

**Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees**

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular 6:00-7:21 PM

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

Absent from the Regular Meeting were Trustees Thomas Snyder and Trustee Leon LeBlanc.

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace, Police Officer Jordan Nason, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Volunteer Fire Department Members Nick Rolley, Paul Cormier, Michael Russell, Royce Cole, Jenifer Bradley, Jonathan Mandigo, Nicholas Degrace, Joshua Clement, Matthew Welch, Joseph Arsenaault, Nichols McLearn, Joshua Cassell, Mark Arsenaault residents Jan Yaworski, David McMahan, Clint Hollingsworth, and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Carrie Gentile.

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.

Public Comment:
Fire Chief Carl Steffen
VFD Mark Arsenaault
VFD Royce Cole
VFD Nick Rolley

Several members of the Volunteer Fire Department expressed their unhappiness with comments made to the newspaper following last months monthly meeting by Trustee Ronald LaScala. Each expressed the sadness and hurt they were feeling and how it has affected the moral of the department and their families personally. Each felt they deserved a personal apology by the Trustee LaScala and the Village Board.

Village of Tupper Lake
Housing Authority Board
Appointment Mary Jo
Wells Effective

11/1/2016 Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the replacement of Ms. Phyllis Crate to the Village of Tupper Lake Housing Authority Board and appoint Ms. Mary Jo Wells effective November 1, 2016. (Carried 3-0)

Older Adults Economic
Security Forum
November 3, 2016 at
Paul Smiths College

Mayor Maroun announced that there will be an Economic Security Forum for older adults at Paul Smith's College, November 3, 2016 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. RSVP is required.

**\$75,000 Zombie Home
Planning Grant Award
Announced**

Mayor Maroun announced that we received word from Russ Kinyon with Franklin County that our Joint Application with Franklin County and the Village of Saranac Lake for Zombie Homes was awarded a shared \$75,000 to provide staff and technology to create a database of vacant, abandoned and underutilized properties to further our efforts to develop those properties.

**21 High Street
Bid Award**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to award the sale of the 21 High Street property to Hollingsworth Property Holdings LLC in the amount of \$64,000. It was noted that this was the forth time the Village tried to sell the property and that we previously deemed the property surplus and accept the \$64,000 as fair and equitable compensation for the property. (Carried 3-0)

**53 Park Street
Lobby Entrance
Bids Rejected**

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally reject the sole bid we received for the refurbishment of the Village Lobby Entrance as it was too high. (Carried 3-0)

**No Parking
Wawbeek Avenue
& Stetson Road**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to deem the portion of State Route 3&30 in front of the new AMC Health Center as “No Parking” from Stetson Road to the Wawbeek Avenue entrance to the AMC Health Center along Wawbeek Avenue because of the obstruction it creates. (Carried 3-0)

**Planning Board
Resignation
Michael Keniston**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally ratify the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Michael Keniston from the Village/Town Joint Planning Board effective September 18, 2016. (Carried 3-0)

Approve Minutes

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Board Minutes from September 21st and October 3rd, 2016. (Carried 3-0)

Code:

**Accept September
Report**

Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the September 2016 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 3-0)

10 Front Street

Code Violation/Unsafe

& Dangerous Home Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards reported that the home at 10 Front Street is violation of our code and is “Unsafe and Dangerous” due to the condition of the foundation and the extensive mold and water damage in the home.

Trustee LaScala motioned that we proceed with the Unsafe and Dangerous Ordinance for the home, motion was seconded by Trustee Maroun. (Carried 3-0)

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised he would follow-up with legal counsel to proceed with the demolition proceedings.

NYS HOME

Grant Update

Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that the bids are out for the rehabilitation of 3 homes to kick off our NYS HOME Grant. An update will follow next month.

Rail-Trail Update	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that the Rail-Trail Committee will be hosting a public release in December of their plans for the removal of the rails between Tupper Lake and Lake Placid. More information will be provided as it is available.
15 Church Street Elevator Update	Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that the elevator in the 15 Church Street Don Smith Apartments Building is up and operational. The building manager is working with a new contractor and are working on an action plan to replace the
Police: Accept September Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the September 2016 Monthly Police Report for the Village and Town of Tupper Lake. (Carried 3-0)
Bulletproof Vest Award	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to formally accept a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a Fiscal Year 2016 Bulletproof Vest Partnership award in the amount of \$740.00. (Carried 3-0)
Fire: Accept September Report	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the September 2016 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 3-0)
Vehicle Update #161 & 169	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the board that #161-GE vehicle is out of service due to a major water leak. Fire Chief is recommending that we either give the vehicle to the DPW for other use of consider a private sale.
#169 Update	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the board that #169 all pump tests were approved. He advised that the springs are bad and he will talk to Brad about finding some parts to repair them.
Haunted House 10/29/16	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the board that the Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a "Haunted House on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 7-10:pm in conjunction with the Tupper Lake Central School Drama Club. A donation of \$1 or a canned good would be accepted and donated to the Tupper Lake Food Pantry. It was formally approved by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala. (Carried 3-0)
Water/Wastewater: ZBA & Planning	It was noted that Pray's Farm has generously offered to donate all the cider, corn stocks and pumpkins for the event. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that there will be several hearings scheduled for October 26, 2016 by the Town of TL ZBA and Village/Town Joint Planning Board for our well project, one at 4:00 pm and two at 7:00 pm respectively to advance our ground water supply project.
Reminder W/S Bills are Due	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard reminded that Water & Sewer bills are due by October 31, 2016 for residents outside the Village of Tupper Lake or they will be levied to the Town of Tupper Lake and Franklin County 2017 Tax Bills.
Water Loss Investigation	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that they have found the major water loss in the Stetson Road area. He thanked the community for all their help in identifying the losses.
Read Dam	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that the work at the Read Dam has been completed.

DPW:
Misc. Updates
Department of Public Works Superintendent Robert Degrace advised that his crews have been busy completing winter preparations. 500' of sidewalk has been replaced along Main Street and repairing road surfaces from summer miscellaneous maintenance repairs. In addition the curbing has been installed at the Little Logger's Park as promised by Kubricky Construction.

Electric:
NYS DEC Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the Village to proceed with applying for a grant rebate through NYS DEC for the installation of several Zero-Emission Vehicle charging stations and to utilize Amy Ferguson's assistance if needed to submit on the grant gateway program. (Carried 3-0)

Treasurer:
Approve Warrants
Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to approve the October 19, 2016 warrant in the amount of \$171,052.09 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of September, 2016. (Carried 3-0)

Review Cash Position
Review the monthly cash position for September 30, 2016.

Budget Transfers Water Fund
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally approve a budget transfer for the Water Fund in the amount of \$3,500. (Carried 3-0)

Tax Reminder 10/31/16
As a courtesy reminder village taxes are due by the end of October. Any unpaid taxes will be placed on the 2017 Town of Tupper Lake and Franklin County Tax Bills with additional penalties if not paid by October 31, 2016.

Enter Executive Session
Motion by Trustee LaScala, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 6:45 pm for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending or current litigation. (Carried 3-0)

Exit Executive Session
Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to exit Executive Session at 7:20 pm. (Carried 3-0)

Adjournment
Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LaScala to adjourn at 7:21 PM. (Carried 3-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer