

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

Date: March 17, 2021  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-7:13 PM

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

Also available via FreeConferenceCall.com were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Assistant Fire Chief Nick Rolley, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Mercy Living Center Director Madeline Tolliver, resident Jan Yaworski and News Reporters Dan McClelland and 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.

Open Public Comment  
Period:  
Madeline Tolliver Mercy Living Center Director Madeline Tolliver announced that they are now open to public visits to nursing home residents with Covid-19 precautions of masks, 6-foot distancing etc.

NYS HCR-AHC  
Grant \$400,000  
Received Mayor Maroun announced that the Village of Tupper Lake is the recipient of a grant award from NYS Homes of Community Renewal for a \$400,000 AHC Grant from 2019 that we applied for owner occupied rehabilitation. Once we receive the formal grant agreement more information will be forth coming.

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to accept the NYS Homes of Community Renewal Grant in the amount of \$400,000 and authorize Mayor Maroun to execute any and all agreements relating to the grant award. (Carried 5-0)

St. Alphonsus – Holy  
Name of Jesus  
Parish Purchase  
Offer - Sale  
The Village Board of Trustees briefly reviewed the purchase offer from Father Douglas Decker with St. Alphonsus – Holy Name of Jesus Parish to purchase two unopened paper streets between Seymour Street and Marion Street officially titled Lindsay Avenue and Lakeview Avenue as shown on the boundary map provided for \$1,000 each. The Board of Trustees also reviewed and agreed with the broker price opinion completed by Licensed Real Estate Broker Mr. Robert J. Gillis for the two unopened streets together for a total fair market value of \$2,000.00.

It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally sell the unopened/paper streets between Seymour Avenue and Marion Street known as paper streets Lindsay Avenue and Lakeview Avenue for a Fair Market Value of

\$1,000 each since the unopened/paper streets no longer serve a municipal purpose and is surplus land to the Village of Tupper Lake. The St. Alphonsus – Holy Name of Jesus Parish will be responsible for all surveying and legal expenses to procure the property and related transfer and filing fees. (Carried 5-0)

APA Local Gov't  
Review Board

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve our annual support of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board's support for 2021 in the amount of \$300.00 for local government initiative. (Carried 5-0)

Board Minutes  
Approved

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the board minutes from February 17, 2021 meeting. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement:  
Accept February  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the February 2021 Monthly Code Report as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that he has been working with Franklin County IDA on two grants, NYS Main Street and NYS Smart Growth respectively and expects them to be bid out shortly.

In addition, Mr. Edwards reported that he has completed 12 hours of in-service for his 2021 mandatory code training on-line.

Fire:

Accept February  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the February 2021 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Junior Fire Fighter  
RAM Guidelines

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally approve the TLFD RAM Junior Firefighter Guidelines and application after final changes and review by NYMIR and Village Attorney Nathan Race as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Trustee LaScala thanked the Volunteers for all their hard work in completing the guidelines and getting the program off the ground, hats of to them.

209(i)(1-b) Volunteer Fire  
Member Mutual Aid  
Resolution

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc authorizing 209(i)(1-b) Volunteer Fire Member Mutual Aid to volunteers traveling and are needed at another fire department's fire scene, this provision under General Municipal Law would allow a traveling volunteer fire department member insurance coverage to help out at a fire scene in the absence of a chief or supervisor in the event an emergency necessitated the need. (Carried 5-0)

Fire Department Visit  
Trustee McClain

Mayor Maroun and Trustee McClain visited the fire department in the past week to acclimate to the departments training and equipment needs for the coming budget.

Police:

Accept February  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the February 2021 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Police Department  
Reform Committee  
Update

Mayor Maroun announced that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the Village of Tupper Lake Police Department's New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan and will be hosted via ZOOM.

Corner of Deer Street  
& Wawbeek Avenue  
Parking Issue Near  
Fire Hydrant

Police Chief Eric Proulx announced that they have been having trouble with parking on the corner of Deer Street and Wawbeek Avenue near a fire hydrant and he may need the village to amend the V&T Local Law to address it. He advised he would monitor it for now and reach out to the owner of the vehicle that is blocking the fire hydrant.

Parking Winter  
Ban Suspended

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that with the mild weather he has temporarily suspended the Winter Parking Ban while the weather is mild until it expires on April 15, 2021. If we receive over 3" of snow, he asked that residents park off the street.

DPW:

Misc. Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace Mayor Maroun advised the board that spring is here and snow is removed from most streets. He thanked the Town of Tupper Lake for their help. The rink is done for the season and the sweeper is ready to go.

W/WW:

M.A. Bonjiovanni  
Sewer Improvement  
Update

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that M.A. Bonjiovanni have completed Pump Station #3 Pumps #1 & 2 and WWTP Pumps 1,2,3,4 and Grit Classifier Unit in solids handling building. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to accept substantial completion for M.A. Bonjiovanni as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that M.A. Bonjiovanni is moving forward with #3 & #4 pumps and they will be installed this week and on-line soon.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that he is waiting on a quote from Arrow for the installation of a gate in wet well and cleaning of the wet well at lift station #3 on Demars Blvd.

NCC Sewer Improvement

Update

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that North Country Contractors, LLC is expected to be here in mid-April to address the remaining drainage, and storm run-off plan for Water Street as well as grading, base and finish coat for the street.

Hydrant Flushing

End March-Mid April Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his department will start flushing hydrants the last week of March till mid-April weather permitting.

Electric:  
Miscellaneous  
Updates

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board that his department have replaced two (2) poles and transformers on Old Piercefield Road and they are moving to Racquette River Drive where they have four (4) poles to replace. He advised they need dryer conditions to complete the pole repairs because some of them are in the ditch line.

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board the recent wind caused a two (2) hour outage for Paskungameh residents. The wires that were down on Racquette River Drive during the wind event were cable TV.

Trouble Paying  
Bills- Disconnects

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie advised the board that electric disconnects have been sent out and he reminded residents that are having problems paying their bills are encouraged to call the Village Office to request payment arrangements. We will work with the customer to see if we can get them assistance from Franklin County HEAP.

Treasurer:  
Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the March 17, 2021 warrant in the amount of \$809,768.78 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of February 2021. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash  
Position

Review the monthly cash position for February 28, 2021.

Special Meeting  
Scheduled 3/30/21

It was noted that a Special Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021 for presentation of the FY2021-22 Budget for 4:00 pm.

Enter Executive  
Session at 6:44 pm

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee McClain to enter into Executive Session at 6:44 pm to discuss 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. Secondly to discuss Collective Negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive  
Session at 7:12 pm

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to exit Executive Session at 7:12 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer