

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

Date: Monday, March 16, 2015
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 5:00-7:28 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Richard Donah, Thomas Snyder, Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Village Attorney Nathan N. Race and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Special Meeting was Trustee Thomas Snyder.

Also present were Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Carl Steffen and Assistant Fire Chief Tina Arsenault.

Enter Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:00 pm to discuss information relating to the employment history of particular persons in our employment or future employment as well as proposed, pending or current litigation. (Carried 3-0)

NYS Comptroller's
Audit Report

Fire Chief Carl Steffen and Police Chief Eric Proulx briefly gave the board an update on the soon to be released NYS Comptroller's Audit Report of the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department and its former treasurer Timothy Brown.

½ Sick Pay Request
Sarah Denue

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize ½ sick pay request for Typist Sarah Denue in the event she exhausts all of her accrued time for medical treatments in Chicago, IL. (Carried 3-0)

Trustee Donah Entered
Executive Session

Trustee Richard Donah entered Executive Session at 5:45 pm.

Part-time Cleaner

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mr. Mark Picerno to the position of part-time cleaner at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour. (Carried 4-0)

Exit Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 5:55 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Police Chief Eric Proulx, DPW Foreman Robert Degrace, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, ESB Project Manager Christopher Alcocer, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Tupper Lake Woodsmen Association Members Carrie and Nielson Snye, Resident Ronald LaScala and News Reporters Mary Peryea and Thomas Salitsky.

Call Regular Meeting
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:06 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Public Comment
Period:

No Comments

No comments from the public.

TL Woodsmen Assoc.

Annual Field Days Mrs. Carrie Snye advised the Village Board that this year's parade would utilize a new route starting from the junction due to the planned highway construction for 2015 & 2016.

Monster Truck

Demonstration Mrs. Carrie Snye also advised the Village Board that they would like permission to host a Monster Truck Jump and demonstration in replacement of the Horse Pull. It was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the new event in the Municipal Open Field near the pavilion. (Carried 4-0)

ESB Project Update ESB Project Manager Mr. Christopher Alcocer gave a brief update to the Village Board on Change Orders, Project Schedule, Steel Shop Approvals, Concrete, FFE, Bids etc.

Authorization to Approve

ESB Change Orders Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun in the amount of \$1,963.55 due to clerical errors and \$2,162.00 due to the removal of the Mezzanine Window with Bette & Cring Construction Group resulting in a net decrease to their contract. (Carried 4-0)

Roundtable Discussion

Hosted by ROOST Mayor Maroun announced that this Thursday ROOST will be hosting a roundtable discussion on tourism in Lake Placid March 19, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Lake Placid Club Boat House. TL Housing Authority and that all are welcomed to attend.

Bilingual Signage

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to support a resolution titled "Bonjour, Adirondacks!" committing to replace old or worn out signage with bilingual (English and French) as well as "International Symbols" to improve tourism across borders. (Carried 4-0)

Theriahult Family

Reunion Pavilion Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the Theriahult Family to host a family reunion July 24-26, 2015 in the Municipal Park Pavilion. (Carried 4-0)

Phyllis Crate

Appointment Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to officially appoint Mrs. Phyllis Crate as a Board of Director to replace Police Sergeant Sean Stradley for the Village of Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board for a five year term. (Carried 4-0)

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the Board Minutes from February 17, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Code:

Accept February Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the February 2015 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)

187 Park Street

Public Hearing As a courtesy reminder there will be a Public Hearing for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the Notice of Violation for an Unsafe and Dangerous Building located at 187 Park Street due to a structural fire and to proceed with the removal of the said building.

2014 Annual Report

Approval Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally review and approve the Annual 2014 Code Report. (Carried 4-0)

Police:

Accept February Report

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the February 2015 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 4-0)

Thank-You Village of SL	Police Chief Eric Proulx acknowledged a thank-you letter received from the Saranac Lake Police Chief for our assistance during their 2015 Winter Carnival.
Thank You Boy Scouts	Police Chief Eric Proulx acknowledged a thank-you from Mr. Matthew Arsenault on behalf of the local cub scouts for the tour of the police and fire stations as part of their citizenship badge.
Part-time Police Officer	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mr. Bruce Nason as a part-time police officer once cleared for work. (Carried 4-0)
NYS Comptroller's Audit & Investigation Release	Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that the NYS Comptroller's Office has completed their police investigation and audit of the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department's finances and has found after a 17-month investigation that the former treasurer Mr. Timothy Brown has been charged with grand larceny in the 3 rd degree for stealing private funds of the fire department, not tax based funds. A formal report will be released in the coming month.
Fire: Accept February Report	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the February 2015 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)
Misc. Vehicle Update	Fire Chief Carl Steffen gave a brief update on repairs completed on vehicle #166 & 167 and that the sub-poly tank will be repaired in the coming weeks.
Shawn Boucher Appointed	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Mr. Shawn Boucher to the Volunteer Fire Department. (Carried 4-0)
Franklin County Radio Replacements	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the Village Board that the radio updates received from Franklin County have been installed in all the fire vehicles and he's like to maintain the old radios for other uses.
Water/Wastewater: Winter Thaws	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that he department has been out on continuous water and sewer thaws. Superintendent Robillard recommends residents to continue to run their water until the end of May due to deep frost line.
Thank You Carol Lamb	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard acknowledged a thank you letter received from Ms. Carol Lamb for our assistance with her frozen water line.
Other Misc. Updates	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that our well project is underway and we are just waiting on NYS EFC Hardship Awards.
Vac-Con Upgrade	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that he would like to seek quotes for a replacement of the Vac-Con machine, he has spoken to the Town of Peru and they would like our old vehicle. He stated he would revisit during budget work session with firm figures.

DPW:
Multi-Use Recreational
Trail Bid Award
Steven E. Fuller
Excavating Inc.

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to award to the low bidder Steven E. Fuller Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$612,726.00. (Carried 4-0)

Supplement No. 4
Barton & Loguidice
DPC

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Paul A. Maroun to execute an A/E Consultant Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for Supplement No. 4 for the Multi-Use Connector Trail Project not to exceed \$87,100.00. (Carried 4-0)

Skating Rink
Closed

It was noted that due to the warm weather the Skating Rink will be closed for the season.

Snow Hill & Other
Snow Removal

It was noted by DPW Foreman Robert Degrace that the snow hill near the skating rink will be removed Wednesday morning and snow will continue to be removed from the side streets as needed.

Other Updates

The street sweeper is being worked on in preparation of spring clean up and pot holes are being filled. The Little Logger restrooms are moving along nicely, the windows and doors are ordered and walls and ceiling are being prepared for painting. Colors are being selected and we expect the restrooms to be ready for the beginning of May.

Electric:

Electric Curtailment

There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of April 1-30, 2015.

Electric Utility Bids
Reviewed

Electric Superintendent John Bouck announced that we received two bids for our 13.2kV Electric Utility Distribution Facilities Relocation Construction Project. The two bidders were Northline Utilities LLC and O'Connell Electric. The bids are being reviewed by our Electrical Engineer Curtis Wilson and a recommendation is expected to follow in the coming days.

MEUA Semi-Annual
Meeting

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc authorize John Bouck's attendance at the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting April 29 & 30, 2015 in East Syracuse and to designate John Bouck as our accredited voting delegate as follows:

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Monday, March 16, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc,

WHEREAS, the Electric Superintendent John Bouck of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Semi-Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on April 29 and 30, 2015, to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 6646 Old Collamer Road, East Syracuse, New York, 13057 and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that John Bouck be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Tupper

Lake, New York.

On roll call: Affirmative: 4 Negative: 0

I certify that the Board of Trustees of the Village adopted this resolution Tupper Lake, New York on the 16th day of March, 2016.

Signature _____

Seal: _____

Title _____

(Carried 4-0)

Treasurer:

Approve Warrants

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the March 16, 2015 warrant in the amount of \$166,487.79 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of February, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash

Position

Review the monthly cash position for February 28, 2015.

Special Meeting

Scheduled 3/30/15

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to establish a Special Meeting for Monday, March 30, 2015 at 9:00 am for presentation of the Village of Tupper Lake Tentative Budget for FY2015-16. (Carried 4-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to adjourn at 7:28 PM. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer