

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 6:00-7:30 PM

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

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Member Nick Rolley, Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, DPW Employee Will Howard, residents Randall Rolley, Jan Yaworski, Ursula, Trinity, Mason, Cheryl, Meagan and Donald Vaillancourt, Woodsmen Association Members Denise North, Neilson Snye, Police Officers Michael Vaillancourt and Heather Kennedy, David McMahon and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Adam St. Louis.

Call Regular Meeting
To Order Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Public Comment:
David McMahon
Tinman & Zombie
Properties

Mr. David MaMahon was present to share with the board his unhappiness that the Village Board authorizes the support of events like the Tinman. He stated events like that require a lot of resources before and after and feels they bring no benefit to our community. He advised he spoke with several businesses and most of their traffic were from visitors for graduation instead of the Tinman.

Secondly, he shared his unhappiness that a board member told him if he didn't like the Village Board supporting an event like the Tinman to move it he didn't like it! He was upset at the comment and felt we should allow comments like this.

Thirdly, he wanted the board to know that the New York State passed legislation that would require mortgage companies to upkeep and maintain Zombie Properties like the one next to his home on Water Street.

Planning Board
Appointment Held Mayor Maroun advised he isn't prepared to move on the Planning Board vacancy again this month. No comments from the Board.

TWC Merger With
Charter Communications
Finalized Mayor Maroun advised that we received formal notice from Charter Communications and Time Warner cable that they have completed their merger and our cable franchise is now under the control of Charter Communications, Inc.

Franklin County IDA
Open House

Mayor Maroun advised that the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency will be hosting a meet and greet with the IDA Board Members and the Tupper Lake Community on Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Aaron Maddox Hall. All are welcomed to attend.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Board Minutes from June 15, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Re-appoint Fred Schuller VTL Housing Authority Board

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to reappoint Mr. Fred Schuller as a Village of Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board of Commissioner with a term to expire 8/8/2021. (Carried 5-0)

Electric:

NYPA Tri-Lakes

Agreement Restated
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to ratify Mayor Maroun signature on the Revised Restated Tri-Lakes Agreement that shortens the term, lowers the interest rate and saves around \$260,000 in interest payments to the community. (Carried 5-0)

Misc. Projects
And NYS DOT
Assistance

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves read his monthly report and advised of our assistance to NYS DOT during the recent inclement weather.

Electric Vehicle
Charging Stations
Discussion

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves advised that it would cost between \$2,000-6,000 per charging station and we are working with NYPA to investigate new initiatives coming down the line for grant funding for our community.

Code:

Accept June
Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the June 2016 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 5-0)

Discuss Assessment
Review Board Letter

Trustee LaScala asked Mr. Edwards to discuss the letter received from the Town of Tupper Lake Assessment Review Board concerning the condition of a property we are working with the Village Justice in correcting.

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that the property in questions is almost 95% compliant and he stated he feels the Town of Tupper Lake Assessment Review Board should have consulted the authority having jurisdiction over the property before reducing a resident's assessment on their property unnecessarily. Mayor Maroun advised he would like us to reply to the letter accordingly to state the facts and set the record straight.

Police:

Accept June
Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the June 2016 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

K-9 & Tinman Donations

Accepted

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept a \$1,615.07 donation from the on-line Go-Fund-Me account as well as a \$150.00 donation for Police OT from the TL Chamber for our assistance with the Tinman Triathlon. (Carried 5-0)

Life Saving Award
Presentation

Police Officers Michael Vaillancourt and Heather Kennedy were acknowledged and presented with a Life Saving Pin Award for their above and beyond performance in saving Mr. Randall Rolley's life back on December 6, 2015.

Mr. Randall Rolley added and stressed that all residents need to learn CPR because you never know when you might need to use it.

V&T Proposed
Changes – Set
Hearing Date

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to set a Public Hearing for August 17, 2016 at 5:45 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:
Accept June
Report

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the June 2016 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Rabies Clinic Set

Reminder that the annual Franklin County Rabies Vaccine Clinic will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Saranac Lake's 125th
Anniversary

Fire Chief Carl Steffen asked for authorization to take a vehicle over for the Saranac Lake Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Celebration to be held on August 13, 2016. It was so moved by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the attendance. (Carried 5-0)

Block Dance Follow-
Up

Fire Chief Carl Steffen thanked all those who donated to the annual Block Dance; the kids and families that participated had a wonderful time.

Pump Testing To Be
Completed

Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that that annual inspections and pump maintenance will be performed next month for all vehicles.

Water/Wastewater
NNYWW
Conference

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize four (4) members to attend the annual Northern New York Water Works Conference in Wanakena on August 10, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Misc. Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that the clarifier Arm has been rebuilt and pump motor repairs have been completed in the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Final PER has been submitted to DOH in Albany for review for our Ground Water Supply Project, once it is approved we will bid the project.

DPW:
Men's League &
Woodsmen Event

Trustee LaScala took a moment to put to rest the Facebook banter concerning the Woodsmen Association's use of the baseball field for their event. Trustee LaScala added that the event brings great value to our local economy and we need to find solutions so both can co-exist.

Neilson Snye was present to add that the event has utilized the Municipal Park since 1951 and they have always been successful in restoring the ball fields each and every one of those years in worst weather than this year.

Ms. Denise North added that she was very unhappy with the condition of the announcers booth and more care needs to be shared by both organizations as in previous years.

2001 Harriman
Trailer Sale

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to sell the 2001 Harriman Trailer on Auctions International since we have ordered a new one on NYS Contract and the trailer no longer will serve any use for the Village's needs. (Carried 5-0)

August 18, 2016
"Picnic in the Park"
Fund Raising Event

It was noted that the Tupper Lake Lions Club will be hosting a "Picnic in the Park" to benefit the new Flanders' Park Band Shell for Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 6pm-9pm. Tickets are \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. They will need picnic tables, fire wood and fire pit in the event it goes later than expected from the DPW Department.

Treasurer:

Approve Warrants

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the July 20, 2016 warrant in the amount of \$293,829.05 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of June, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for June 30, 2016.

Enter Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to enter Executive Session at 7:15 pm for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person in our employment. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive
Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to exit Executive Session at 7:25 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Raises Approved
Part-Time Staff

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to authorize a 25 cent per hour raise to the Village Court Clerk, Village Cleaner and Part-time Clerk effective 7/17/16. (Carried 4-1, Trustee LeBlanc "Abstained")

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourn at 7:30 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer