

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

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018  
Start: 9:00 AM  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Special Meeting 9:00– 9:20 AM

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

Absent from the Special Meeting was Trustee David Maroun.

Call to Order and  
Agenda Established Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order and established the agenda.

Declare Emergency  
Action for Sewer  
Collection System Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the Village of Tupper Lake to declare an emergency action to address a force main break in the sewer collection system as follows:

**AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY ACTION TO ADDRESS A FORCE MAIN BREAK IN THE  
SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake experienced an unforeseen break in the 12-inch ductile iron force main immediately downstream of the Demars Boulevard Pump Station #3 on Wednesday February 21, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the break occurred underneath the southbound lane of NYS Route 3 approximately 25 feet from the pump station as illustrated in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the zone of failure was on the interceptor sewer trunk system extending to the wastewater treatment plant, this portion conveying sanitary sewer waste from approximately 2/3 of the entire Village and Town sanitary sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake contacted North Country Contractors, Inc. to respond with the necessary equipment to perform the work required, and enlisted services of the Village's Engineer C2AE to observe the site exposure and assist in the rehabilitation so as to be consistent with work planned for this section of the system in a wastewater treatment plant and collection system improvement project to be funded by the Environmental Facilities Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake is currently contracted with North Country Contractors, Inc. on its on-going EFC-funded drinking water system project, is familiar and confident in North Country Contractors capabilities, and understood North Country Contractors could readily mobilize and respond being actively working on a project in the nearby Town of Fine, and

WHEREAS, the Village worked with North Country Contractors to implement an emergency project by setting traffic-signaled, signed emergency lane closure traffic control, excavating subgrade approximately 10 feet wide by 6 feet long and 8 feet deep beneath the southbound NYS Route 3 travel lane, installing a metal repair sleeve along, and centered upon, approximately 6 feet of force main pipeline approximately 25 feet west of the Demars Boulevard Pump Station #3, backfilling and compacting with stone bedding and suitable on-site backfill material, and stabilizing the road surface with cold patch bituminous asphalt by February 22, 2018, and

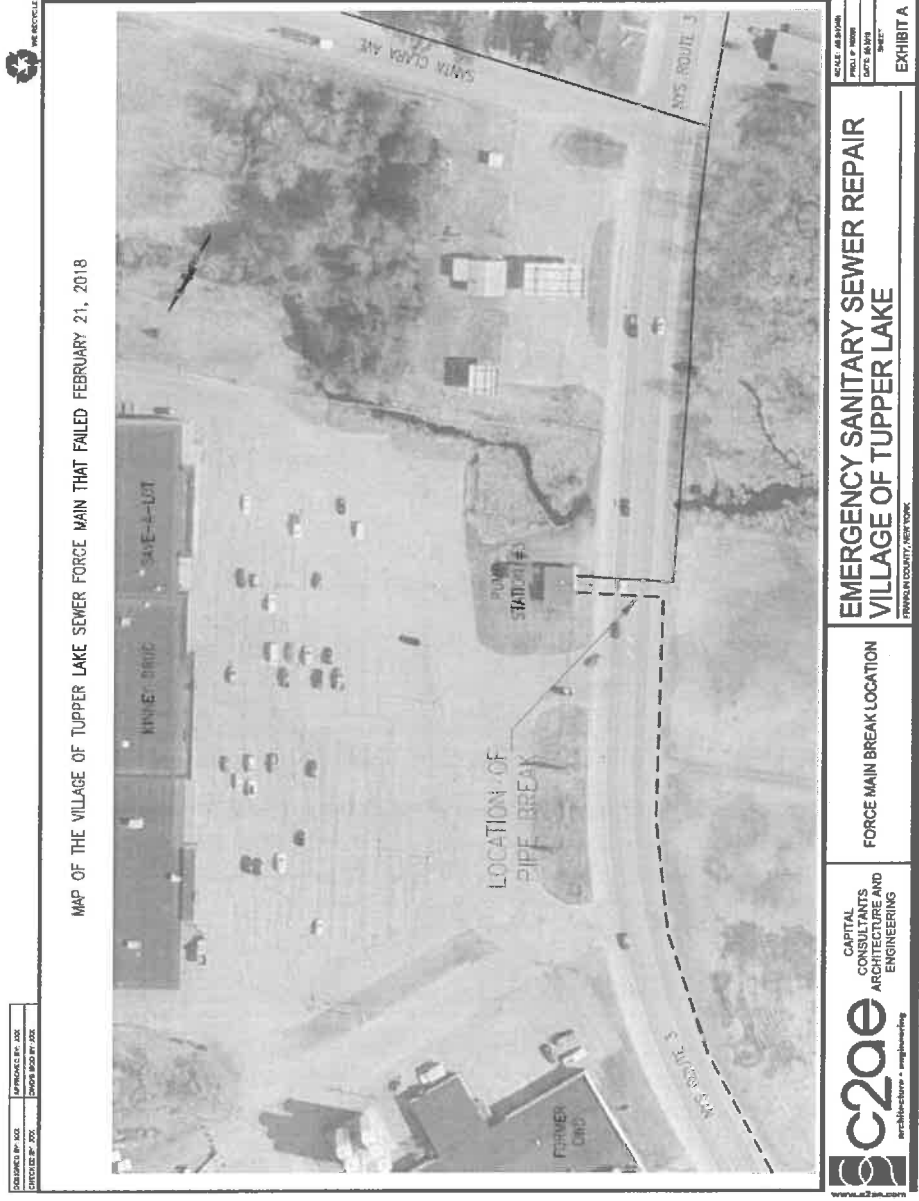
WHEREAS, the pipe failure exhibited cause of failure that appears to only be attributable to an isolated incidence of premature pipe aging, and

WHEREAS, the Village acted promptly with proper notification of the NYSDEC Region 5 permitting authority to make the necessary repairs such that only a nominal volume of wastewater discharge off-site occurred, avoiding NYSDEC from mandating any formal report or public notification of same, and

WHEREAS, the incident is to warrant a review of the scope of work for pending improvements along this corridor within the funded project to avoid further disruption to service, and

WHEREAS, these costs will be incorporated into the existing capital project and submitted to the NYSEFC for reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, that the Village of Tupper Lake does hereby declare a public health emergency for the Village of Tupper Lake Sewer System and authorizes and directs the Village Board to proceed with an emergency project to remedy this situation and request approval from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to incorporate the temporary and permanent repairs associated with this sewer collection system emergency into their existing/ongoing capital improvement project.



(Carried 4-0)

Denise Devirgeles  
Hired Cleaner

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to hire Ms. Denise Devirgeles as a part-time cleaner at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. (Carried 4-0)

Sewer Budget

Transfers Approved

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the following budget transfers:

- Move \$4,000 from G8130.400 to G8130.440
- Move \$2,000 from G8120.430 to G8130.460  
(Carried 4-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:20 am. (Carried 4-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer