
Seasonal Laborer Park	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mr. Thomas Proulx and Mr. William Mozdzier as a seasonal laborers in the park. (Carried 5-0)
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to exit Executive Session at 7:15 pm. (Carried 5-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourn at 7:16 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer