

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

Date: August 17, 2022
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Public Hearing & Regular Monthly 6:00-6:56 PM

At the Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, Ronald LaScala and Jason McClain and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Public Hearing was Trustees David Maroun.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Director of the Goff Nelson Memorial Library Courtney Carey, NYS DOT Resident Engineer Mr. Joe Sciortino and News Reporter Dan McClelland.

Call Public Hearing
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on proposed amendments to the Village of Tupper Lake's Code Chapter 48 titled Vehicles and Traffic to add restricted parking along Route 3/Main Street near the intersection of Balsam Street, add handicap parking on Lake Street near Amado's and other miscellaneous amendments as needed etc.

Police Chief Eric
Proulx

Police Chief Eric Proulx advised the board he would like to eliminate the parking space in front of the additional handicap parking spot proposed for Lake Street, the adjacent retaining wall pushes the parked vehicles out into the driving lanes and the corner has a sight hindrance if a vehicle is parked there.

Courtney Carey

Ms. Courtney Carey the Goff Nelson Memorial Library stated many of her senior patrons utilize that parking space to visit the library and respectfully request the board consider keeping at least one parking space there as it is utilize for today.

Peter Edwards

Mr. Peter Edwards added that he feels we should keep as much parking close to the business hub as possible and doesn't support removing the parking space.

NYS DOT Resident
Engineer Mr. Joe
Sciortino

NYS DOT Resident Engineer Mr. Joe Sciortino was present to introduce himself to the community and his advise to the board would be to keep the sight vision open as much as possible to eliminate a possible accident.

Fully Activated

Pedestrian Crosswalk In addition Mr. Joe Sciortino also addressed the Village's wishes to consider a fully activated pedestrian crosswalk devices at the 5-NYS DOT street light devices within our community. He explained if we modify the crossing devices traffic would not be allowed to make a right on red traffic move. He wanted us to consider it before he proceeds to recommend the change on our behalf to NYS DOT Watertown.

Mayor Maroun advised he was going to reserve the right to keep the public hearing open until next month at which time we will discuss the proposed changes to the Village's Vehicles and Traffic Local Code as discussed this evening.

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

Absent from the Monthly Meeting was Trustees David Maroun

Call Monthly Meeting

To Order Mayor Maroun called the Monthly Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:15 pm.

Pledge & Moment

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

Public Comment: None

Board Minutes Approved

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the board minutes from July 20, 2022. (Carried 4-0)

Village Court:
Village Justice Court
Annual Examination &
Accepted Resolution
#081722-A

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to formally approve the submitted court records and dockets for the

Village of Tupper Lake Justice Court as submitted by Village

Justice Mr. Christopher Delair and Acting Village Justice Leonard Young examined for Fiscal Year End May 31, 2022 for compliance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act of New York State. (Carried 4-0)

Certificate of Recording Officer

This is to certify that I, Mary A. Casagrain, the undersigned Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees, attest to the attached Resolution as being a true and correct original of said Resolution #081722-A, for the Justice Court formally acknowledging examination by the Village Board Members of the Village of Tupper Lake Justice Court records for the Fiscal Year End of May 31, 2022 meeting the requirements of Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act of the State of New York.

Village of Tupper Lake Board of Trustees

Duly held on the 17th day of August 2022; and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Minute Book for August 17, 2022 in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of August 2022.

Official Seal:

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Code Enforcement:

Accept July

Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the July 2022 Monthly Code Report as presented. (Carried 4-0)

Miscellaneous
Updates

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that he has two open permits for our DEC and Main Street grants for the Tupper Lake Theatre and Stacked Graphics and progress is moving along with them nicely. In addition we are also moving forward with our Affordable Housing Council Grant and the work being completed is ongoing.

Police:
Accept July
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the July 2022 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)

Fire:
Accept July
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the July 2022 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

Aaron Clark
Membership

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally appoint Mr. Aaron Clark to the Volunteer Fire Department. (Carried 4-0)

DPW:
Aaron Megliore
Retirement & Re-
Appointment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept a letter of retirement from seasonal laborer Mr. Aaron Megliore effective 8/31/2022 and to formally reappoint him as a seasonal laborer for 9/6/2022 for the Municipal Park. (Carried 4-0)

Miscellaneous
Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace reported that they have completed the blacktopping of Lake Street, Silver Street, Facticeau Avenue and the beginning portion of Sunset Avenue with the help of Towns of Tupper Lake, Clifton, Brighton, Franklin, Piercefield and Long Lake respectively.

In addition, the pad for the future skateboard park has been prepared for blacktopping, Lakeview Avenue is moving along very slowly and it is his hope to get the entrance to the street completed and 200 feet of sidewalk before fall.

W/WW:
SEQR - FEA
Form Part 1

After a thorough review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 for water supply improvement project for the Tupper Lake Water Treatment Plant Off Maddox Lane as proposed, approve a resolution setting status under SEQR and assuming lead agency status as proposed and authorize Mayor Maroun to execute, motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc as follows:

**RESOLUTION SETTING STATUS UNDER SEQR
AND ASSUMING LEAD AGENCY STATUS**

Village of Tupper Lake Water Supply Improvements for Municipal Water Supply

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake, hereinafter referred to as the "Village", is proposing to cause to be constructed the rehabilitation of the Tupper Lake Water Treatment Plant for municipal water supply to serve Village and Town residents, businesses, and institutions, including a 900 +/- square foot building addition; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake Village Board must evaluate all proposed actions submitted for its consideration that may affect the environment in light of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the involved agencies [as that term is defined in 6(A-2) NYCRR 617.2(t)] include the New York State Department of Health, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Town of Tupper Lake and Adirondack Park Agency, and the required environmental review will be conducted solely by the Village of Tupper Lake Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake Village Board desires to serve and act as the lead agency for the purposes of SEQR; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Village of Tupper Lake Village Board in determining whether the Action may have a significant impact on the environment, a Full Environmental Assessment Form dated 8/17/22 has been prepared by the Village and a copy of which has been filed with the Village Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Tupper Lake Village Board that:

The Village of Tupper Lake Village Board makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the proposed project:

The project constitutes a **"Type I Action"** as that term is defined in Section 6(A-2) NYCRR Section 617.2(kk) and 617.11;

The Village of Tupper Lake Village Board desires to serve as lead agency for the purposes of SEQR.

The Village Clerk shall cause the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Health, Town of Tupper Lake, and the Adirondack Park Agency as the other "involved agencies" to be notified of this resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: August 17, 2022

Adopted: 0 Ayes
 4 Nays

Attested by: _____

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk
(Carried 4-0)

Resolution of Support
NYS WIIA Grant
Application 2022

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve the following resolution of support of an application to NYS WIIA for grant assistance as follows:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NEW YORK STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT
(WIIA) GRANT ASSISTANCE
FOR THE VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE WATER SYSTEM SUPPLY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability from the 2022 NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant Assistance Program was announced for the current round of funding which will provide a maximum grant award of the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 60% of net eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake seeks to construct water system infrastructure improvements essential to addressing lingering disinfection by-product and new iron bacteria concentrations exceeding allowable levels; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake submitted on June 17, 2022 a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Listing form for funding consideration of the total project cost of \$8,609,700; and

WHEREAS, the Village is proceeding to complete all necessary steps to advance this project to construction in 2023 including prior completion of an Engineering Report and Smart Growth Assessment in June, 2022 and initiating the Environmental Review and

SEQR/SHPO coordinated review process on August 17, 2022. The Village has further authorized preparation of the Bond Resolution and Estoppel Notice for adoption and publication upon completion of the Environmental Review, and professional services agreement for engineering design, project management with fiscal coordination, and legal and bond counsel administration all to be approved upon completion of the bonding process in accordance with NYS Municipal Finance Law, and

WHEREAS, additional grant funding from the NYS WIIA Grant program would greatly assist the Village in providing a critical municipal service to customers at an affordable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tupper Lake fully supports the proposed funding application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds to the NYS WIIA Grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the attached certification contained in the application packet.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, Mary A. Casagrain, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Tupper Lake, New York, do hereby certify that the attached resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Tupper Lake on August 17, 2022 and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Seal of the Municipality:

Mary A. Casagrain
Village Clerk/Treasurer

(Carried 4-0)

Lakeview Avenue
Road Project

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that the reconstruction was delayed due to the valve at the state highway didn't work but they were able to get a vendor in to tap it in live and they are now getting back on the street.

Miscellaneous
Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that they will be flushing hydrants again next month and they intend to get to Tallman hopefully in the fall.

Electric:
Miscellaneous
Updates

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic advised the board that they have replace four (4) poles this past month and that they are concentrating on trimming. He also advised them that pad mounted transformers are unavailable for building at this time and are out 70 weeks for delivery. Some we recently ordered are expected to arrive July of 2023. Pole mounted transformers are out 12 months.

In addition he also advised that the one (1) mill rider we send to IEEP for rebates and LED initiatives by be changing to a two (2) mill rider by June of 2024. We are waiting on word from NYPA for direction.

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the August 17, 2022 warrant in the amount of \$310,215.84 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of July 2022.
(Carried 4-0)

