

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

Date: September 15, 2021
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-6:45 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, Jason McClain and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Regular Meeting was Trustee Leon LeBlanc.

Also present were Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards via ZOOM, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, News Reporter Dan McClelland, and available via Zoom was 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 and healthy recovery for Court Clerk Ms. Bridgette LaPierre.

Thanks Received

Mayor Maroun acknowledged receipt of a letter of thanks and appreciation from Mr. & Mrs. Walter Frey for recent sidewalk repairs on Forest Avenue.

**Technical Services
Agreement with DANC
For the 2021 SEID &
NBRC Grant**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a formal Technical Services Agreement for Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Administration with the Development Authority of the North Country as presented not to exceed \$9,000.00. (Carried 4-0)

Fourth Street Paper

Street FMV Accepted After reviewing the broker price opinions received from Gillis Realty Incorporated for the Fourth Street unopened street portion and the unopened street off of Arthur Street and deem the price opinions as fair and equitable since the property service no municipal purpose. Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to formally accept an offer of \$1,000.00 from Mr. Fred Schuller, Timothy Larabie and Tyler Larabie fro the Fourth Street unopened street portion that bordered their Marion Street properties as proposed. (Carried 4-0)

Thank You Tree

Donation Park

Mayor Maroun took the time to Thank Pamela Belleville, Beth Johnson, Stewart Nichols, Julie Welch and Becky Shaw for their generous donation of a lilac tree in loving memory of Mrs. Joanne Chartier for Flander's Park.

Board Minutes

Approved

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to approve the board minutes from August 18, 2021. (Carried 4-0)

Village Court:
Village Justice Court
Annual Examination & V
Accepted Resolution
#091521-A

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala 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 examined for Fiscal Year End May 31, 2021 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 #091521-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, 2021 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 15th day of September 2021; and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Minute Book for September 15, 2021 in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of September 2021.

Official Seal:

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Code Enforcement:
Accept August
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the August 2021 Monthly Code Report as presented.
(Carried 4-0)

Rail Trail Stakeholder's
Meeting Update

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised the board that he recently attended a NYS DOT Rail Trail Stakeholder's Meeting and the project is progressing along and on schedule as planned thus far.

Police:
Accept August
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the August 2021 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)

Fire:
Accept August
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee McClain, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the August 2021 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

Mutual Aid Thank
You

Mayor Marcoun took a moment to recognize members of the Volunteer Fire Department, members of neighboring departments like Long Lake who offered mutual aid during a difficult fatality on Lake Lila, Counter's Garage, Glens Falls towing etc. Members were truly strong.

DPW:
Miscellaneous
Updates

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace reported the following:

- The Martin Street parking lot has been striped.

- The parking blocks have been ordered for the ends.
- Forest Avenue sidewalk repairs have been completed.
- The enclosures for the bleachers have been completed.
- Beginning September 7 we will start hauling blacktop for the Town of Fine and reciprocation there after.
- The bases for the way finding signs have been poured and the signs will be installed in the coming week.
- The following surplus equipment will be posted on Auction's International, 2000 Volvo Excavator, 2010 Mini Excavator, 2017 John Deere side by side Gator, and 1993 Ford Water Truck; at next month's meeting we will award the sale.

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth formally accepting the Department of Public Works Report as presented. (Carried 4-0)

W/WW:
C2AE Contract
Amendment #3
Water & WWTP

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to formally approve a contract amendment #3 for C2AE for our Water System Improvement Project in the amount of \$238,000 and WWTP & Collection System Improvement Project in the amount of \$65,000 respectively. (Carried 4-0)

NCC LLC Change
Order \$1-4

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to formally approve contract change order #1-4 for North Country Contractors, LLC for a contract decrease of \$100,642.20 for the WWTP & Collection System Improvement Project. (Carried 4-0)

Fall Hydrant Flushing
To Begin

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised they will begin their Fall Hydrant Flushing through October 8, 2021.

Other Misc. Updates

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that each of the water towers/tanks will be cleaned once the flushing has been completed. They recently completed some repairs along Wolf Avenue and Parkway. He added that they were also able to cut up the old shaft that was removed from the wastewater treatment plant and haul it away. They do not expect to have enough time to complete the necessary repairs on Tallman Street.

Emma Street Concerns
By Trustee LaScala

Trustee LaScala discussed recent customer complaints from Emma Street property owners who asked the DPW and W/WW Department to address the insufficient storm water system for the area. He felt the Village forces should not be addressing their concerns because it is normal ledge run off and that he and the taxpayers would rather have them working in other areas in the village.

Electric:
Miscellaneous
Updates

Electric Superintendent Michael Dominic advised the board that they experienced a small outage on First Street to change out a broken pole. During the month they also replaced three (3) poles on Hosley Avenue, one pole on Mohawk Street and changed it from a 3 phase to a single phase. In addition, his department moved 75 transformers from the garage site in anticipation of the structure being removed by Dominic Dattola and Tupper Lake Supply, Inc.

Treasurer:
Clerk Vacancy
Appointment

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee McClain to appoint Ms. Alison Hollingsworth to the position of Clerk off the Franklin County Civil Service list effective September 16, 2021. (Carried 3-1, Trustee Hollingsworth “Abstained”)

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the September 15, 2021 warrant in the amount of \$780,604.82 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of August 31, 2021. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for August 31, 2021.

DRI Application
Submitted

Trustee LaScala thanked everyone who helped get the DRI Application completed and submitted.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer