

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

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Public Hearings and Special Meeting
6:00-8:05 PM

At the Public Hearings and Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, Eric Shaheen and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain. Trustee Jason McClain was in attendance via Zoom.

Absent from the Public Hearings and Special Meeting was Trustee David Maroun.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Marbone (Via Zoom). Fire Chief Royce Cole and 1st Assistant Fire Chief Nicholas Rolley entered the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Call Public Hearing
To Order**

Mayor Maroun called the first Public Hearing to order and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice at 6:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comments from the public concerning the preliminary Village of Tupper Lake Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for all funds as proposed.

**Call Public Hearing
To Order**

Mayor Maroun called the second Public Hearing to order and read aloud the Public Hearing Notice at 6:05 pm for the purpose of hearing comments from the public concerning the proposed Tax Levy Limit Override for the Village of Tupper Lake Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as proposed.

**Dan McClelland
2024 Eclipse**

News Reporter Dan McClelland asked if the Village Board to consider possibly budgeting additional funds for the purpose of having a fire work display the Sunday before the eclipse for next April 2024.

In addition, News Reporter Dan McClelland stated he feels we shouldn't fund the Police Department additional personnel until we know how we are going to make the force better and reinstate 24-hour coverage.

**No Comments
Received**

There were no comments from the public concerning the Tax Levy Limit Override.

Mayor Maroun kept both hearings open in the event someone from the public enters.

**Call Special Meeting
To Order**

Mayor Paul Maroun called the Special Meeting to order at 6:05 pm for the purpose of a budget work session for the Electric and Fire Departments.

**Electric Budget
Review**

The board briefly reviewed the electric budget and Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic advised they have the following projects slated for this budget as follows:

- Underground work to TB2 and TB3 at the substation, tie points need to be upgraded at the substation as well which

- will be completed by Black & McDonald, the anticipated cost will be around \$40,000.
- Raquette River Drive pole replacement.
 - New power line for the Margaret Street subdivision planned off Powers Avenue, 500' of single phase with 5 poles, hardware and fixtures, the current road acceptance has been challenging with water and sewer services on each side of the road and the narrow width of the road, overhead vs. underground is currently being evaluated, \$3-4,000 expected material cost.
 - Ongoing pole replacement in the service area for aging poles as needed.
 - Annual substation testing and oil replacement which averages about \$5-6,000.
 - Moody Road vault work on lakeside past Tom Burnett's home which need replacement due to salt deterioration which has affected the underground elbows, 2 or 3 of the larger units were sanded and repainted and were salvaged.
 - Time Delays expected still, pad mounted transformers are still out seventy (70) weeks for delivery and the cost has doubled, a 25 kva single was \$2,300 in 2021 and they are now \$5,000 each, there is a forty (40) week expected delivery.
 - He shared that he has reached out to NYPA for guidance to see if we can recoup the cost from the customer due to the extenuating circumstances with Margaret Street, he is waiting for a reply.
 - Consider bucket truck replacement for the oldest vehicle which is a 2013, there is a minimum three years build out for the units. He explained the advantages of a some what hybrid and financing options with NYPA at zero percent interest.
 - Inter-municipal inventory purchases for poles etc. with Lake Placid has been ongoing to save on the delivery cost savings.
 - Continue LED street light replacement, they are supplied by NYPA and there is a 9 week lead time on delivery.
 - Substation relays need to be worked on, we have a proposal from Black & McDonald for a three year capital project, plans are for next year to start this work due to cash flow.
 - Remaining time will be used to complete trimming of our lines.

Paul Maroun
FD Piercefield

Mayor Maroun advised that the Fire Department Members were not here yet due to an active fire in Piercefield.

Enter Executive

Session at 6:51 PM

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to enter Executive Session at 6:51 pm for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, discipline, suspension, dismissal, resignation, or removal of a particular person or corporation. (Carried 3-0)

Exit Executive

Session at 6:59 pm

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to exit Executive Session at 6:59 pm. (Carried 3-0)

Fire Department

The board briefly reviewed the fire department budget and discussed the need for equipment etc. for the department as well as plans to proceed with designing a new truck replacement which is building out three years from order date.

No Budget Adjustments

There were no budget adjustments made at this time.

Close Public Hearings

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to close the public hearing for the Budget and Tax Levy Limit Override respectively at 8:04 pm. (Carried 3-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:05 pm. (Carried 3-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer