

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

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Start: 6:00 PM
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Special Meeting 6:00 – 6:45 PM

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.

Absent from the Special Meeting were Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee Maroun.

Also present were Town of Tupper Lake Supervisor Patricia Littlefield and Deputy Supervisor John Quinn and New Reporter Daniel McClelland.

Call to Special Meeting

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

Water Rate Discussion

For Capital Projects The Village Board discussed three options with the Town of Tupper Lake representatives of possible water rate schedules to consider down the road should the Village of Tupper Lake attain tax exempt status for their two water supply properties.

Mayor Maroun

Supports Option #3 Mayor Maroun stated he has three options for consideration and that he supports option #3.

Option #1

Option #1 increased both water rates inside and outside the Village equally 24.4% or for a residential user Village Water Rate would increase from \$17.00 to \$21.15 per month and Town Water Rate would increase from \$24.20 to \$30.10 per month.

Option #2

Option #2 would equalize the water rates both inside and outside the Village. The Village Water Rate would increase from \$17.00 to \$21.56 per month and the Town Water Rate would decrease from \$24.20 to \$21.56 per month, assuming the Town, School and County would exempt us from taxes.

Option #3

Option #3 wouldn't equalize the water rates both inside and outside the Village but it would bridge the gap some. The Village Water Rate would increase from \$17.00 to \$20.74 per month and the Town Water Rate would stay the same at \$24.20 per month, assuming the Town, School and County would exempt us from taxes.

Tax Status Date Has Passed

Town of Tupper Lake Supervisor Patricia Littlefield noted that the tax status date has passed and didn't believe we could make a change this late in the year but she would check in to it and let us know.

Phasing Increases

Town of Tupper Lake Deputy Supervisor John Quinn asked if we could phase the increase progressively.

Exemption Process

Both boards were not sure of the process of applying exemption to the Village owned water properties and needed additional time to consult with each respective attorney for guidance.

Set Public Hearing
To Set New Water
Rates

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala to establish a public hearing for Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 8:00 am to set new water rates for both inside and outside the Village. (Carried 3-0)

ROOST Contract
Questioned

Mayor Paul Maroun advised Town of Tupper Lake Supervisor Patricia Littlefield that he wanted to wait until later in the year to assess the value of our contract with ROOST to see what type of Bed Tax Revenues are generated by Franklin County before we demand we no longer contribute once the revenue stream is there from the county.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:45 pm. (Carried 3-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer