

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

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016  
Start: 8:00 AM  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Special Meeting 8:00 – 11:00 AM

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Thomas Snyder, Leon LeBlanc, Ronald LaScala, David Maroun and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Picerno, New Reporters Thomas Salitsky and Daniel McClelland.

**Call to Special Meeting**

**To Order** Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order and established the agenda.

**Budget Work Session**

**For Fire Dept**

The Village Board reviewed the Fire portion of the General Fund Budget line item by line item and made the following changes:

- A3410.120 Fire OT -2,000 reduce OT Exp.
- A3410.230 Fire Tools -750 remove Pressure Washer
- A3410.250 Fire Hoses -2550 remove (10) 50' -3" Hose
- A3410.250 Fire Hoses +1100 add Gated Y-Nozzle
- A3410.430 Fire Electric -1000 reduce Electric Exp.

Adjustments were approved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Trustee Maroun stated he would like to see every employee and volunteer with an Official Village ID.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen stated his department has the machine to issue the employee IDs if necessary.

**Policy of Installing  
Fire Lights for Chief  
& Asst. Chief's  
Vehicle**

Trustee LaScala asked why the volunteers didn't pay for their own installation of fire lights after each election. He stated it is a cost that is excessive especially during a term of office and they trade their vehicle. We end up paying twice for the installation and removal of the radios.

Fire Chief Carl Steffen stated he and Trustee Maroun would look closer at the Fire Department's bylaws to see if they could add a policy that would require the volunteer to pay for the re-installation during a term if they replace their vehicle.

**Budget Work Session**

**For Police Dept**

The Village Board reviewed the Police portion of the General Fund Budget line item by line item and made no changes at this time.

Budget Work Session  
For DPW Dept

The Village Board revisited the DPW portion of the General Fund Budget and made the following adjustments:

- A5110.200 Streets Equipment -22,000 removed Park Pick-up
- A3310.400 Traffic Control +2500 added 50 Stop Signs

Adjustments were approved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc respectively. (Carried 5-0)

2016 Silverado 3500  
4x4 Garbage Truck  
Purchase

After an in depth explanation as to available revenues in this year's budget to fund a replacement garbage truck it was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to purchase a 2016 Silverado 3500 4x4 Reg Cab Chassis 1WT DRW by piggy backing off the Chautauqua County Bid in the amount of \$37,513.11. (Carried 5-0)

Budget Work Session  
For W/WW Depts.

The Village Board reviewed the Water/Wastewater Budgets line item by line item and made the following adjustments:

- F8340.200 Transmission & Distr. -30000
- F9710.600 Debt Service Prin. \
- F9710.700 Debt Service Int. / -24671 Prin. & Int. moved to Sewer for Vac-Con Machine
- F8340.460 Equipment Repairs -10000

Adjustments were approved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard highlighted some of the summer projects for the two departments advising that he would like to see work in the Cliff Avenue area completed inline with the NYS DOT Reconstruction Project and the DPW Departments.

Discuss Water Rate  
Increase

The board briefly discussed each scenario to support a proposed water rate increase to offset the needed additional revenues to support our capital improvements both for the NYS DOT Betterments and the Ground Water Supply Project.

Before proceeding it was agreed that Mayor Maroun would contact the Town of Tupper Lake Supervisor Patricia Littlefield to discuss the water rate increase and establish a special meeting to review our options before setting a public hearing in the coming days.

21 High Street  
Re-advertise Bid

Mayor Maroun noted that we spoke with our Attorney Nathan Race about the bid for the 21 High Street property. He recommended we re-advertise with an open bid and see what comes in. He advised we need to receive a fair offer, once the bids come in we can assess whether or not we feel they are fair and decide from there.

It was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to re-advertise the 21 High Street without a minimum bid with a bid opening date of May 13, 2016 at 12:00 Noon. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:00 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer