

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

Date: March 16, 2022
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-6:45 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 Dominic, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Library Director of the Goff Nelson Memorial Ms. Courtney Carey, News reporter Dan McClelland; via ZOOM were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Mercy Healthcare Madeline Toliver 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 who has been missing for 10 years now.

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.

Joseph Tremblay
ZBA Appointment Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally appoint Mr. Joseph Tremblay to the Village of Tupper Lake Zoning Board of Appeals board to fill an outstanding vacancy. (Carried 5-0)

MOU with Franklin
County Development Corporation Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign a MOU with the Franklin County Development Corporation for administration of our Tupper lake Adirondack Smart Growth Grant as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Public Comment:
Ms. Courtney Carey Ms. Courtney Carey the Goff Nelson Library Director advised they are petitioning for new board members to serve on their board and they are also putting together a variety of program for the Spring and Summer that focus around the youth and children and she hopes to expand their programming.

Mercy Living Center
Update Mercy Living Center Executive Director Ms. Madaline Toliver advised the board that they are at zero Covid residents and staff and are open to visitors who first must complete a at home Covid test that they have available at the door. They are still looking for more CNA's and a class will begin May 9th, the training class is for 5-weeks and will be held here in Tupper Lake.

Board Minutes
Approved Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the board minutes from February 16, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement:
Accept February
Monthly Report

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

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards took a moment to update the board that he has completed his mandatory in service training for 2022 and his year end has been submitted to NYS. In addition 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. There are four (4) projects underway with our AHC grant as well and moving along nicely as well as working with the court on a few property maintenance issues.

Fire:

Accept February
Monthly Report

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

Recent High Winds

Events – Thank You

It was noted that the Fire Department was thanked by Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie for their assistance during the recent high winds event along the NYS Route 30 issues etc.

DPW:

MOU The Heart
Network

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign a MOU with The Heart Network for public improvements for our streets and parks as proposed. (Carried 5-0)

2022 Highway
School Ithaca

Some of the improvements noted were the installation of bike racks and water filling stations as well as a bus canopy.

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to attend the 2022 Highway School in Ithaca June 6-8, 2022 to include tuition, travel, lodging and meals. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised they are waiting for winter to be done before they start street sweeping, they plan to grade the parking lot across the street tomorrow to alleviate the puddles that are there.

Trustee Maroun and Trustee LeBlanc thanked the crew for a wonderful job picking up snow this winter.

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

Police:

Accept February
Monthly Report

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

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that the Memorial Day Street Celebration should be moved to Cliff Avenue to prevent the highway from being shut down due to the inability to provide traffic control.

W/WW:
Partial Substantial
Completion - M.A.
Bonjiovanni

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign a partial substantial completion for the new RBC unit to be installed on February 27, 2022 for M.A. Bonjiovanni as requested. (Carried 5-0)

Amendment #3 C2AE
WWTP & Collection
Improvements

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign Amendment #3 with C2AE for the WWTP & Collection System Improvements Project as proposed for Pump Station #3 Bar Screen Improvements for an additional cost of \$66,500.00. (Carried 5-0)

Amendment #6 C2AE

Water Improvements Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign an updated Amendment #6 with C2AE for our Potable Groundwater Supply & Water Distribution System Improvement project as proposed. No change in project cost jus summary total changes. (Carried 5-0)

Hydrant Flushing
Scheduled

It was noted that hydrant flushing would begin the first week of April 2022 weather dependent.

Electric:
MEUA Voting
Delegate

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala,

WHEREAS, the Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie 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 12 and 13, 2022, to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Destiny USA, 311 Hiawatha Blvd W, Syracuse, New York, 13204 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 Michael Dominie be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York.

On roll call: Affirmative: 5 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, 2022.

Signature _____

Seal:

Title _____

Miscellaneous
Updates

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board that the recent outage which affected Big Wolf was due to a balsam tree hitting the power lines, power was down for 2-hours. Department employees have been working on cutting and trimming Lake Simond Road and adding additional LED street lights.

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the March 16, 2022 warrant in the amount of \$610,695.30 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of February 28, 2022. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash

Position

Review the monthly cash position for February 28, 2022.

Special Meeting

Scheduled

It was noted that a Special Meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 pm on March 30, 2022 to present the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Tentative Village Budget with Public Hearings to follow on April 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm for public's comments and April 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm for a Tax Limit Override respectively.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer