

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

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Special Meeting

4:00-5:45 PM

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Deputy Mayor Leon LeBlanc, Trustees Ronald LaScala, David Maroun (4:30 pm), Jason McClain and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Special Meeting was Mayor Paul A. Maroun due to illness.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Fire Chief Royce Cole (5:15 pm) and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Carbone (Via Zoom).

**Call Special Meeting
To Order**

Deputy Mayor Leon Leblanc called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 pm for the purpose of a budget work session for the Electric, Water/Wastewater and Fire Departments.

**Water/Wastewater
Rent Increase Public
Hearing Set**

The board discussed the need for an increase in water and sewer rates for the coming year to meet current principal payment obligations for the water and wastewater budgets and a motion was made by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to set a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of increasing the monthly service fees for all users both inside and outside the village corporation. (Carried 4-0)

**Water/Wastewater
Budget Review**

The board briefly reviewed the water and wastewater budgets and discussed the priority of the reconstruction of Lakeview Avenue was for this coming budget year. In addition Superintendent Robillard advised he has on-going capital projects for water meter installations and sewer lift station and plant improvements for this coming fiscal year.

**Pipe, Valves &
Fittings Bid**

Deputy Mayor LeBlanc asked for a commitment of three men plus himself to start the project the first week of May 2022 as planned. Superintendent Robillard advised he would have the men available as asked.

When asked about the need for additional pipe, valves and fittings for Lakeview Avenue Superintendent Robillard advised he needed to order some additional pipe to complete the Lakeview Avenue project and would be going out to bid soon. He stated he had the pipe in the field to get the project going.

**Electric Budget
Review**

The board briefly reviewed the electric budget as follows.

Electric Superintendent Dominic advised that his most senior man is retiring in July and he has no plans to replace him since we already hired his replacement two years ago.

In addition his plans are to continue installing the new LED street lights, a good portion of the cost is funded by all rate users through the 1 mil rider in the purchase power adjustment. To date there are about 200 AMR (automatic meter reading) devices installed and this coming year they will be installed as time allows, 65% of the meter costs are free. 3 Main Street improvements are almost done. For the coming budget there may be a need to borrow \$40,000 to complete substation improvements. Additionally, 10-15 poles will be replaced throughout the community including those for the OWD project and the NYS DOT Rail Road Maintenance Garage that is proposed, we are hoping legal counsel advises the betterment is NYS DOT's expense and not ours. There is also a subdivision planned off Powers Avenue, 500' of single phase with 5 poles, hardware and fixtures. Remaining time will be used to complete trimming of our lines.

Fire Department

The board briefly reviewed the fire department budget and discussed the need for equipment etc. for the department.

No Budget
Adjustments

There were no budget adjustments made at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:45 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer