

**Village of Tupper Lake**  
**Board of Trustees**  
Minutes

Date: Monday, August 18, 2025  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Regular Meeting 6:00-6:20 PM

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Mary Fontana, Trustees Eric Shaheen, Rick Pickering, Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun and Village Clerk, Kathy Savage.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Mike Dominie, W/WW Superintendent Mark Robillard, DPW Superintendent Bob DeGrace. News reporter Dan McClelland via ZOOM.

Call Meeting to Order  
Mayor Fontana called regular meeting to order @ 6:00 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Colin Gillis.

Approve Amendment To Intermunicipal Contract w/TLCSD  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Pickering, authorizing Mayor Fontana to sign amended Intermunicipal Contract with TL Central School District to include gasoline in addition to diesel. (Carried 5-0)

Approve Minutes  
Motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to approve minutes from July 21, 2025, Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting. (Carried 5-0)

Treasurer:  
Approve Warrant  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the August 18, 2025, warrant in the amount of \$556,693.15 for payment of the bills, and abstracts for the month of July 2025. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash Position  
Review monthly cash position for July 31, 2025.

Approve Budget Transfers  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Pickering to approve end-of-year budget transfers for water and sewer departments. (Carried 5-0) Water \$183,936.47  
Sewer \$122,510.95

Approve Annual Financial Report  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Pickering to approve Annual Financial Report for FY 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2025. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:  
Approve July Monthly Report  
Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to approve the July 2025 monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Police:  
Approve July Monthly Report  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to approve the July 2025 monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

DPW:  
Per recommendation by DPW Superintendent Bob DeGrace, motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to hire Robert Strader as PT Laborer/Garbage collector. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous  
Updates

DPW Superintendent Bob DeGrace advised his crew has been busy replacing sidewalks along Demars Blvd., and grinding & patching on the side streets.

Water/WW:

Water/WW Superintendent Mark Robillard provided an update on Pitchfork Pond Wells Pilot testing. Recent pilot test on Pitchfork Well #2 was effective, reducing Iron content from 7.0 mg/L to between .03-.05 mg/L and Manganese from 0.6 mg/L to .020 mg/L. The clarity results from the samples taken from raw water to the treated water from the existing filtration system to the water treated with Greensand were significant. Pilot testing for Pitchfork Well #1 will be done around Labor Day.

W/WW Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that hydrants and uptown and downtown water tanks have been cleaned.

Approve July  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve July 2025 monthly W/WW report. (Carried 5-0)

Electric: Accept  
NYPA Report

Motion by Trustee Shaheen, seconded by Trustee Maroun to accept the Municipal Electric Department's NY Power Authority (NYPA) report for fiscal year-end May 31, 2025, as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous  
Updates

Electric Superintendent Mike Dominic advised that Northline Utility will be returning on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to perform routine substation maintenance.

Controllers are still on order for the 2 switch gears located Lake Simond Rd and Country Club Rd.

With approval from Trustee Shaheen, Electric Superintendent Mike Dominic advised that he has ordered a new 3/4 ton pickup to replace one of the older deteriorating pickups. When Trustee LeBlanc asked about the cost of the new pickup, Superintendent Mike Dominic replied a little over \$46,000 through State Contract.

When asked about electric rates, Superintendent Mike Dominic advised that National Grid rates are up, but not sure if their rate increase will affect the transmission rate for the Village. Transmission rates have gone up anyway, without approval, with rates being significantly higher than they were a year and a half ago.

Approve July  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee Shaheen, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve July monthly Electric report. (Carried 5-0)

DPW -Accept  
Resignation

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to accept Artie Spark's resignation as part-time DPW Laborer effective May 20, 2025. (Carried 5-0)

Enter Executive  
Session:

Motion made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to enter Executive Session @ 6:15 PM for the purpose of discussing 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, resignation, or removal of a particular person or corporation. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive  
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit  
Executive Session at 6:17 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Retainer Agreement

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun,  
authorizing Mayor Fontana to sign retainer agreement with  
Fischer, Bessette, Muldowney and McArdle, LLP for legal  
services regarding 36 Main Street property. (Carried 5-0).

Adjourn:

Motion made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to  
adjourn meeting 6:20 PM. (Carried 5-0)



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Kathy Savage, Village Clerk