

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Monday, April 15, 2013
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Public Hearing & Regular 5:45-7:55 PM

At the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Richard Donah and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain

Also present were residents Ronald LaScala, Deborah Meyers, Steve Furnia, Electric Department Superintendent John Bouck, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Mark Picerno, News Reporters Jessica Collier, Mary Peryea and Ted Morgan.

Call Public Hearing

To Order:

Amendments to Chapter 41

Entitled Sewer Rents

Local Law #1-2013 Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 pm for the purpose of hearing the public's comments concerning proposed Local Law #1-2013 Amendments to Chapter 41, Sewer Rents concerning a proposed increase in the household income from \$15,000 to \$17,000 for qualified senior citizens.

Close Public Hearing Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to close at 6:00 pm after there were no comments.

Also present were Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Fire Department Member Mark Picerno, Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Department of Public Works Michael Sparks, residents Ronald LaScala and Deborah Meyers and news reporters Mary Peryea, Ted Morgan and Jessica Collier.

Call Regular Meeting

To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:02 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Open Public

Comment Period:

Steve Furnia

Balsam Avenue resident Mr. Steve Furnia was present to discuss the ongoing issue of the 50' right of way and problems he has been having with an adjacent owner plowing snow into the road and blocking his property.

Mr. Furnia informed the board that he had local surveyor Creighton Fee survey the road in 2002 and at that time the center line of the road was defined. He advised the board he'd like vehicle posts installed on the left side of the road every 50' and the other side of the road a fire lane.

Mayor Maroun advised Mr. Furnia the Village is in the process of researching the width of the road and once we have answers it will be addressed by the board at a future board meeting.

Chamber of Commerce

Updates: Chamber of Commerce Events Coordinator Michelle Clement advised the board that the chamber has just updated their Tinman Website and they are also seeking local input in kicking off their 1st Annual Tupper Lake through MY EYES photo contest. In addition on May 17, 2013 the chamber will be hosting their Annual Chamber Gala at the Tupper Lake Country Club so please make your nominations soon.

Mayor's

Announcements:

"Save Ourselves"

CPR/AED Training

Mayor Maroun announced that the Village has scheduled CPR and AED training for our paid and unpaid employees for May 1 & May 6, 2013 to kick off "Save Ourselves" campaign to get as many employees trained in CPR and AED life saving.

Accept Donation for
ESB Project

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept a \$50.00 donation from Ms. Donna Lewis and \$100.00 from Mrs. Christa Beline in support of our efforts to fund an Emergency Services Building for Fire and Police. (Carried 5-0)

Adirondack ARC

"Rock the Arc"

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the Adirondack ARC to host a fundraising event called "Rock the Arc" in the Municipal Park on Saturday, August 3, 2013 in the ball field with live music, food and drinks and to also issue an Alcohol Permit. (Carried 4-1, Trustee Donah "Abstained")

Knights of Columbus

Annual Auction

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual auction on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at the HGA Parish Center and they are requesting donations from those of you who may want to group together to make a donation on behalf of the board members.

NYCOM 104th Annual

Meeting

NYCOM will be hosting their 104th Annual Meeting May 6 & 7, 2013 in Saratoga Springs for those of you who may want to attend.

Town of TL Public

Hearing 4/18/13

The Town of Tupper Lake will be hosting a public hearing on Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 4:00 pm concerning comments related to the costs of any new sewer connections to Sewer District 23.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the Board Minutes from March 18, 26, 29, 2013 and April 5 & 8, 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement:

Accept March

Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the March 2013 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

ZBA Variance

Hearing 61 Lake St.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 there will be a variance hearing on the proposed re-use of the 61 Lake Street property, all board members are encouraged to attend.

DPW:

Roger Amell Petition

To Dedicate Amell

Lane

Mayor Maroun advised the board that we received on March 16, 2013 a formal request from Mr. Roger Amell asking that the Village Board accept the dedication of Amell Lane as a village street.

Trustee Snyder stated he was against it because we had similar issues with another property owner at the end of McCarthy Street and doesn't want us to proceed.

Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee Maroun want it paved.

Mayor Maroun asked that we lay it aside until next months meeting to give us time to request a copy of a deed from the Franklin County Clerk of one of the affected property owners on Amell Lane.

Trustee Donah asked that we schedule a meeting with Mr. Amell to discuss the issue further.

Fire:

Accept Annual &
March's Report
Annual Elections

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Annual Report and the March 2013 Monthly Report in addition to formally approve the annual election of officers for the volunteer fire department. (Carried 5-0)

Last Community
Forum 4/23/13

As a courtesy reminder to all community members that our final Community Forum on the proposed Emergency Services Building will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Goff Nelson Memorial Library basement. The Village's referendum vote will follow on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 pm at that same location. In addition visits to the Don Smith Apartments and Ivy Terrace will be made in the coming week.

7/6/13 Chicken BBQ &
7/20/13 Block Party

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve July 6, 2013 Chicken BBQ at the Municipal Pavilion and July 20, 2013 Block Dance for Children and Families. (Carried 5-0)

Police:

Accept March
Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the March 2013 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 5-0)

Water/Wastewater:
NNYWW Training

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize three members of the department to attend the Northern New York Water Works Conference May 1, 2013 in Potsdam, NY. (Carried 5-0)

Phase 2 Potential

Groundwater Sources

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to give Claude Cormier and HydroSource Associates, Inc. authorization to proceed to the next phase for services to further investigate the potential for developing a groundwater source for Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

NYS DOT

Reconstruction
Project – AEDA
Contract

After a brief discussion it was tabled until a future meeting.

Amendments to Chapter 41

Entitled Sewer Rents

Local Law #1-2013

Approved

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve Local Law #1-2013 Amendments to Chapter 41 Entitled Sewer Rents to increase the household income limit from \$15,000 to \$17,000 per qualified senior citizen households. (Carried 5-0)

Outstanding W/WW

Village User Rents

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that Village Water & Sewer users that have any unpaid outstanding balances as of April 30, 2013 will be turned over to Franklin County and levied to their 2013 Village of Tupper Lake tax bills.

Electric:

Electric Curtailment There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the period April and May of 2013.

2013-14 Projects

Listing

Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised that he will be out of town at a MEUA Semi-Annual Meeting on the evening we are working on our budget and that he would like to take this time to highlight the coming budgets projects as follows:

- Continuing Property Records Development
- Demars Blvd Generator Install and Transformer
- Ball Park Lighting Improvement
- SLIC make ready for their services
- Rebuild River Road & cut trees
- Hemlock Ledge line replacement
- NYS DOT Route 3&30 Reconstruction Project
- Lake Street Improvements
- Little Loggers Playground Lighting Improvements
- Misc. Park Events Support
- Stetson Road Pole Improvements
- Park Street Lighting Improvements

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the warrant in the amount of \$33,323.62 and \$164,776.50 respectively for payment of the bills for March 19, 2013 and April 15, 2013 and to approve the abstract of audited vouchers for the month of March 2013. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash

Position

Review the monthly cash position for March 31, 2013.

Budget Work Session

Reminders

April 16, 2013

A reminder that we have a special meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30 pm to continue our budget work session for Fire and W/WW.

Guardian Dental &
Vision Renewal

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute our Guardian dental and vision (no change) renewal for 2013-14 as proposed. (Carried 5-0)

Grant Update

April 2013

Trustee Donah read the Grant Update for April 2013 from Melissa McManus.

BOA Expression

Of Interest 5/30/13

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize advertising for expressions of interest for our BOA for May 30, 2013 at 4: pm. (Carried 5-0)

2013 NYPA Tree

Power Program

There was a brief discussion concerning replacing the cedar hedges at the Municipal Park through the 2013 NYPA Tree Power Program. Trustee Donah stated he would look closer at the trees and advise Electric Superintendent John Bouck if they need replacing.

Enter Executive

Session at 7:40 PM

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to enter Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss police personnel and collective bargaining negotiations and electric department personnel. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive

Session at 7:50 PM

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 7:50 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Vacation Scheduled

Police Chief

It was noted that the Police Chief would be away from April 12, 2013 to April 21, 2013 on vacation.

Part-time Police

Officer Candidates

The board took a moment to review the part-time police officer canvas listing and feasibility of establishing an interview in the coming week.

Unit II Contract

Approved

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve Unit II's Collective Bargaining Agreement for June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2015 with a 1.25% raise in 2012, 1.5% in 2013 and 1.5% in 2014. (Carried 5-0)

Civil Service

Title Discussion

It was noted that once Electric Meter Serviceman James Moody retires in July of 2013 we plan to have him return to a part-time position of part-time account clerk.

Adjournment

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

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer