Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	June 17, 2020	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Regular Monthly	6:00-7:46 PM

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

Trustee Clint Hollingsworth was absent from the Regular Meeting.

Also available via FreeConferenceCall.com were Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Water/Wastewater Department Superintendent Mark Robillard, Fire Chief Royce Cole, Resident Jan Yaworski and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Cerbone. In person were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, future Eagle Scout Brayden Flagg and resident Emily Sipler.

Call Monthly Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Monthly Meeting to order and established the agenda.

Pledge & Moment Of Silence

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

Moment of silence for the recent death of local businessman David Tomberlin.

Open Comment Period:

Peter Edwards Boy Scout Eagle Scout Projects

Boy Scout Master Peter Edwards addresses the board to give a brief update on the progress of future Eagle Scout Jayce Clement and his progress on restoration of the ball park dug outs. The final painting will be completed soon.

Gazebo Roofing & Painting

Boy Scout Master Peter Edwards asked the board for permission to sponsor another Boy Scout for another project in the municipal park, roof replacement of the gazebo and painting.

Mr. Brayden Flagg advised the board that he would like to assist the park workers in completing the replacement of the roofing on the damaged gazebo and also stain the structure once the roof has been replaced.

Trustee LeBlanc advised that the Marine Core League can help fund some of the costs associated with the necessary work as well.

Motion to authorize the additional Eagle Scout gazebo project was made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala. (Carried 4-0)

Code Enforcement: Accept May Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the May 2020 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)

Electric: NYPA Financial Review	Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie reported that NYPA completed a financial review of our Fiscal Year End May 31, 2020 for our Municipal Electric Department and reported that we are on a good path and happy with our yearend results despite the warm winter.
Misc. Updates	Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie reported that his crews are working on switching out some poles along Racquette River Drive and they are all happy to back at work.
Electric Garage Project Update	Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie reported that the electric garage construction is on schedule and we are looking at substantial completion the third week of July. We expect the garage to be turned over to us the first week of August.
	Motion to accept the Electric Department Monthly Report was made by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun. (Carried 4-0)
Adirondack Park Local Government APA Cell Tower Policy & Invasive Species Transport Law	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve the resolutions as proposed from the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board supporting proposed laws for the placement of additional APA Cell Towers in the park and Invasive Species Transport laws as proposed. (Carried 4-0)
Board Minutes Approved	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the board minutes from May 20, 2020, May 28, 2020 and June 8, 2020 respectively. (Carried 4-0)
Police: Accept May Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the May 2020 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)
Thank You for Protest Assistance	Trustee LaScala thanked the Police Department for their assistance in managing the recent protest held at the park and for coordinating with other law enforcement agencies.
	Mayor Maroun advised that the Governor has asked each community to revisit their standing orders and policy review to ensure our policies are meeting the Governor's expectations and modify accordingly.
	Police Chief Proulx advised that the department's body cameras have been used since 2015 and they have prevented baseless lawsuits, and the new officers have been issued them as well.
Fire: Accept May Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the May 2020 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)
DPW: Misc. Updates McCarthy Street/ Prospect Street	Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that his department have completed some pipe work on McCarthy Street, work in the outfield, and in the next few

weeks they will be moving to Prospect Street. There will be approximately 1600' of Sewer, drainage, sidewalks and road work completed on the street in coordination with the Sewer Department.

Black Topping

The 3rd and 4th week of August we plan to complete our annual black topping.

New Sander Delivery

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that our new sand truck will be here on Friday, June 19th. The Village Mechanic will then work on putting the sanding unit on the back of the cab and chassis.

Park Improvements

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that some of the bleacher pillars were removed to prepare the area for spectators with lawn chairs, the other half will have a viewing deck built.

The summer crew at the park will be staining the park playground equipment in the coming weeks and then on to the gazebo roof and bathroom roofing on Washington Street.

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the Department of Public Works Report as presented. (Carried 4-0)

W/WW:
Miscellaneous
Water Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that his department recently replaced a hydrant on McLaughlin Avenue hill and also repaired a leak on McFarland Avenue last week. In recent days they also identified a leak in the Pine Grove Trailer Park from State Route 3 that will be repaired and upgraded from Mitchell Lane in the coming week in coordination with Tim Larkin for the Pine Grove Trailer Park owners. In addition, center field faucet will be changed this week for watering purposes.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Robillard advised that the work on installation of rough road on Glenwood Avenue is on hold until we receive clearance from the APA for the time being.

Equipment Repair

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that the boom vacuum on the Vac-Con will also be repaired in the next few days.

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the Water/Wastewater Department Report as presented. (Carried 4-0)

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the June 17, 2020 warrant in the amount of $820,307.25 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of May 2020. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for May 31, 2020.

Water Quality
Discussion

News Reporter Dan McClelland asked when might the recent dirty water events cease.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard explained that we had event with a hydrant that caused the recent dirty water but that our iron issue we are working on closely with our regulator the NYS DOH and expect to have a solution soon.

Fire Chief Face Book Posting

News Reporter Aaron Cerbone asked what the board felt about a recent posting by our Fire Chief Royce Cole on Face Book pertaining to the recent protests across the country.

The Board stated they had no comments at this time.

Into Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to enter Executive Session at 6:31 pm for the purpose to discuss the medical, 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. Also to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property. (Carried 4-0)

Heavy Equipment Operator Hire Andrew LaMere

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally appoint Mr. Andrew LaMere to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator effective July 6, 2020. (Carried 4-0)

Mary Ellen Chamberlain Property Inquiry

The board briefly reviewed a proposal from Ms. Mary Ellen Chamberlain asking to purchase a portion of vacant property across from her home on Water Street. The board stated they would consider the proposal once we have the property appraised, they would revisit it next month.

Exit Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 7:45 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourn at 7:46 pm. (Carried 4-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer