Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, August 6, 2019	
Start:	10:00 AM	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Special Meeting	10:00– 11:30 AM

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

Also present were resident James Lanthier, Clarence Bell Softball Members and volunteers Royce Cole, Ricky Skiff, James Dukette, Korey Kenniston and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Aaron Cerbone.

Call to Order and Agenda Established

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

Trustee Maroun Outlined Needed Field Improvements

Trustee Maroun outlined in detail a significant listing of needed improvements to the Municipal Ball Park Field along with estimated costs that might be associated with completing them in order to meet the needs of a professional ball team. He did announce that he has a group of volunteers and donated equipment that can be used immediately to start the improvements and that they would like to get started as early as next week.

Trustee Maroun also announced that the local softball league has roughly $7,200 in funds they are going to donate in lumber to the construction of the new dugouts for the field. In addition Tupper Lake Supply, Inc. has committed to donating $10,000 in lumber to the proposed party decking.

Commitment Letter

Trustee Hollingsworth asked what our commitment would be to hosting a professional ball team.

Trustee Maroun advised that we would need to provide a playable field and amenities for the teams, for example a club house for each team that could be accommodated with 10' x 28' Amish sheds for the home and visiting teams. Trustee Maroun advised he is expecting a written commitment letter from the Empire League any day now.

Team Name Explained

Mayor Maroun gave a brief background on the naming of such a team for Tupper Lake. He explained one of the names they are considering is "River Pigs" and many of the other names that were considered are already trade marked. The interested team is from Georgia.

Mutual Benefits To Other Field Users

Volunteer and Softball League Member James Dukette explained that right now there are no facilities to accommodate the 13-15 year olds and the field improvements will help the Babe Ruth and American Legion Leagues if one if formed which is in the works as we speak.

Future Users Of Park – Site Plan	Trustee LaScala advised he would like to create a policy that would address future users of the Municipal Park including requiring a detailed site plan and needs from the Village for example temporary lighting, bleachers, traffic control, water etc. It was so moved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the creation of a Park User Requirements Policy. (Carried 5-0)
Future Restriction Ball Field Facilities	Trustee LaScala advised that if we are committed to investing in the field we need to restrict other users from the ball field facilities. It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to commit to the field improvements a little at a time as funding is available and restrict multi-users from utilizing the facilities except for playing hardball and softball. (Carried 5-0) Mayor Maroun advised we will work with the other users of the park to accommodate their needs in the open event field section of the park across from McDonalds.
Modify Investment Policy – Add Greene County Commercial Bank	Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to add Green County Commercial Bank as an authorized financial institution to our Investment Policy. (Carried 5-0)
Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 11:09 am. (Carried 5-0)
Electric Line Helper Considerations	After a thorough review of the individuals recently interviewed for the Electric Line Helper vacancy it was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to appoint Mr. Tylar Shore to the position of Electric Line Helper effective August 19, 2019. (Carried 5-0)
Post Water/Wastewater Helper Position	It was so moved by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to post the vacancy for Water/Wastewater Helper position in the local newspaper and in house. Applications will be due by August 23, 2019. (Carried 5-0)
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc exit Executive Session at 11:29 am. (Carried 5-0)
Reassign Bleacher Funds To Field Improvements	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to reassign the $20,000 budgeted for portable bleachers to the field improvements. (Carried 5-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:30 am. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer