

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Monday, November 19, 2012
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Regular Meeting 5:30-7:30 PM

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

Trustee Elect Mr. David Maroun was invited into Executive Session.

Enter Executive Session at 5:30 PM Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Perham to enter Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss insurance contracts and personnel issues. (Carried 5-0)

Exit Executive Session at 5:58 PM Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to exit Executive Session at 5:58 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Police Chief Thomas Fee, local residents Christopher Keniston, Hope Frenette, Tony Goodwin, Chipperlee and Daniel Mecklenburg, Beverly LaMere, Gary Beaudette, Ronald Lascala and news reporters Ted Morgan, Mary Peryea and Jessica Collier.

Call Regular Meeting To Order Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda 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 Collin Gillis.

Mayor's Announcements

& Misc.:

Christopher Keniston & Hope Frenette

Mr. Christopher Keniston and Ms. Hope Frenette were welcomed to present to the Village Board a copy of the Adirondack Rail Trail Lake Placid to Old Forge, Stage One: Lake Placid to Tupper Lake Trail Development Plan and to discuss the advantages and economic benefits of the trails along the railroad corridor for multi-purpose uses as well as asking the Village Board to consider supporting a request that the Unit Management Plan for Tupper Lake be opened for review and update.

Mayor Maroun advised that there would be no formal action taken at this time on the Unit Management Plan, but he thanked them for their input.

Commend Mutual Aid Efforts in Long Island & New Jersey

Mayor Maroun commended the Electric and Fire Departments for their efforts in Long Island and New Jersey from the destruction of "Sandy".

Park Use Authorization

July 20 & 21, 2013 Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve use of the Municipal Park Pavilion on July 20th & 21st of 2013 for the Theriault Family Reunion. (Carried 5-0)

Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Meeting Reminder that on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 we have been asked to have representatives attend a Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting at the Harriestown Town Hall at 9:30 am to discuss the update process, including gathering valuable updated information from all participants. Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks advised that he will be attending.

4th Annual Chad Martin Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony 12/1/12 It was noted that on Saturday, December 1, 2-12 starting at 6:00 pm will be the 4th Annual Chad Martin Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony.

AATV Membership Meeting Lake George It was noted that on December 2nd & 3rd, 2012 there will be the next Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages meeting at the Holiday Inn Resort in Lake George if any Village Board Member would like to attend.

TL Revitalization Meeting Scheduled It was noted that the next Revitalization Committee Meeting has been scheduled for November 29th, 2012 beginning at 3:30 pm at the Town of Tupper Lake Court Room.

REI Beach Feasibility Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to proceed with a (REI) Request for Expression of Interest for consulting services for the beach feasibility study for our LWRP Grant. (Carried 5-0)

NYS Rural Housing Coalition Inc. Membership Motion by Trustee Perham, seconded by Trustee Snyder to formally authorize joining the NYS Rural Housing Coalition Inc. as a member for 2013 as recommended by our Small Cities Grant Writer Mr. Philip Smith with Avalon Associates Inc. (Carried 5-0)

Grant Updates Trustee Donah took a moment to read aloud the Tupper Lake Revitalization Project Status Update report for October 2012 prepared by Melissa McManus.

Snowmobile Trail Update Mr. Gary Beaudette with the Tupper Lake Snowmobilers Club reported that they have completed bridge work for the Mount Matumbla trail and that they over 114 labor hours invested. In addition they are working to GPS all the secured trails so that they could apply for additional grooming funds for next year through Franklin and St. Lawrence County Tourism Councils. It was also noted that they expect to install Underwood Bridge wooden covers the weekend of December 1, 2012. Lastly, they have been successful in getting much needed groomer training offered in Piercefield in the coming month and they have four (4) individuals interested in the training.

Approve Minutes Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the Board Minutes from October 15, 16, 17, 31 and November 2, 2012. (Carried 5-0)

Miscellaneous Police Update Mayor Maroun advised that he recently rode with the Police Department patrols from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am and he was very impressed with the NYS Troopers backup to a domestic call etc.

<p>Mortgage Tax Franklin County</p>	<p>Mayor Maroun advised that the Village of Tupper Lake will be receiving a check in the amount of \$3,900.00 from Franklin County for Mortgage Tax for the last quarter sales. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>NYS DOT Route 3&30 Highway Reconstruction Project Estimated Letting</p>	<p>Mayor Maroun advised that he recently attended a meeting with NYS DOT Officials on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in Watertown and they have released a press release that they expect to utilize the Lake Street to Wawbeek Avenue alternative route and they expect to let the bids go in early 2014 for the project.</p>
<p>Multi-use Connector Trail Grant Update</p>	<p>Mayor Maroun advised that while he was in Watertown November 14, 2012 he also met with NYS DOT representatives concerning our Multi-Use Connector Trail Grant which will extend from the Next Stop Train Station to the Wild Center and that it is advancing nicely.</p>
<p>Code Enforcement: Accept October Report</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Perham to approve the October 2012 Monthly. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>Lead Based Paint 1-Day Course</p>	<p>Code Enforcement Officer advised that the Franklin County Public Nurses Association received a grant that will be offering three (3) separate training classes in the Tri-Lakes. The one (1) day course is free and will be offered in Tupper Lake, Paul Smiths and Malone in the coming month.</p>
<p>Public Hearing Set for Temporary Event Fencing Ordinance</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to set a Public Hearing date of December 17, 2012 at 5:30 pm for the purpose of modifying our Fencing Ordinance to allow provisions for temporary fencing. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>Fire: Accept October's Report</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Perham, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the October 2012 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>Volunteer Membership Michael Godin</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve membership to the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department for Mr. Michael Godin. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>DPW: Mining Permit Renewal</p>	<p>Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks advised that we have renewed our NYS DEC Mining Permit to October 23, 2017. We are also working with Mr. Robert Brower to expand our mine so we can utilize the additional sand.</p>
<p>Police: Accept October Report</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally accept the Police Department Monthly Report for October 2012. (Carried 5-0)</p>
<p>Necessary 911 Emergency Signage</p>	<p>Police Chief Thomas Fee stated he has asked two (2) local suppliers (Stacked Graphics & Inceгна) to work with locals to get the much needed homes properly signed in the community. He advised that he is talking with local Boy Scout leaders to see if they would want to undertake the much needed signage concern for the community.</p>

Water/Wastewater:
Winter Preparations Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his department members have been busy preparing for winter for example flushing hydrants, marking hydrants, preparing the generator sets etc.

NYS DOT Highway
Reconstruction
Project Mayor Paul Maroun advised he has met with representatives from the three (3) utilities about what to expect with the NYS DOT Route 3 & 30 Highway Reconstruction Project and that they will be discussing in coming weeks the extent of capital infrastructures needed.

Electric:
Electric Curtailment It was noted that there will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales on a pro-rata basis for our hydropower customers for the period December 1-31, 2012.

Discharge Account
Balance Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Perham to discharge an account balance for a deceased customer's account in the amount of \$138.64. (Carried 5-0)

Armor Tower
Ball Park Towers Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised that he has received the Structural Analysis report from Armor Tower Engineering for our Ball Park Towers. The next steps will be to design bid specifications and go to bid.

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the warrant in the amount of \$162,031.56 for payment of the bills for November 19, 2012 and approve the abstract of audited vouchers for the month of October 2012. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position Review the monthly cash position for October 31, 2012.

Section 4-408 Audit
Tabled It was noted that the request for a Section 4-408 Audit was tabled to allow members of the board additional time to review the request.

2019-a Compliance
Audit for Court Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally review and accept the 2019-a compliance audit of our justice court completed by Bollam, Sheedy, Torani & Co. LLP. (Carried 5-0)

Excellus BC/BS &
Medicare Advantage
Insurance Approval Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Perham to formally authorize Mayor Maroun to execute the health insurance renewal contracts for 2013 with Excellus BC/BS and Medicare Advantage Plans. (Carried 5-0)

Work Place Violence
Training 12/6/12 It was noted that our annual mandatory Work Place Violence Safety Training is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 11:00 am & 1:00 pm at the High Street Fire Station.

Main Street Property
Transfer Complete It was noted that the Village of Tupper Lake has officially received payment in the amount of \$30,850.00 from The Tupper Lake Christian Center, Inc. for the purchase of the front part of the former Main Street/Woulf Avenue trailer park.

Re-advertise Trailer
Park Property Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to re-advertise the sale of the Woulf Avenue portion of the former trailer park in the coming weeks.

- Annual Organizational Meeting It was noted that our Annual Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 5:00 pm.
- Mobile Fuel Card Replacement Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to formally approve applying for a Fleet Card fuel cards for Village Officials travel needs and to cancel the three (3) Mobile Cards we currently have. (Carried 5-0)
- Michael Demars Resignation Village Justice Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally accept the resignation from Mr. Michael Demars effective November 30, 2012 from the position of Village Justice. (Carried 5-0)
- Call in Period: No calls received during our call in period.
- Economic Development Update Trustee Donah Trustee Donah took a moment to publicly request that Tupper Lake should be included in the disbursement of tourism monies equally from the Franklin County Tourism Council and that we should be included in the discussions along with other interested parties. He briefly discussed ROOST and its purpose and benefits to Saranac Lake and Lake Placid noting that it doesn't benefit Tupper Lake.
- Adjournment Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Perham to adjourn at 7:30 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer