

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

Date: March 15, 2023
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-7:07 PM

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

Also present were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Fire Chief Royce Cole, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Goff Nelson Memorial Library Director Courtney Carey, Resident Lorraine Bassett, Mercy Living Center Executive Director Madaline Toliver (Via Zoom) and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Marbone (Via Zoom).

Call Monthly Meeting
To Order Mayor Maroun called the Monthly Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:00 pm.

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:
No comments received.

ARTA Appointment
Peter Edwards Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to ratify the appointment of Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards to be the Village of Tupper Lake representative on the ARTA Board. (Carried 5-0)

Board Minutes
Approved Motion by Trustee Shaheen, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the board minutes from February 15, 2023. (Carried 5-0)

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the March 15, 2023, warrant in the amount of \$257,303.91 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of February 2023. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position Review the monthly cash position for February 28, 2023.

Reminder Joint
Meeting W/Town As a courtesy reminder there is a scheduled Special Meeting for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm at the ESB Community Room with the Town of Tupper Lake.

Set Special Meeting
& Public Hearing Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to set a Special Meeting for March 30, 2023 at 5:00 pm for presentation of the FY2023-24 Tentative Budget and also set Public Hearings for April 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm for the Budget and Tax Levy Limit Override respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement:
Accept February
Monthly Report Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the February 2023 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous
Updates Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that he has completed his mandatory in-service training in Lake Placid and

online last week. In addition he has also completed and submitted his NYS Year End Code Report and will be attending the first ARTA Meeting this coming Monday, March 20, 2023 in Saranac Lake. Lastly he has tickets issued for the resident on the corner of 4th Street and Seymour as well.

Police:

Accept February Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the February 2023 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

Bicycle Separation Agreement

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee McClain to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a Bicycle Separation Agreement as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Police Vehicle Repair Update

Chief of Police Proulx advised the board his vehicle is still at Bailey Ford in Malone because they no longer make the park to repair it. It has transmission problems and should be covered under the lemon law, an update will be forth coming.

Fire:

Accept February Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the February 2023 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Ray Bigrow Appointed

Volunteer Member Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally appoint Mr. Ray Bigrow as a volunteer fire department member. (Carried 5-0)

Clock Repair

Resident Lorraine Bassett asked if the clock was going to be repaired to replace the missing lights.

Fire Chief Cole advised they have the bulbs and it will be repairs in the coming week.

Truck Replacement Discussion

Fire Chief Cole advised that they are just starting talks about appointing a truck replacement committee and will update the board once that process starts.

DPW:

Miscellaneous Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace was excused from this evenings meeting because they his crew will be going out to pick up snow tonight.

W/WW:

Hydrant Flushing

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his crew will be flushing hydrants beginning the end of March and into the second week of April. Once that is completed he plans to have a company in to clean both water towers as well.

NNYWW Conference

Attendance

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize permission for the four (4) licensed water operators to attend the April 26, 2023 NYYWW Conference in Canton, NY. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous

Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised they are waiting on formal approval from Department of Health to proceed with a PILOT Water Testing on Maddox Lane before moving forward with our new water project. It is his hope to have it scheduled by the end of April because it will be a good time to address the lake turnover.

Electric:
Miscellaneous
Updates

Electric Superintendent Dominic advised the board they are continuing to replace street lights with the new LED fixtures and they are also continuing to cut tree back in preparation of warnings of a heavy snow totals.

NYSEG requested Mutual Aid this morning but we declined due to the 32 mph winds and worries of how our system would be affected with the upcoming weather forecasts.

5/27/23 Road Closure
Request

Mayor Maroun briefly discussed his concerns of closing any streets down over the May 27th Memorial Day weekend. It is a busy travel weekend and many of the local businesses did not want the side streets closed. Mayor Maroun advised he was going to reach out to Josh McClain and speak with him about our concerns.

Courtney Carey
Share Your Story

Ms. Courtney Carey from the Goff Nelson Memorial Library invited the board members and public to stop by the public library tomorrow to share a local story. The Tupper Lake Central School students are working on a project where they are recording oral history of our community through a grant from the Aseel Legacy Fund at Adirondack Foundation.

Madaline
Toliver Comment

Mercy Living Center Executive Director Madaline Toliver advised that they are still filling staffing positions and admitting residents.

Dan McClelland

News Reporter Dan McClelland asked how many residents the facility could accommodate.

Into Executive
Session

Madaline Toliver advised 60 but they currently have 42 residents.

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 7:00 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, or removal of a particular person or corporation and proposed, pending or current litigation. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 7:06 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer