

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

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Regular 5:00-7:46 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, Richard Donah, Thomas Snyder, David Maroun and Deputy Village Clerk Kyle Fuller.

Enter Executive Session  
Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:00 pm to discuss employment history for an employees in the W/WW, Police and Electric Departments. (Carried 4-0)

Trustee Donah Entered  
Trustee Richard Donah entered Executive Session at 5:26 pm.

Exit Executive Session  
Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to Exit Executive Session at 6:06 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Town of Tupper Lake Supervisor Patricia Littlefield, Chamber of Commerce President Adam Boudreau, News Reporters Dan McClelland and Shaun Kittle.

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

Pledge  
Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis and recovery for Peter Edwards who was seriously hurt over the weekend.

Open Public Comment Period:  
Ronald LaScala  
Mr. Ronald LaScala asked about his request for the Village Board to revisit the noise ordinance for the Village of Tupper Lake.

Mayor Maroun advised that we have met with our Attorney Nathan Race and there have been many cases that devices that measure noise haven't been a service to the community and often there is a lot of burden placed on a police department proving that the noise reading was isolated to that particular complaint.

Village Electric Allotment Discussion  
Mr. Ronald LaScala further asked how our power allotment is determined.

Electric Superintendent John Bouck explained that we are allotted 19.2 megawatts of power and if a particular development qualifies for economic development credits we can apply for additional allocations for the business if it qualifies.

Mr. Ronald LaScala further asked if we could lift the electric moratorium.

Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised that the board has the power to lift it if they so choose.

Mr. Ronald LaScala further asked if we need to hire two more linemen and that he has heard several men will be retiring in the coming years.

Trustee Snyder advised that we have been looking into it for sometime now and expect to address it in the near future.

#### TL Woodsmen's Events 7/12 & 7/13

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the TL Woodmen's Association Inc. to use the Municipal Park from July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to host their annual Woodsmen's Day Event. (Carried 5-0)

#### Town of Tupper Lake Youth Baseball

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the Town of Tupper Lake to use the Municipal Ball Field and the Washington Street Park from May 19<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to host Youth Baseball on Monday's and Wednesday's. (Carried 5-0)

#### TL Lions Club Amusement of America Carnival

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize the TL Lions Club to utilize the Municipal Park to host Amusements of America Carnival from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (Carried 5-0)

Thank You Fire & Ice Mayor Maroun acknowledged receipt of a thank-you from the TL Rotary and Lions Club for DPW Department's assistance during the Fire & Ice Tournament held in February.

#### Discuss Resolution of Support for the Roost Destination Marketing Plan

After a brief discussion concerning adoption of a resolution of support to fund the ROOST proposal received to create a tourism marketing and destination master plan, further discussion was played aside by Mayor Maroun until we can follow-up with Melissa McManus and NYS Department of State.

#### Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Board Minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. (Carried 5-0)

#### DPW:

##### Amell Lane

After a lengthy discussion concerning Mr. Roger Amell's letter requesting we take ownership of Amell Lane to become a Village Street it was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to have our attorney send a letter requesting additional information from Mr. Amell before formally considering taking the road for Village property, for example a survey of the road to be conveyed and future delineations for future developments for the building lots available on the property. (Carried 3-2, Trustees Donah and Snyder voted "Nay")

#### Skating Rink Status

Trustee Snyder stated he wants the skating rink plowed and kept open as long as the weather permits.

#### Police:

##### Accept February Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the February 2014 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

#### Camera Proposals Tabled

The board tabled discussion on a camera surveillance for the Municipal Park awaiting an additional quote from a supplier.

Loud Noise Ordinance

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that loud mufflers will be issued citations under the Village's nuisance laws and they will have to repair them to be in compliance.

Trustee Donah asked how this would affect Harley Davidson motorcycles that some factory with a loud muffler.

Mayor Maroun advised that the community has been having problems with after factory mufflers on pick-up trucks and cars; there has been no mention of motorcycles.

Water/Wastewater:

Winter Thaws

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that if his department has thawed a residence, that homeowner should keep their cold water running to prevent future frozen water lines.

Accept Resignation

W/WW Worker Kyle

Trudeau

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the resignation of Water/Wastewater Worker Mr. Kyle Trudeau. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:

Accept February

Report

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the February 2014 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)

Franklin County

Mutual Aid Participation

Tabled

After a brief discussion concerning authorization to participate in the Franklin County Mutual Aid plan it was tabled until next months meeting when Fire Chief Carl Steffen could be present.

Electric:

Electric Curtailment

There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of April 1-30, 2014.

MEUA Semi-Annual

Meeting

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc authorize John Bouck's attendance at the MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting April 16 & 17, 2014 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 Tuesday, March 18, 2014, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Snyder, 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 16 and 17, 2014, 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: 5 Negative: 0

I certify that the Board of Trustees of the Village adopted this resolution Tupper Lake, New York on the 18th day of March, 2014.

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Signature

Seal:

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Title

(Carried 5-0)

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the March 18, 2014 warrant in the amount of \$165,271.70 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month February 2014. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash  
Position

Review the monthly cash position for February 28, 2014.

\$450,000 RAN

Electric Department

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally accept the low bid Community Bank, NA at a rate of 1.99% for the \$450,000 Revenue Anticipation Note issued for our Electric Department. (Carried 5-0)

\$400,000 BAN

ESB Project

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the low bid from Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. at a rate of 0.945250% for the \$400,000 Bond Anticipation Note issued for our General Fund to reimburse short term expenses associated with the ESB Project. (Carried 5-0)

Establish Standard  
Work Day for NYS  
Retirement

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve a resolution for NYS Retirement establishing the Standard Work Day for the following Elected and Appointed Officials:

Trustees 5 days per month

Mayor 10 days per month

Acting Village Justice 1 day per month

(Carried 5-0)

Copier Lease

Expiration

It was noted that our copier lease is due to expire April 21, 2014 and three proposals will be available for review at our next meeting.

Preliminary Budget  
Presentation

March 28, 2014 the tentative FY2014-15 General Fund Budget will be presented at 4:00 pm.

Public Hearing

FY2014-15 Budget

April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm the Village will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY2014-15 Tentative Budget.

Enter Executive  
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to enter Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss the employment history for several employees of the Water/Wastewater Department. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive  
Session

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to Exit Executive Session at 7:45 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Roger Demars

Seasonal Helper

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to hire Mr. Roger Demars as a seasonal laborer for the Water/Wastewater Department beginning April 14, 2014. (Carried 5-0)

In-House Water/  
Wastewater Helper

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to advertise in-house for a lateral transfer to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Kyle Trudeau's resignation for a Water/Wastewater Helper without a License. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to adjourn at 7:55 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer