

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

Date:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Start:

6:30 PM

Location:

Board Room

Meeting:

Special Meeting

6:30-6:58 PM

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Leon LeBlanc, David Maroun, Ronald Lascala, Thomas Snyder and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Also present were Police Officers Jordan Nason and Matthew Dana, Chief of Police Eric Proulx, Residents Bridgette and Wayne LaPierre, Mary LeBlanc and News Reporters Dan McClelland and Thomas Salitsky.

Call to Order and
Agenda Established

Mayor Maroun called the Special Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:30 pm.

K-9 Unit
Presentation

Chief of Police Eric Proulx addressed the board with a proposal to equip the Village of Tupper Lake Police Department with a K-9 pure breed German Shepard 8-month old puppy for training and use in our department.

Some of the points addressed were:

- The dog has been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne LaPierre
- Most of the training and associated costs of maintaining a K-9 Unit are being donated
- For minimal cost we can modify the Dodge Durango to accommodate the K-9 and the handler, it is estimated to cost around \$3,000 and we can use DEA Asset monies to modify the vehicle, grants are being sought as well
- Police Officer Jordan Nason has asked to be appointed the handler
- We will need two wire kennels, one for the station and one for the handler's home, leashes, vests and muzzles
- The initial costs are estimated to be around \$3,500 for vehicle modification, mileage, fuel and food for the animal
- The K-9 unit should be looked at as a tool with a dual purpose of narcotic detection and tracking
- The statistics show that K-9 units very seldom bite unless it was a command by the handler
- Reasons for the need of a K-9 unit, recent overdoses related to narcotics, administrators at the TLCSD have reports of drugs being brought to school and want it curbed and they are working on modifying their policies to accommodate a K-9 unit patrol during the schools day on premise
- Tracking
- Traffic stops
- Officers being hurt on job, with a K-9 unit presence it would reduce W/C claims
- K-9 units have their inherent liabilities, but this tool would be NYS Police School Certified
- The annual costs going forward would be an annual routine veterinary car of \$146.14, dog license, monthly food supply, stipend for handler due to Federal Garcia Case and 4-wheeled vehicle would be exclusively used by handler and K-9 unit and may need to be replaced down the road

Trustee Maroun
Chief of Police
Eric Proulx

Trustee Maroun asked if the dog would be used by mutual aid with other law enforcement agencies?

Chief of Police Eric Proulx answered that it certainly would be helpful to NYS Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement department for mutual aid as requested.

Proceed with K-9
Unit and Schooling

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Lascala to proceed with establishing a K-9 unit and accepting the donation of the German Shepard from Mr. & Mrs. Wayne LaPierre. In addition to the motion the board also authorized scheduling Officer Nason and the K-9 unit (J.D. named after our first Police Chief J.D. Auclair) to schooling. Trustee Lascala also noted we would be retaining a good police officer as well. (Carried 5-0)

Local Law #1-2015
Approved – Moratorium
on Electric Heat
Extension

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve Local Law #1-2015 extending the Moratorium on Electric Heat an additional 90-days as proposed. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:58 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer