

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

Date: August 18, 2021  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-7:36 PM

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

Also present were Village Attorney Nathan N. Race, Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Fire Chief Royce Cole, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, News Reporter Dan McClelland, available via Zoom were Mercy Living Center Director Madaline Tolliver, resident Jan Yaworski and News Reporter Aaron Cerbone.

Call Monthly Meeting  
To Order Mayor Maroun called the Monthly Meeting to order and established the agenda.

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.

Thanks Received Mayor Maroun acknowledged receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from Mrs. Ellen N. Maroun concerning how nice our streets look.

2021 SEID & NBRC  
Grant Award Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally acknowledge receipt of a 2021 State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant award from NBRC in the amount of \$500,000 for the OWD Redevelopment Project to help with the infrastructure. (Carried 5-0)

Cloudsplitter  
Foundation Grant Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept a grant award from Cloudsplitter Foundation in the amount of \$27,500 contingent upon receipt of funding through the NYS Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for our Tupper Lake Waterfront Park Enhancement Project. (Carried 5-0)

Mercy Living Center  
Madaline Tolliver Ms. Madaline Tolliver acknowledged that they had a staff member test positive for Covid; over the last 2 weeks they have tested staff and residents and all have tested negative, visitation is limited and ZOOM visitations are encouraged. Residents are allowed in-room personal visits if visitors are vaccinated. Further updates will be given at next months meeting.

Board Minutes  
Approved Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the board minutes from July 21, 2021 and August 4, 2021 respectively. (Carried 5-0)

Code Enforcement:  
Accept July  
Monthly Report Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the July 2021 Monthly Code Report as presented. (Carried 5-0)

Police:  
Accept July Monthly Report  
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the July 2021 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 5-0)

Fire:  
Accept July Monthly Report  
Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the July 2021 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 5-0)

Jaws of Life Replacement Discussion  
Fire Chief Royce Cole advised the board that the Fire Department are exploring financing options for the replacement of their Jaws of Life apparatus but are concerned with the Fire Chief being personally responsible for the financing liability if something goes wrong. USDA application is being submitted and we may need to rethink and discuss other financing options.

Formally Re-appoint Ms. Jess Weigand  
Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally re-appoint Ms. Jessie Weigand to the Volunteer Fire Department. (Carried 5-0)

Block Dance 8/21 Fire Station  
Fire Chief Royce Cole advised the board they will be hosting their Annual Block Dance this Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 6-9 pm, there will be food, games and a DJ for all in the community to enjoy.

DPW:  
TL Snowmobile Club Storage Needs  
Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to authorize the location of a storage shed by the Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club next to the storage containers behind our fueling island as requested by the club at last months meeting. It was noted that the area safer, lighted and under camera surveillance. (Carried 5-0)

Municipal Garbage Sticker Increase  
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to increase the curb side garbage sticker fee from \$1.75 to \$2.00 each for a 13 gallon kitchen bag. Sticker increase will be immediately, we will run a reminder to customers in the newspaper over the next few weeks. (Carried 5-0)

Sidewalk Preparation McFarland Avenue  
It was noted that the sidewalks along McFarland Avenue were recently replaced and we expect to blacktop the street the first few weeks of September if all goes well with the weather.

W/WW:  
DANC Contract Extension Approval  
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally approve a contract extension for Development Authority of the North Country until May 31, 2022 for a contract increase of \$5,000 as proposed. (Carried 5-0)

MA Bonjiovanni & Weydman Change Orders  
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally authorize Contract Change Order #2-4 for MA Bonjiovanni, Inc. for a contract increase of \$477,321.00 and Contract Change Order #3-4 for Weydman Electric Inc. for a contract increase of \$53,350.09 as presented for our WWTP & Pump Station 3 Project. (Carried 5-0)

Former Draper Plant Work Completed  
Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that the work along Chemical Street near the former Draper Plant has been completed for Anthony Nadeau and Walter Kennedy.

Other Misc. Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that two men each day have been working along side M A Bonjiovanni and Well #2 has been cleaned. Next they will be moving to Wolf Avenue and then to Parkway. In addition, the flushing of the hydrants in the junction is continuing.

Mayor Maroun asked when Superintendent Robillard when he felt he would be able start reconstruction of Lakeview Avenue? Superintendent Robillard advise he really didn't know. After a brief discussion, board members expressed their hopes of at least starting the Lakeview Avenue project this year but really were not sure in light of the other maintenance issues that arise on a daily basis.

Electric:

Old Municipal Garage  
Bid Received

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally accept the bid of \$100.00 for the sale and removal of our old municipal garage from Tupper Lake Supply, Inc. A formal agreement will be finalized by our Village Attorney Nathan N. Race in the coming week. (Carried 5-0)

2021 MEUA Annual  
Delegate

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally authorize Michael Dominie to be our voting delegate for the MEUA Annual Conference on August 31 to September 3, 2021 as follows:

**DELEGATE RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tupper Lake, held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth,

**WHEREAS**, the Electric Superintendent Michael Dominie 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 31 to September 3, 2021 to be held at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron, NY 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 Michael Dominie, Electric Superintendent for the Village of Tupper Lake Municipal Electric Department 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
(Carried 5-0)

Treasurer: Approve Warrant	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the August 18, 2021 warrant in the amount of \$352,384.54 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of July 31, 2021. (Carried 5-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for July 31, 2021.
Vacant Unopened Street Requests	The board briefly reviewed several resident requests for purchase of vacant unopened streets within the Village. Ms. Debra A. (Baldwin) Martin was interested in an unopened road off from Arthur Street and Mr. Timothy Larabie for a portion of unopened street off from Fourth Street. Both unopened roads will never be developed and serve no municipal purpose and are deemed surplus.
Cat Ordinance Discussion	Trustee LaScala made the motion, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to refer both roads to Rob Gillis for a fair market evaluation. (Carried 5-0)
Trustee LaScala Alcohol Restriction Rescind Request	After a lengthy review of resident Alicia Nichols petition to the board for a formal cat ordinance, Trustee LaScala asked that it be referred to the Town of Tupper Lake since they have a animal/dog control officer and it should be under their stewardship.
Missed Court Appearances	Trustee LaScala revisited his request to rescind the no alcohol in the park local law. He explained that it doesn't help commerce. He stated it is about freedom and wants it lifted in general.
Into Executive Session	Village Attorney Nathan N. Race advised someone needs to assume liquor liability and if NYMIR doesn't provide coverage then it would be the taxpayers who can't afford it.
Trustee Hollingsworth Exited Executive Session at 7:30 pm	Mayor Maroun advised he would reach out to our insurance company to see what it would cost for liquor liability.
Clerk Provisional Appointment	Police Chief Eric Proulx asked our Village Attorney for guidance how to deal with violations of court appearances. Attorney Race advised he would check on this and get back to the Chief and Court.
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to enter Executive Session at 7:17 pm for the purpose discussing 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.
	Trustee Hollingsworth exited Executive Session at 7:30 pm.
	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Ms. Allison Hollingsworth to the position of Clerk effective September 16, 2021 provisionally contingent upon her being reachable on the civil service list. (Carried 4-0)
	Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to exit Executive Session at 7:35 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer