

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

Date: January 19, 2022
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-6:40 PM

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

Trustee Ronald LaScala was absent from the meeting.

Also present were W/WW Superintendent Mark Robillard, First Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Rolley, High School Student James Savage, Amelia and Maia Polzella, Grant Godin, Emma Robillard, Mercedes Charland, Camile Cuttaia, parent Danielle Cuttaia, special guests Chamber of Commerce President Jocelyn Law and Tiffany and Eddie Gonzalez, News reporter Dan McClelland, via ZOOM were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic, Department of Public Works Robert Degrace, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Resident Jan Yaworski and News Reporter Aaron Carbone.

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.

Public Comment:

Dan McClelland Comments

Village Crews

News Reporter Dan McClelland commended the Village Crews for their due diligence in removing the snow banks following the recent snow storm.

Welcome New

Chamber of Commerce

President

Ms. Jocelyn Law was present to introduce her self and ask the Village for assistance with her organization of a Farmer's Market during the summer months at the Municipal Park.

Eddie Gonzalez

2nd Year of Empire

League

Mayor Maroun advised he would follow-up with our Village Attorney Nathan Race, generally the Chamber or another entity would sponsor the event and Village would provide the location.

Mr. Eddie Gonzalez was present to announce the Empire League is in the planning phase for year two for Tupper Lake. He announced that they are excited to move operations forward to prosper with the Adirondack League for another year and can't wait for the summer months to be here.

Resignation Thomas

Arsenault

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally accept the resignation of Mr. Thomas Arsenault from the Tupper Lake Housing Authority effective January 5, 2022. (Carried 4-0)

Appoint Margaret

Ermenwein

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mrs. Margaret Ermenwein to fill the remaining term for Mr. Thomas Arsenault to expire 8/8/2023. (Carried 4-0)

Re-appoint Leonard Young Acting Village Justice

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to re-appoint Mr. Leonard Young to the position of Acting Village Justice effective January 7, 2022 following his recent retirement. (Carried 4-0)

Board Minutes Approved

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the board minutes from December 15, 2021. (Carried 4-0)

Grants: Archives Grant Update

It was noted that our Records Inventory Project has been completed with the exception of the shredding which should be started and completed in the coming weeks. Mayor Maroun thanked our consultants for all their efforts and expertise.

MOU Village of Malone

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Malone for NYS DOS Grant C1001353 and resolution as proposed. (Carried 4-0)

Code Enforcement: Accept December Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the December 2021 Monthly Code Report as presented. (Carried 4-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards took a moment to update the board that his year end report will be completed in the coming days and he will be working closely with applicants of the DRI to advance their projects for submission to Department of State in the coming months.

Police: Accept December Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the December 2021 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)

Fire: Accept December Monthly Report Appoint Shea Arsenault Jr. Fire Fighter to RAM Program

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the December 2021 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to appoint Ms. Shea Arsenault to the Jr. Fire Fighter RAM Program, she will be our second member of the program. (Carried 4-0)

Snow Reminder

1st Assistant Fire Chief Rolley took a moment to send a reminded the public to make sure to clear snow from their pellet stove and gas stove vents to prevent CO2 events.

DPW: Change Order TJ Fiacco

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve change order #2 for the Flanders Park Shoreline Walk Extension and Mill Street Entrance project for TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC to delete the materials and labor associated with the three (3) red maple trees along the walkway. (Carried 4-0)

Snow Removal Thank You

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace took a moment to thank the Town of Tupper Lake for lending their loader and dump truck for snow removal and the Water/Wastewater employees that offering their time.

Miscellaneous
Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised they have been picking up snow as needed. In addition, the skating rink is open daily from noon to 8:00 pm weather permitting

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

W/WW:
Budget Transfer
M.A. Bonjiovanni
Substantial Completion
East Clarifier #1
Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize a sewer budget transfer in the amount of \$6,000 from

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a certificate of substantial completion for M.A. Bonjiovanni for Contract #2 - WWTP and PS #3 Mechanical for the Primary East Clarifier #1 (40' diameter). (Carried 4-0)

M.A. Bonjiovanni
Partial Substantial
Completion West
Clarifier #2
Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a certificate of partial substantial completion for M.A. Bonjiovanni for Contract #2 - WWTP and PS #3 Mechanical for the Primary West Clarifier #2 (40' diameter) and Secondary West Clarifier #2 (68' diameter). (Carried 4-0)

Miscellaneous
Updates
Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that the department is working on updating mapping during the colder weather and he expects to have updated quotes for iron filtration processes at the two water treatment facilities as well as cost comparisons for review next month.

Electric:
Miscellaneous
Updates
Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic advised the board that department employees are working on adding additional LED street lights and automatic meter reading devices when time and weather permit. In addition, they are working on cutting dangerous trees near the power lines while there are no leaves.

Another update Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic advised the board of supply chain delays and shortages for transformers and circuit switch supplies. Some suppliers are advising their may be 40-70 week delays anticipated. However, we have a mutual aid agreement with our neighbors Lake Placid in the event we need something they have in inventory and vice versa.

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the January 19, 2022 warrant in the amount of \$520,035.07 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of December 31, 2021. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash
Position
Review the monthly cash position for December 31, 2021.

Adjournment
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer