

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

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Special Meeting  
6:00-7:05 PM

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees David Maroun, Eric Shaheen, Leon LeBlanc, Jason McClain and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Sunset Park Motel Owner Mr. Steve Wojtas and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Marbone (Via Zoom).

Call Special Meeting  
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 pm for the purpose of continuing a budget work session in preparation of budget adoption of the tentative Fy2023-24 Budgets.

Public Comment:  
Sunset Park Motel  
Owner

The owner of the Sunset Park Motel Mr. Steve Wojtas was present to request that the board speed up the process of better water quality, he doesn't want us to wait 2-years to upgrade the old water facility on Maddox Lane, he asked if there was a way to put something on-line sooner.

Mayor Maroun explained the background and confirmed the process with the PILOT, design, bid and then construction. He promised to speak with our representative Ms. Marlene Martin with the NYS DOH tomorrow morning to see what else can be done.

Trustee Shaheen stated he wants to petition Albany to declare a State of Emergency.

Trustee LeBlanc stated he wants letters sent to Dan Stec and Billy Jones to see if there is something they can do help us out.

Budget Work  
Session:  
DPW Equipment  
Needs

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace was present to discuss equipment needs of the DPW which included a new utility box, plow truck and bobcat skid steer. In addition it was noted that the 2003 street sweeper also need a new elevator which is priced around \$15,000.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised he would take the 2015 plow truck unit #23 and make it the summer utility truck, retiring the 1994 Ford and selling it on Auctions International. The 2015's box would be removed and replaced with a new utility box. The pricing he provided was roughly \$8,000 for a new utility body.

The new plow truck would need to be a F250 or 2500 pickup with a plow. The pricing he provided was \$47,000 for the truck and \$8,100 for a plow with an expected delivery date of December 2023.

The board discussed at length a trade vs. selling the John Deere Skid Steer on Auctions International and the general consensus was to sell it on Auctions International to see if we can fetch more than the \$16,500 being offered as a trade in, if not we can refuse the bid and use the trade in value. It was noted that the Water/Wastewater Department would pay for half the cost of the new skid steer. The pricing he provided was \$56,202 without a trade.

The board agreed that they would finance the equipment purchase through a 3-year SIB with the first payment not being due one year from closing.

The 2003 Johnston Sweeper is in need of a major overhaul next season, the estimated cost for the repairs is around \$15,000.

The board discussed at length the current revenues generated from garbage sticker sales vs. the costs to provide curb side pickup inside the village.

After a lengthy debate a motion was made by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to increase the garbage sticker price 150% from \$2.00 a bag to \$5.00 per bag beginning June 1, 2023. (Carried 5-0)

#### Permanent Appointments

Motion by Trustee Shaheen, seconded by Trustee Maroun to permanently appoint Michael Dominic to the position of Electric Utility Superintendent and Ryan Skiff, Joel Boudreau and Joshua Pickering to the position of Line Worker. In addition, also provisionally re-appoint William Bencze to Chief Line Worker. (Carried 5-0)

#### Enter Executive Session at 6:50 PM

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee McClain to enter Executive Session at 6:50 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 5-0)

#### Exit Executive

#### Session at 7:02 PM

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Shaheen to exit Executive Session at 7:02 pm. (Carried 5-0)

#### Budget Adjustments

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to remove the three (3) police officer replacements in the proposed budget and the associated benefits for FY2023-24.

#### Advertise PT Park

#### Laborers

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to advertise for part-time laborers for the park for two weeks with no residency required. (Carried 5-0)

#### Monthly Meeting

#### Moved to 5/24/2023

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to move our monthly meeting to May 24, 2023 to accommodate our Village Attorney Nathan Race to attend. (Carried 5-0)

#### Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Shaheen, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:05 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer