

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

Date: February 16, 2022
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-6:41 PM

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

Also present were W/WW Superintendent Mark Robillard, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Police Chief Eric Proulx, First Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Rolley, special guest Library Director of the Goff Nelson Memorial Ms. Courtney Carey, News reporter Dan McClelland, via ZOOM were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Mercy Living Center Director Madeline Tolliver and News Reporter Aaron Cerbone.

**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.

**Special Words Of
Remembrance**

Board members, department heads and members of the press took a moment to share with the community their words of remembrance for their friend and fellow board member Clint Hollingsworth.

**Public Comment:
Courtney Carey
Introduction**

The new Library Director of the Goff Nelson Memorial Library Ms. Courtney Carey visited the board meeting to introduce herself and to get acclimated to the Village of Tupper Lake.

**Tinman Triathlon
Returns**

It was noted that the Tupper Lake Tinman Triathlon will be returning this year and they have requested the use of the events field from June 20 through June 27, 2022. Motion made by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to authorize the request. (Carried 5-0)

**Home Rule Request
S.4720/A.509**

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve Home Rule Request for Senate Bill S.4720/Assembly Bill A.509 authorizing the employment of retired members of the division of state police as part-time police officers in certain villages in the county of Franklin. (Carried 5-0)

**Board Minutes
Approved**

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the board minutes from January 19, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

**Code Enforcement:
Accept January
Monthly Report**

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the January 2022 Monthly Code Report as presented. (Carried 5-0)

**Accept Year End
Code Report**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the 2021 Year End Code Report as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards took a moment to update the board that he has been working on our Main Street Grant, Smart Growth DEC Grant and the DRI Call for Projects to advance their projects for submission to Department of State in the coming months. He also advised the board he has his annual code training the first week of March 2022 which will be held in Lake Placid the week of February 28 - March 3, 2022.

**Mercy Living Center
Update**

Mercy Living Center Director Ms. Madaline Tolliver advised the board that all workers are getting their booster shot and visitors to the facility must complete a home test before visiting their family members and entering the facility. They did recently have an outbreak but it was a staff member in the rehab unit.

Home Tests Available

Free

Mayor Maroun advised the press and public that we have home Covid test kits available for free at the Village and Town offices.

Police:

**Accept January
Monthly Report**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the January 2022 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Police Chief Eric Proulx also advised the board that his department employees will be attending a refresher course for de-escalation training in Nicholville over the next few weeks. This is a requirement as part of the new Police Reform Bill and is an annual training requirement.

Fire:

**Accept January
Monthly Report**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the January 2022 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Membership Update

1st Assistant Fire Chief Rolley took a moment to update the board on membership status. He advised we currently have 6 young members on track for exterior fire fighting service.

DPW:

Miscellaneous

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised they have been picking up snow and sanding as needed. The skating rink will be closed 2/17, tomorrow in anticipation of the mild weather ahead.

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accepting the Department of Public Works Report as presented. (Carried 5-0)

W/WW:

NNYWW

Attendance

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to authorize 3 members to attend the Northern New York Water Works Conference in Canton on April 1, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

NYS DOT Work

Agreements

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute three HC140 Utility Work Agreements and three resolutions with NYS DOT for work along the railroad corridor as proposed. (Carried 5-0)

Craig LaLonde

W/WW Helper

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mr. Craig LeLonde to the position of Water/Wastewater Helper effective March 3, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

Haymeadow Road

Work Thank You

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard took a moment to thank the Electric Department Employees for their help with work on Haymeadow Drive over the last week.

Electric:
Miscellaneous
Updates

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board that department employees have been working on cutting and trimming Lake Simond Road and adding additional LED street lights. In addition the power bills for March have arrived and they are significantly higher than the current month and customers should be aware.

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the February 16, 2022 warrant in the amount of \$464,693.53 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of January 31, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for January 31, 2022.

High Street
Closure

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to authorize the closure of High Street from Vachereau Street to Cliff Avenue for four (4) hours after the funeral services for Clint Hollingsworth. (Carried 5-0)

Police Chief Eric Proulx will follow-up with the TLCSD to ensure there would be no problems with the closure.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer