Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: August 19, 2020
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-6:34 PM

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

Absent from the Monthly Regular Meeting was Trustee David Maroun.

Also available via FreeConferenceCall.com were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dan McClelland, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Royce Cole, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Residents Kelly and Reese Fleury, Gary Beaudette, Scott Gravlin, Jan Yaworski, and In person were News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Cerbone and Board of Elections Representative Ms. Tracy Sparks..

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.

Open Comment Period:
Gary Beaudette & Reese Fleury

Mr. Gary Beaudette and Mr. Reese Fleury were present to ask the board's permission to sell the 1978 Tucker Sno-Cat Groomer to use towards the replacement of a new groomer in anticipation of the rails being pulled up in the coming year under the governor's travel corridor between Tupper Lake and Lake Placid.

The Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club, Inc. asked for the board's permission to sell it out right or be able to trade it towards a new groomer.

It was noted that the Town of Tupper Lake have offered $5,000 if the Village matched it.

After debate it was decided by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to post the vehicle out to bid with a bid due date of September 14, 2020 and we would revisit it at our next monthly meeting. (Carried 4-0)

Scott Gravlin
Bands Backing the Blue Concert Proposal

Mr. Scott Gravlin was present to ask the board for permission to host a drive-in style music concert titled "Banks Backing the Blue" to raise fund to support the local police department. After little debate Mayor Maroun advised he would have to send it down to the governor's command room for approval. Once we get word from them we would proceed with planning with the board and local police department.

Census 2020 Campaign	Mayor Maroun briefly outlined the importance of our community participating in the 2020 Federal Census and how data collected determines funding for the area and grant opportunities for the area. He stressed the community members please complete the necessary on-line information.
Food Bank Distribution	Mayor Maroun thanked Trustee Ronald LaScala for organizing the first ever food bank event here in Tupper Lake this past Saturday. It was noted by Trustee LaScala special thanks to Assemblyman Billy Jones for his support and Village of Malone Mayor Andrea Dumas, Glacier Foods, Superintendent of Schools Russ Bartlett, Village Workers, Keepers of the Diamond volunteers, and Village Board Members etc.
Board of Elections Representative Ms. Tracy Sparks	Ms. Tracy Sparks a Franklin County Board of Elections Representative gave the board and newspapers a broad overview of the difficulties with this year's election in light of demands on a small county board of elections. She highlighted voting registrations and opportunities that are going to be available in the coming months for residents to encourage their participation in our elections especially since it is a presidential election year.
Short EAF SEQR Determination Municipal Park Improvements	The Village Board reviewed and discussed the Short EAF SEQR form as presented for improvements to our Municipal Park and deem the improvements will have no negative effect upon the property. After careful review it was so moved by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally make the determination that based upon a completed Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) SEQR application the Village of Tupper Lake negatively declares that the Municipal Park Improvements project is listed as an "unlisted action" and will have no negative impact on the environment. (Carried 4-0)
ROOST Destination Marketing & Planning Contract	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to sign the ROOST Destination Marketing and Planning Contract for a three year period beginning June 1, 2020 as presented between the Village and Town of Tupper Lake and The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST). (Carried 4-0)
MOU Town of Dannemora	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 the Town of Dannemora for Community Development Assistance as presented. (Carried 4-0)
Gerald Savage Reappointment TL Housing Authority Board	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally re-appoint Mr. Gerald Savage to the Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term to expire 8/8/2025. (Carried 4-0)

Board Minutes Approved	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the board minutes from July 15, 2020. (Carried 4-0)
Code Enforcement: Accept July Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee LaScala seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the July 2020 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)
Eagle Scout Project Continued	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards asked the board for permission to expand Eagle Scout Candidate Mr. Brayden Flagg's scoop of work to include repainting he Gazebo benches and tables. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth. (Carried 4-0)
ZBA Projects MSG Board & Fence Variance	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that tomorrow the Zoning Board of Appeals board have hearings on a variance for the Town of Tupper Lake for a lighted message board and a fence variance for a Wawbeek Avenue resident.
Police: Accept July Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the July 2020 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)
Public Hearing for Martin Street Parking Restrictions Set	It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to set a public hearing for the purpose of restricting parking on the south side of Martin Street and to set the hearing for September 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm. (Carried 4-0)
Fire: Accept July Monthly Report	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the July 2020 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)
FD Election Results Tabled	Trustee LaScala asked that the Fire Department Election Results be tabled until further notice, Mayor Maroun approved.
Thank-You Stranded Boater	Mayor Maroun commended the department for their assistance in finding a stranded boater who had a disabled boat after dark earlier in the week.
DPW: Prospect Street Progress	Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that they have completed the drainage for Prospect Avenue and expect to complete the sidewalks later this week. And it should be ready for black topping the week of September 21, 2020.
Park Summer Crew Thank You	Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace took a moment to send a special thanks to the park summer crew, Mr. Paul Moeller, Mr. Russell Karrick and Mr. Peter Dukett for the great job completing the remaining roofs at the Municipal Park Gazebo and Washington Street restrooms.
Miscellaneous Updates	Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that hid drivers will be hauling blacktop for the Town of Tupper Lake next week August 20th and 21st, 2020 and the will help us the third week of September.

W/WW:
Sewer Capital
Improvements Project
Delayed

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that North Country Contractors were delayed in starting because of manholes and they expect to start the end of August, 2020.

Change Order
Approval NCC

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally approve WWTP & Collection System Improvements Change Order No. 1-1 for North Country Contractors, LLC for a net reduction of $7.500 as presented. (Carried 4-0)

Miscellaneous
Water Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that his department have a full-time crew assigned to the VEPO Metering for the installation of water meters to locate, turn on and off etc.

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

Electric:
2020 MEUA Annual
Conference

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally authorize Michael Dominie to be our voting delegate for the virtual MEUA Annual Conference on September 17, 2020 as follows:

DELEGATE RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala,

WHEREAS, the Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on Sept 17, 2020 to be held via virtual meeting and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michael Dominie, Electric Superintendent for the Village of Tupper Lake Municipal Electric Department be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York.

On roll call: Affirmative: 4 Negative: 0

I certify that the Board of Trustees of the Village adopted this resolution Tupper Lake, New York on the 16th day of August 2020.

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer

(Carried 4-0)

Write Off
Deceased Customer

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally authorize the write off of a deceased customer's account balance in the amount of $102.54. (Carried 4-0)

LaFayette Street Improvements	Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board that his crews have resumed completing improvements on LaFayette Street and LED Street Light installations will complete up to NAPA.
Skate Park Lighting	Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised that the skate park lights are being installed.
Thank You Veteran's Signs	Trustee LeBlanc took a moment to thank the Electric Department for cooperating with the VFW in completing the Veteran's Flag installations throughout the Village. They look very nice.
Thank You Sidewalk Installs	Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace thanked the Electric Department for their assistance in pouring the sidewalks on Prospect Street. Superintendent Degrace stated he couldn't have done them without their help.
Treasurer: Approve Warrant	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the August 19, 2020 warrant in the amount of $772,999.53 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of July 2020. (Carried 4-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for July 31, 2020.
BST Visit	It was noted that BST our auditors are to visit Monday August 24-26, 2020 to complete our NYS Comptroller's AUD and NYPA Report for Fiscal Year-End May 31, 2020.
Board of Elections Discussion – Residency Requirements	Trustee LaScala discussed his frustrations with the Franklin County Board of Elections handling of residency requirements for village elections and candidates.
Adjournment	Mayor Maroun adjourned the meeting at 7:05 after discussion got heated.

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer