

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

Date: Monday, October 19, 2015
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 6:00-8:15 PM

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

Absent from the Regular Meeting was Trustee Thomas Snyder.

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Police Sergeant Geoff Carmichael, DPW Superintendent Robert Degrace, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Fighter Mark Arsenault, 12th Graders Brock Madore, Trevor Sparks, Noah King, Residents Judy Duval, Tracy Sparks, C2AE Engineer Timothy Burley, News Reporters Rich Rosentreter and Thomas Salitsky.

Call Regular Meeting
To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:00 pm.

Pledge
Open Comment
Period:

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

No Comments

There were no comments from the public during open comment period.

C2AE Timothy
Burley – Part 2
SEQR Review &
Determination

C2AE Engineer Mr. Timothy Burley was present to give the board a brief update on the ground water supply project ad help us move one stop closer to short-term closing with NYS EFC where we would qualify for 0% bridge financing. In order to proceed with modifying our original bond resolution we need proceed with Part 2 of SEQR. Mr. Burley advised that our Attorney Nathan Race is working with the owners of the property to secure title insurance and underwrite the transaction to utilize the property for the ground water supply project.

Coordinated Review
Type 1

Mr. Burley advised that we've completed the coordinated review Type 1 SEQR with all the involved agencies and we have heard back from all of them. Now we need to move to Part 2 and Part 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form - SEQR.

18 Question Review

Mr. Burley assisted us proceed with reviewing and answering Part 2 questions on the Identification of Potential Project Impacts for SEQR. At the conclusion of the questions the Village proceeded with Part 3 questions on the Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance. Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun deeming the project Type 1 for Parts 1, 2 and 3 and a Type A project. (Carried 4-0)

Negative Declaration and
No Significant

Impact Issued

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to
formally approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THA THE PROPOSED
VILLAGE OF TUPPER LAKE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
WILL NO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Tupper Lake is considering
proposal to construct Water System Improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and
the regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617 adopted pursuant thereto by the
Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, hereafter SEQRA,
the Village Board must determine whether such proposal may have a “significant effect
on the environment” and therefore require the preparation of an environmental impact
statement; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Village Board in determining whether the proposal may
have a significant impact upon the environment, a full environmental assessment form
(EAF) has been prepared, a copy of which was presented and circulated at the Village
Board’s 10/19/15 meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617, the Village Board has examined the EAF in
order to make determination as to the potential environmental significance of the
proposal; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
(hereafter “NYSDEC”) and the New York State Department of Health (hereafter
“NYSDOH”), and the Adirondack Park Agency, and the Village of Tupper lake are the
involved agencies as that term is defined in 6 (A2) NYCRR Section 617.2(t0); and

WHEREAS, no further review is required under SEQRA;

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

1. Based on its examination of the EAF, the criteria set forth in Sections 6177.aa and
617.6 of the regulations, and such further investigation as the Village Board has
deemed appropriate, no potential significant adverse impacts are known;
2. Consent to proceed with the project will not cause a significant impact on the
environment, and the Village Board will not require the preparation of an
environmental impact statement;
3. A negative declaration is to be prepared; and
4. The Village Clerk of the Village of Tupper Lake is hereby directed to cause to be
filed and circulated the negative declaration in accordance with the requirements
of SEQRA, a copy of the negative declaration shall be maintained in the Office of
the Village Clerk in a file that will be readily accessible to the public, and the
clerk shall mail copies, return receipt requested, to:

Office of the Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

and, Environmental Notice Bulletin
NYSDEC – Attn: Jack Nasca
625 Broadway, 4th Floor
Albany, NY 12233-1750

and, NYSDOH
Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection
Division of Environmental Protection

Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza, Room 1142
Albany, NY 12237

5. All subsequent notices concerning this project shall state that a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA has been issued.
(Carried 4-0)

Review & Approve
Change Orders #2
J. Hogan Refrigeration
& Mechanical

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve Change Order #2 for J. Hogan Refrigeration & Mechanical in the amount of \$\$4,748.00. (Carried 4-0)

Scott Gravlin
Snow Sculpture

Mr. Scott Gravlin could not attend due to overtime mandates at work, he would revisit next month.

Adirondack Park
Local Gov't Review
Board Support
Tabled

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute an agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and to financially support their efforts with a \$300.00 contribution.
(Carried 4-0)

Grants Review
& Update

Trustee Donah read aloud the Grant Administration Update report provided by Melissa McManus as of October 2, 2015.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the Board Minutes from September 21, 2015 and October 9, 2015 respectively. (Carried 4-0)

Code:

Accept September
Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September 2015 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)

Police:

Welcome Back
Sergeant Geoff
Carmichael

Mayor Maroun welcomed back Sergeant Geoff Carmichael to the Tupper Lake Police Department.

Accept September
Report

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September 2015 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 4-0)

Fire:

Accept September
Report

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the September 2015 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

Annual Chassis
Inspection & Pump
Services

Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the board that pump testing has been started, #167 passed and #165 has failed, it will pump 50 lbs only when it should be 150 lbs. This failure leaves the community vulnerable. More updates to follow.

Ladder Tower
Paid Off

Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that the ladder tower has been paid off by the membership.

Investigation for Pumper
Replacement

Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised that the truck committee is aggressively looking for a replacement of #165 that has failed pump testing. They are looking at four (4) vehicles a 1994, 2-2000 & 2001.

Volunteer Fire Department Member Mr. Mark Arsenaault advised he has a fire apparatus inspector that would travel and inspect the vehicle upon our request in Pennsylvania, he lives outside of Rochester.

Town of Peru
Fire Vehicle

The Village Board decided to make an offer on the Town of Peru fire truck before proceeding to hire someone to travel on our behalf to investigate the other vehicles for sale.

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the Fire Chief Carl Steffen to contact the Town of Peru to negotiate a purchase offer for their fire vehicle that is for sale. (Carried 4-0)

DPW:
Blacktopping
Completed

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that with the help of the Water/Sewer, Town of Tupper Lake, Franklin County Highway and neighboring towns they laid over 400 tons of blacktop in the last two weeks.

Park Winter Skating
Rink

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that in preparation of planning for a winter skating rink the water department needs to install a water line and they have ordered the rubber for the floors.

Snow Storage
OWD

Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised the board that we have reached out to the manager of the OWD to be able to utilize their property for winter snow storage behind the Town of Tupper Lake Offices on Demars Blvd. we expect to finalize in the coming days.

Dispose of Surplus
Equipment

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to deem several pieces of equipment serve no municipal purpose and sell them to the highest bidder on Auctions International as follows: side dump box, John Deere 4-cylinder motor from the old sweeper, and an old welder. (Carried 4-0)

Water/Wastewater:
Well Project Pipe
Work

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that he is planning to loop some water lines in the Arthur Street, Berkley and Underwood Road areas to tie into a loop on Pine Street to improve flow. He expects the line to be energized in early spring.

Lab Course
Peru NY

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that he and three (3) members of his department will be attending a water lab course in Peru, NY on October 20, 2015.

Electric:

There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the period November 1-30, 2015.

MEUA Engineering
Workshop

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize 2-3 members to attend a MEUA Engineering Workshop in East Syracuse, NY November 4th & 5th, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

NYPA Proactive
Review 10/28/15

Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised that that representatives from NYPA will be here on October 28, 2015 to conduct a proactive review of our financial analysis as a result of our recent electric rate increase conducted earlier this year.

Penn Power 2-Year
Maintenance Plan

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute a 2-Year agreement with Penn

Power Systems for the servicing of our generators at the Electric Garage and K of C Hall as proposed. (Carried 4-0)

Treasurer:

Approve Warrants

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the October 19, 2015 warrant in the amount of \$827,675.93 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of September, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Review Cash

Position

Review the monthly cash position for September 30, 2015.

FYE 5/31/15

NYS Comptroller's

AUD

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the Fiscal Year End May 31, 2015 New York State Comptroller's AUD for the Village of Tupper Lake. (Carried 4-0)

General Fund

FYE 5/31/15 Budget

Transfers

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve Budget Transfers for the General Fund totaling \$206,669.64 for Fiscal Year end May 31, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Broom Ball Tournament

Set Fire Department

Jan. 29-31, 2015

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally authorize the Fire Department to sponsor a Broom Ball Ice Tournament January 29, 30 & 31, 2015. (Carried 4-0)

Into Executive

Session

Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 pm for the purpose of discussing information relating to the employment history of several individuals who may be considered for future employment. Also to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). (Carried 4-0)

CSEA Negotiations

November 3, 2015

At 9:00 am

After a brief review of our counter offer to the CSEA Unit I, II & III it was noted that our next negotiation meeting time is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Exit Executive

Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 8:14 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to adjourn at 8:15 PM. (Carried 4-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer