

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

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
Location: Board Room  
Meeting: Regular Monthly 6:00-7:10 PM

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

Absent from the Monthly Meeting was Trustee Ronald LaScala.

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 Colin Gillis.

Open Comment  
Period: Mr. Gary Beaudette from the Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club addressed the Village Board with a request that they donate the Village's Snowcat to the local club for grooming of the trails around the community.

Trustee LeBlanc advised that the village attorney would draft a memorandum of understanding stating that the club would have use of the machine until which time they no longer use or need the machine. At which time the machine would be given back to the Village for their disposal. All insurance, maintenance and upkeep would be done by the club while the machine is in their custody.

It was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the donated use of the Village's Snowcat grooming machine to the Tupper Lake Snowmobile Club by use of a Memorandum of Understanding as described by Trustee LeBlanc. (Carried 4-0)

Scam Calls  
Alert Mayor Maroun asked the Tupper Lake Free Press to issue a public service announcement to alert residents of scam calls from the IRS and Power Companies.

Park Street Road  
Closure Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to authorize the annual closure of Park Street from 2:30 to 5:00 pm on October 31, 2017 for Halloween Trick or Treat on Park Street. (Carried 4-0)

Franklin County  
Foreclosure Auction Mayor Maroun announced that the Franklin County Real Property Office will be holding their annual property auction of foreclosed properties on November 15, 2017.

Board Minutes  
Approved Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the board minutes from August 16, 2017, September 18, 2017 and September 20, 2017 respectively. (Carried 4-0)

Code:  
Accept August Report Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)

10 Front Street  
Progress Update

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards updated the board on the progress of removing 10 Front Street. He informed the board that contracts are to be mailed this week between the two parties and he expects title to change hands in the coming weeks.

Energy Code  
Refresher Course  
Potsdam NY

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards reported that he attended an Energy Code refresher course in Potsdam for Code Officials at the October 10, 2017 Local Government Day.

Park Street Home  
Progress Update

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards reported that the Park Street home across from Day Wholesale is progressing with the improvements in anticipation of an inspection for a Certificate of Occupancy.

NYS Recreation

Corridor Resolution Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve a resolution of support for the NYS Recreation Corridor as follows:

Resolution of Support  
NYS Recreation Corridor

The Village of Tupper Lake hereby reaffirms its support of the Remsen-Lake Placid development plan as put forth by the State in 2016 Unit Management Plan. We recognize the important economic development, tourism, and health benefits that construction of the Adirondack Rail Trail will bring to our constituents. We urge the State to take every step necessary to expedite the appropriate procedural actions to allow construction of the corridor to continue including the appeal of Judge Main's rail corridor decision.

We further urge Governor Cuomo to take any necessary action or authority to designate the Lake Placid to Tupper Lake rail corridor as a NYS Recreation Corridor.

The above resolution was moved by Trustee Clint Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee David Maroun, roll call:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Trustee Clint Hollingsworth	X	
Trustee David Maroun	X	
Trustee Leon LeBlanc	X	
Mayor Paul A. Maroun		X

3 Ayes      1 Nays

(Carried 3-1)

Community Connector  
East of Carry Reservoir  
Resolution

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve Kildare Conservation Five Mile Conservation Easement for tourism opportunities in requesting the inclusion of a Community Connector east of Carry Reservoir as follows:

**Resolution**

**Requesting the Inclusion of a Community Connector East of Carry Reservoir in the Draft Five Mile and Kildare Easement Amendment.**

Whereas the NYSDEC has released a Draft Amendment to the Kildare and Five Mile Recreation Management Plans and is requesting public comment, and

Whereas the amendment proposes to develop a connector road between the Five Mile and Kildare easements, but fails to address other recreational opportunities as outlined in the Racquette Boreal UMP pertaining to a snowmobile connector on the east side of Cary Falls Reservoir, and

**Whereas** In 2012 A Study Committee was formed requesting the development of a Snowmobile Community Connector Trail per option 2 of the Racquette Boreal UMP between Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties on the East Side of Cary Reservoir, and the D.E.C. a party to these conversations on numerous occasions, and

**Whereas** the Draft amendment to the Easements does not include plans for this snowmobile route that has been repeatedly requested by several entities, including municipalities and that is vital to the snowmobile trail systems in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and

**Whereas** The Racquette Boreal UMP acknowledged the importance of a snowmobile route on the east side of Cary Reservoir and listed alternative routes, but took a “no action” approach, and

**Whereas** eleven years have lapsed since the completion of the Racquette Boreal UMP and there is no snowmobile community connector trail on the east side of Cary Reservoir connecting Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties and the communities of Tupper Lake, Colton, Parishville and points north and which provides a connection to Santa Clara and points east, despite repeated requests for development of such a route, and

**Whereas** Page 17 section 4.4-B-ii Specific Plan Guidelines for Snowmobiles and P. 27 section 4.8-2 New Road, Trails, Parking Lots of the Five Mile Conservation Easement articulate language that provides the DEC with the ability to develop a snowmobile corridor between the Five Mile Conservation Easement and the Lassiter Conservation Easement, and

**Whereas** the Village of Tupper Lake believes such a trail would enhance regional tourism and reap economic benefit for businesses and State and Local government, and

**Therefore it is resolved** the Village of Tupper Lake supports the road as proposed in the amendment as it will provide improved access for a multitude of recreational purposes, and

**Therefore it is resolved** the Village of Tupper Lake requests implementation of option 2 pertaining to the Snowmobile trail as outlined in the Racquette Boreal UMP be included in the above draft amendment, and

**Therefore it is resolved** the Village of Tupper Lake requests a joint meeting with NYSDEC, Franklin and St Lawrence Count Officials, The Towns of Tupper, Hopkinton, Parishville, Colton, Franklin County and the St Lawrence County Snowmobile Associations, and

**Therefore it is resolved** the Village of Tupper Lake requests the trails development and requests the office of N.Y.S. governor Andrew Cuomo, the N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency commence any and all actions necessary to bring this important snowmobile community connector to fruition, and

**And be it further resolved** the Village of Tupper Lake forward a copy of this resolution with supporting documents to Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Elected Officials, County Elected Officials, Adirondack Park Agency Local Government Review Board, the N.Y.S. DEC Commissioner, Director of the Adirondack Park Agency, Chairperson, Adirondack Park Agency, Access Adirondacks, Director N.Y.S. Snowmobile Association, Dec Region 6 Director, Dec Region 5 Director, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, Access Adirondacks.

(Carried 4-0)

Police:

Accept September Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve the September 2017 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)

Santa Clara Road  
Closure

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to authorize the road closure request for Santa Clara Avenue from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the Halloween Walk being hosted by the Town of Tupper Lake Recreation and Youth Activities Director Ms. Angie Snye. (Carried 4-0)

Accept Donation  
Franklin County  
Stop DWI

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to formally accept a donation for ½ of the cost of a new radar unit in the amount of \$873.00 from the Franklin County Stop DWI Program. (Carried 4-0)

Fire:  
Accept September  
Monthly Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September 2017 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

FEMA Grant  
Denial

Fire Chief Royce Cole reported that we received notice from the FEMA Grant Program that our request for replacement of our PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment) was denied. He reported that next time we apply to FEMA they are going to apply for a smaller request.

Membership Ryan  
Casey Approved

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to approve membership to the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department for Mr. Ryan Casey. (Carried 4-0)

Santa Clara Substation  
Update

Fire Chief Royce Cole reported that training is ongoing for the members from the Santa Clara Substation and he expects to inspect the turnout gear that was donated once it is washed up and to start fitting the new members with the proper turnout gear in the coming weeks.

1983 Pierce #169  
Update

Fire Chief Royce Cole reported that #169 the 1983 Pierce recently had its annual inspection completed and it is time to sell, put money into it or donate it to Santa Clara to complete the necessary improvements needed. At this time it needs a new radiator and related work, shocks and a few other odds and ends. He asked what the pleasure of the board was.

Mayor Maroun advised once he received the full inspection report from Century Fire Apparatus the full board would review and discuss how to move forward with the repairs at a future meeting.

Commend Fire Chief  
& Dept. Members

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards took the time to commend the Fire Chiefs Royce Cole and Joseph Arsenault for their assistance at the recent Prospect Street fire scene. Very professional job.

DPW:  
Woulf Avenue Parcel  
Sale

Mayor Maroun advised that we received notice from Kirk Gagnier on behalf of Hadrians of Tupper Lake that they no longer want to purchase the Woulf Avenue parcel. He asked for permission to approach the alternate bidder for consideration, it was so moved by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to contact her and report at a future meeting. (Carried 4-0)

APA Jurisdictional Determination Flanders Performance Project Mayor Maroun announced that we received a Jurisdictional Determination notice from the APA that our Flanders Performance Bandshell Project will not require an agency permit or variance. The next steps will be to finalize our drafted plans and get NYS DOS approval and proceed with the concrete forming and placement and structure bids.

Warranty Deed Amell Lane Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the warranty deed prepared for the Amell Lane conveyance along with accepting the road and map as proposed. (Carried 4-0)

Town of TL Streets Conveyances Within Village Incorporation Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the transfer paperwork necessary to take ownership of all the streets owned by the Town of Tupper Lake within the Village Incorporated limits. (Carried 4-0)

Waterline Easement WIIA Grant Award \$1.6 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally acknowledge and accept from Governor Andrew A. Cuomo an award of a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant for our Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements in the amount of \$1,605,395 through NYS EFC. (Carried 4-0)

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher LaMere Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a waterline easement agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Christopher LaMere for our ongoing water project. (Carried 4-0)

Haymeadow Alternate Update It was reported that the Water/Wastewater forces are moving forward with the Haymeadow Alternate work as part of the ongoing water project for as long as the weather cooperates.

Electric: NYPA Incremental Power Supply Agreement Approval Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a renewal agreement with the New York Power Authority for our incremental power supply needs until December 31, 2020 as presented. It was noted we have been renewing our agreement with NYPA since 1986 every three years as proposed. (Carried 4-0)

HMT Replay Work Scheduled Electric Superintendent Marc Staves reported that HMT will be here the week of November 13, 2017 to start the necessary relay work in the substation and replace the 6 old relays with one relay that can handle the capacity of the older units.

Pick-up Bids Out Electric Superintendent Marc Staves reported that the pick-up bids are out and we expect to have them for next months meeting for award.

Pole Replacements Underway Electric Superintendent Marc Staves reported that his crews have been busy replacing poles around the community and this project should be ongoing weather permitting over the coming year.

Deceased Customer  
Balance Write-off

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the discharge of a deceased customer's balance in the amount of \$151.01. (Carried 4-0)

Treasurer:

Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee Hollingsworth, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the October 18, 2017 warrant in the amount of \$1,592,497.18 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of September 2017. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash

Position

Review the monthly cash position for September 30, 2017.

Park Summer Crew

Appreciation

Trustee LeBlanc took the time to commend Mr. Thomas Proulx and Mr. John McDougal for an outstanding job with the Municipal Parks this summer and he thanked Trustee Maroun and LaScala for their recommendation of these individuals.

Trustee LeBlanc also thanked Franklin County Highway Department and surrounding communities for their assistance with blacktopping this construction season.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Hollingsworth to adjourn at 7:10 pm. (Carried 5-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer