

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

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting 5:45-7:46 PM

At the Public Hearing 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, Electric Superintendent Marc Staves, residents David McMahan, Clint Hollingsworth, and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Adam St. Pierre.

Call Pubic Hearing
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order for the purpose of hearing the public's comments on proposed Local Law #3-2016 amendments to Chapter 48 of the Village Code entitled Vehicles and Traffic.

Amendments
Highlighted

Mayor Maroun explained the purpose of the amendments to Chapter 48 include the elimination of handicapped parking spaces partially due to the NYS DOT reconstruction project as follows: 53 Park Street (Village), 81 Park Street (Gillis Realty), 115 Park Street (CBNA), 196 Park Street (VFW), 48 Wawbeek Avenue (St. Alphonsus Church), 3 Main Street (Mann Dentistry), 42 Main Street (Larkin's) as well as eliminate parking within 30 feet of Pine Street and NYS Route 3 intersections as well as at the Lake Street and Mill Street intersects a total of 30 feet along Lake Street for safety.

Close Hearing
No further comments were made and Mayor Maroun closed the Public Hearing at 5:59 pm.

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.

Approve Local Law
#3-2016 Amendments
To Chapter 48 Vehicles &
Traffic
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve Local Law #3-2016 amending Chapter 48 titled Vehicles and Traffic as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Public Comment:
David McMahan
Utility Pole Damage
Resident David McMahan commended the Village Electric Department for a great job over the weekend restoring power in light of the damage that was done to a utility pole on Demars Blvd and with the inclement weather.

David McMahan
Washout Park St.
Resident David McMahan mentioned that the volunteer fire department members that were directing traffic at the intersection of Mill and Park Street during the resent washout wasn't wearing a safety vest and did not have flashers on the vehicle. For safety

reasons in the future extra measures should be taken to ensure safety.

Planning Board
Appointment
Scott Snyder-Fail

Motion by Trustee LaScala recommending we appoint Mr. Scott Snyder to the Joint Village/Town Planning Board to fill Mr. Ralph Russell's vacancy, there was no second and the motion failed.

Planning Board
Appointment
Rene "Billy"
Breton

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to appoint Mr. Rene "Billy" Breton to the Joint Village/Town Planning Board to fill Mr. Ralph Russell's vacancy. (Carried 3-2, Trustee LaScala "Nay" and Trustee Snyder "Abstain")

TL Lion's Club
"Picnic in the Park"

Mayor Maroun reminded everyone that the Tupper Lake Lion's Club will be hosting a "Picnic in the Park" community benefit for the construction of the new Performance Stage in the Flanders' Park tomorrow evening, Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 6:pm to 9:pm. (Carried 5-0)

Labor Day Weekend
Community Fun Day

Mayor Maroun announced that Labor Day weekend Saturday, September 3rd the Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to join them for a Community Fun Day with live entertainment in the Municipal Park. All are welcomed to join in.

Local Government
Day SUNY Potsdam

Mayor Maroun announced that the Annual Local Government Day will be held October 11, 2016 at SUNY Potsdam. If any board member would like to attend to please let Mary know to register you.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the Board Minutes from July 20, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Code:
Accept July
Report

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

21 High Street
Soils Removed

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards also reported that the 21 High Street fuel tank has been removed and soil boring samples completed; no contamination outside the building and DEC closure report received.

Re-Bid 21 High
Street Sale

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to deem the 21 High Street former fire station as surplus property now that we have a new Emergency Services Building and it no longer serves any municipal purpose for the Village of Tupper Lake. A minimum bid was set for \$72,000. (Carried 5-0)

Grants:
NYS HOME Grant
Appraisal Services
Award S. Curtis
Hayes

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute an agreement with S. Curtis Hayes Incorporated for appraisal services for our NYS HOME Grant Recipients. (Carried 5-0)

NYS HOME Grant
Environmental Services
Award GYMO
Architecture, Engineering
& Land Surveying, PC

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute an agreement with GYMO Architecture, Engineering & Land Surveying, PC for professional services relating to needed Environmental Site Visits, Lead Risk Assessments and Lead Clearance for our NYS HOME Grant Recipients. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:

Accept July
Report

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

9/10/16 Richard Sabin
Appreciation Dinner

K of C Hall

Fire Chief Carl Steffen acknowledged that Richard Sabin will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary with the Tupper Lake Fire Department on September 10, 2016 and a dinner in his honor has been planned for the K of C Hall.

NNYFF Fall Meeting

9/18/16

Fire Chief Carl Steffen announced that on September 18, 2016 the Tupper Lake Fire Department will be hosting the Northern New York Fire Fighter Fall Meeting at our new Emergency Services Building. All are welcomed to attend.

#166 Fire Fighters

Training

Fire Chief Carl Steffen announced that in the coming week #166 will be out of service to be used in Cranberry Lake for Fire Fighter Training.

FEMA Report

Awards Still

Available

Fire Chief Carl Steffen announced that there are still FEMA Grants available and he encouraged Mayor Maroun to contact Congresswoman Elise Stefanic to get things moving for our application if possible.

Ceiling Hose

Repairs

Fire Chief Carl Steffen reported that they are waiting on a company to repair the uptake reel, the volunteers have replaced the hose. Unfortunately the hose failed to disengage upon the vehicle being placed into drive.

Police:

Accept July

Report

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

Vehicle Update

Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that all vehicles are up and operating.

K-9 Schooling

Update

Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that Officer Jordan Nason and “JD” are in the top of their class in narcotic detection and things are going well.

“Touch a Truck”

Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that the Annual “Touch a Truck” is planned in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce’s “Community Fun Day” for Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 12:noon to 4:pm.

<p>Noise Ordinance Court Clarification</p>	<p>Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that our Noise Ordinance will not be enforced by the local courts due to the vagueness of the ordinance. Therefore the only way for the force to enforce will be to issue a “Disorderly Conduct” if the complainant signs a statement.</p>
<p>Narcan Training For Force</p>	<p>Mayor Maroun recommended it was necessary to schedule a meeting with the two justices and DA’s to discuss further.</p> <p>Police Chief Eric Proulx reported that all of his officers have received the necessary Narcan training through a MOU with the Lake Placid Police Department. A new policy will be completed in order for our force to carry the Narcan, kits are free to all those over the age of 18 years old.</p>
<p>Water/Wastewater: \$1 Million NYS EFC Grant Received</p>	<p>Mayor Maroun announced that the Village of Tupper Lake has received acknowledgment that we were the recipient of an additional \$1 million in grant funding from NYS EFC as part of Governor Cuomo’s water infrastructure projects in the North Country for our new wells and distribution upgrades.</p>
<p>\$250,000 Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Award</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign the acknowledgment and acceptance form for the grant award. (Carried 5-0)</p> <p>Mayor Maroun announced that the Village of Tupper Lake has received acknowledgment that we will be receiving an additional \$250,000 Northern Border Regional Commission grant for our Tupper Lake Water System Improvement Project.</p>
<p>Read Dam</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the grant award as presented and to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute all necessary paperwork. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>Camper Sewage Dumping Station</p>	<p>Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his department have been parging concrete at the Read Dam and they expect to complete all the work with our work forces.</p>
<p>Empire State Development Grant Update</p>	<p>In recent weeks it was asked where would someone dispose of their sewage from their camping units, as a courtesy reminder the community has a dumping station located at the Little Wolf Beach access for camper conveniences.</p> <p>Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that the Village will not take on any debt associated with the Empire State Development Grant; it will all be town or the developer.</p>
<p>Electric: Commend Work Forces</p>	<p>Electric Superintendent Marc Staves publicly commended his new hires for their outstanding work in the field over this past weekend.</p>
<p>NYPA – Tri-Lakes Agreement</p>	<p>Electric Superintendent Marc Staves announced that the cost savings our customers will realize over the remaining course of the Tri-Lakes Agreement with NYPA will be \$269,343.92 by renegotiating the interest rate. This will be a direct pass through to our customers.</p>

Disconnect Dates
Announced

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves announced that we will be conducting continuous disconnects until October 31, 2016. Customers are encouraged to stop in and make arrangements for payment to avoid disconnect.

Pole Attachment &
Joint Agreements
Update

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves announced that our Verizon Joint Pole agreement payments are not current and we have calls out to Rochester to follow-up on the status of our outstanding payments. In addition invoices have been sent to Time Warner Cable as well.

MEUA Annual
Meeting & Voting
Delegate

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LaScala,

WHEREAS, the Electric Superintendent Marc Staves of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on August 30, 31, September 1, 2, 2016 to be held at the Holiday Valley, Route 219, Ellicottville, New York, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MEUA Executive Committee be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York.

On roll call: Affirmative: 5 Negative: 0

I certify that the Board of Trustees of the Village adopted this resolution Tupper Lake, New York on the 17th day of August 2016.


Mary A. Casagrain

Village Clerk/Treasurer
(Carried 5-0)

Pole Inventory
Update

Electric Superintendent Marc Staves announced that there are only 12 streets left on the pole inventory project.

DPW:

Rock The Arc

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that due to inclement weather the "Rock the Arc" has rescheduled their annual event for Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Auctions International

2001 Harriman Trailer
Sale

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally authorize the sale of the 2001 Harriman Trailer for \$5,100.00 on Auctions International, the fund will be used to purchase a new trailer for all departments. (Carried 5-0)

Sidewalk Work Update Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that there will be sidewalk work in the coming weeks for Lake Street, Wawbeek Avenue, Park Street and Demars Blvd.

Franklin County Paving Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that Franklin County Highway Department will be here starting on August 29, 2016 for the Village and Town streets. We will be utilizing shared services with several of the neighboring communities with the understanding that we will have to repay the favor when they start their paving schedule.

Treasurer: Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the August 17, 2016 warrant in the amount of \$157,701.39 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of July, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Approve Warrants Review the monthly cash position for July 31, 2016.

Review Cash Position Auditors will be here September 6-8, 2016 to complete our annual AUD and NYPA Reports.

Auditors to Visit 9/6 – 9/8 Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace announced that the streets he intends to pave are Tallman, Chaney, McCarthy, Leboeuf and Clement Streets.

Street Paving Announced 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)

Enter Executive Session Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 7:40 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive Session Electric Lineman Helper & Worker Vacancy Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to advertise within and outside to fill a Lineman Helper vacancy and Line Worker vacancy for the Municipal Electric Department. (Carried 5-0)

Nicholas Moeller Retroactive Pay Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize retroactive payment to Nicholas Moeller for his hourly rate from \$10.00 to \$12.00 for a total of \$318.00 for pay periods July 29, 2016 to August 19, 2016. (Carried 5-0)

Brandon Picerno Seasonal Laborer Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to hire Mr. Brandon Picerno as a seasonal laborer effective immediately at a rate of pay of \$10.00 for the Municipal Park. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to adjourn at 7:46 PM. (Carried 5-0)


Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer