

Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date: Monday, December 17, 2012
Location: Board Room
Meeting: Public Hearing & Regular 5:00-8:40 PM

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

Enter Executive
Session at 5:00 PM Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to enter Executive Session at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel issues and CSEA Collective Bargaining Negotiations. (Carried 5-0)

Police Officer
Sick Leave It was noted that a Police Officer would be out on extended sick leave.

Exit Executive
Session at 5:35 PM Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to exit Executive Session at 5:35 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Also present were the Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, local residents Ronald LaScala and Hope Frenette, and news reporters Mary Peryea and Jessica Collier.

Call Public Hearing
To Order:

Amendments to Chapter 9

Entitled Fencing

Local Law #3-2012 Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to order for the purpose of hearing the public's comments concerning proposed Local Law #3-2012 Amendments to Chapter 9, Fencing concerning adding provisions for temporary fencing guidelines in the Village of Tupper Lake.

Code Enforcement
Officer Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards gave a brief background of the proposed amendments to the fencing ordinance to allow temporary fencing provisions and guidelines.

Hope Frenette Ms. Hope Frenette stated she had no objection to the temporary fencing but wanted to make sure when a contractor applies for a building permit that temporary fencing is considered a part of their original application so they wouldn't have to apply twice.

Ronald LaScala Mr. Ronald LaScala stated he feels we should allow temporary fencing for longer period if it is needed.

Mayor Paul Maroun Mayor Maroun advised that we will be working on the proposed amendment to the Fencing Ordinance in the next month if anyone wants to add their comment. We expect to approve it at our January meeting.

Close Public Hearing Mayor Maroun called the Public Hearing to close at 5:54pm after there were no other comments

Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Department of Public Works Michael Sparks, Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Police Chief Thomas Fee, local residents Hope Frenette, Gary Beaudette, Ronald LaScala and news reporters 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.:

Partner's In Safety
Training Offered It was noted that there would be Supervisor Training offered by Partners In Safety Wednesday, December 19, 2012 in Malone, New York. Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize a member from each department to attend the necessary training. (Carried 5-0)

NYS Pro-Am Corp.
Ice Fishing Tournament
January 4-6, 2013 Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize the NYS Ice Pro-Am Corporation to host an Ice Fishing Tournament in the Municipal Park January 4-6, 2013.(Carried 5-0)

AMEC Races
January 26-27, 2013 Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to authorize AMEC-Adirondack Motor Enthusiasts Corporation to host a two-day ice race January 26 & 27, 2013 on Racquette Pond and to utilize the Municipal Park. (Carried 5-0)

Fire & Ice Tournament
February 16, 2013 Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to authorize the Tupper Lake Rotary and Lions Clubs to host the Third Annual Rotary/Lions Club "Fire & Ice Tournament" Saturday, February 16, 2013 in the Municipal Park. (Carried 5-0)

"Acting" Village Justice
Resignation Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the resignation of Leonard F. Young III from his former position of "Acting" Village Justice effective December 1, 2012. (Carried 5-0)

Grant Update
November 2012 Trustee Donah read the Grant Update for November 2012 from Melissa McManus.

Commend Syracuse
University Students Mayor Maroun commended the Syracuse University Students for their superb presentation held at the Wild Center Wednesday, December 12, 2012 for their innovative ideas for the re-use of the former OWD/Jardin Plastics site.

TL Multi-use Trail
Map Mayor Maroun acknowledged receipt of a letter from several local residents that they are putting together a TL Multi-use Trail Map in hopes of creating a recreational trail system in Tupper Lake.

UMP Petition to NYS
DOT & NYS DEC
Resolution Trustee Donah requested that a resolution he presented be passed requesting that the Unit Management Plan be opened to revisit and move initiatives forward in Tupper Lake and he asked that it be endorsed by the Village.

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun and the motion on the floor was asked to be put aside by Mayor Maroun in hopes that it could be debated and voted on at our next meeting.

Public Comment
Period:
Mark Arsenault
Building Project Volunteer Fire Department Member Mr. Mark Arsenault asked that the Village Board move the Fire Department Building project forward.

Trustee Donah responded by saying that we are not putting the project aside, we need to hire an architect to design, form a building committee, value engineer the project and it involves spending more money. We have given the Tupper Lake Volunteer Rescue Services until December 19, 2012 to decide if they are in on the project.

- Hope Frenette Ms. Hope Frenette stated she was led to believe that the Village Board was going to movement on the subject of the Unit Management Plan from her visit to the Village Board Meeting last month. She added that the motion was brushed aside.
- Gary Beaudette Mr. Gary Beaudette stated that opening up the Unit Management Plan increases quality of life in the area and the added sales tax for the state and county should be the Mayor's priority.
- Ronald LaScala Mr. Ronald LaScala stated he feels a multi-use trail will bring more flow of people than the Pullman cars. He stated that community is quite right now, sales tax during the winter months is the highest in the state in Old Forge due to the multi-use trails there; the railroad is not going to happen.
- Hope Frenette Ms. Hope Frenette challenged the board to talk with local business owners to see what their wishes were.
- Peter Edwards Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards stated he wasn't as supportive of the train as originally proposed. He feels there will be 200% more flow of revenue as the result of snowmobiling.
- Trustee Donah Trustee Donah closed the open comment period by stating the Chamber of Commerce and Next Stop Tupper Lake have made respectable efforts but feels the community needs more to survive.
- Approve Minutes Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the Board Minutes from November 19 and 28, 2012 and December 3, 2012. (Carried 5-0)
- Code Enforcement:
Accept November
Report Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the November 2012 Monthly. (Carried 5-0)
- Code Enforcement Officer Peter Edwards advised that he is working on the illegal farm animals and outstanding garbage issues with property owners. Also there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing on December 27, 2012 at 4:00 pm for a setback variance.
- Fire:
Accept November's
Report Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Snyder to approve the November 2012 Monthly Report. (Carried 5-0)
- Volunteer Membership
Brent Strack Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve membership to the Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department for Mr. Brent Strack. (Carried 5-0)
- USDA Training
Watertown 1/10/13 Trustee Donah advised that he will make sure someone from the Fire Department attend the USDA Community Facilities Training in Watertown on Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 6-8:00 pm.

DPW:
Multi-Jurisdictional
Hazard Mitigation
Plan Meeting

Department of Public Works Superintendent Michael Sparks advised the board that he attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting on November 28, 2012 and the purpose of the meeting is to make things better for a next disaster including plans to open McCarthy Street to Washington Street by making provisions for the railroad crossing and possible burn around the Wastewater Treatment facility on Water Street.

Outdoor Skating
Rink Discussion

The board briefly discussed the feasibility of an outdoor rink at the Municipal Park. Continued research is being completed to find alternatives for a warming shack and set up and the topic will be discussed further at next months meeting.

Police:
Accept November
Report

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to formally accept the Police Department Monthly Report for November 2012. (Carried 5-0)

CSEA Unit II
Negotiations
Continue

It was noted that CSEA Unit II membership rejected our negotiations settlement offer from November 2012's Mediation Session.

Water/Wastewater:
Demars Blvd. Generator
Failure

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised the board that while Penn Power Systems were performing our preventative maintenance on our portable generator the panel burnt up. He asked for permission to go to bid for a replacement.

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to advertise for bid for a replacement assuming a 4th pump would someday be added to the lift station thus requiring a 75-80 kV. It was suggested we advertise a stationary and a portable as an alternative bid. (Carried 5-0)

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 January 1-31, 2013.

Ball Park Tower
Replacement

Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised he is working on the drafted ball park tower replacement bid and will have it available for review at our next meeting.

Electronic Mapping

Electric Superintendent John Bouck advised that he has received a quote for the services to provide the Village of Tupper Lake with an electronic mapping of our system for less than \$5,000. Currently Spencer Port is using them to map their system. The Village Board was supportive with him proceeding. It was moved by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to move forward with the mapping services. (Carried 5-0)

Treasurer:
Approve Warrant

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the warrant in the amount of \$119,462.61 for payment of the bills for December 17, 2012 and approve the abstract of audited vouchers for the month of November 2012. (Carried 5-0)

Review Cash
Position

Review the monthly cash position for November 20, 2012.

MOU Wild Center Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize the Mayor Maroun to execute an Amendment to the March 2012 Memorandum of Understanding with The Wild Center for the interpretive displays for the Municipal Waterfront Park. (Carried 5-0)

Modification Agreement
No. 5 B & L, P.C. Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign Modification Agreement No. 5 between the Village and Barton & Loguidice, P.C. for our Multi-Use Trail Connector project. (Carried 5-0)

Holiday Reminders Reminder that the Village Offices will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at 12:00 Noon respectively.

Partners In Safety
Renewal Contract Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Mayor Maroun to sign the 2013 agreement with Partners In Safety for our NYS DOT random testing services for CDL Licenses. (Carried 5-0)

Approve Unit I &
III Contracts Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the drafted CSEA Unit I & III collective bargaining agreements as modified. (Carried 5-0)

Call in Period: No calls received during our call in period.

Enter Executive
Session at 7:18 PM Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Snyder to enter Executive Session at 7:18 pm to discuss personnel issues and CSEA Collective Bargaining Negotiations. (Carried 5-0)

W/WW Helper
Vacancy The Water/Wastewater Helper vacancy was discussed.

Electric Personnel It was noted that one of the Meter Reader's would be out on sick leave for the next four reading cycles and Mr. Matthew Harris is to be reassigned to fill the vacancy until he returns.

CSEA Unit II
Negotiations Legal Counsel would be consulted concerning the next steps for negotiation with CSEA Unit II now that mediation has concluded.

Exit Executive
Session at 8:30 PM Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Snyder to exit Executive Session at 8:30 pm. (Carried 5-0)

Department of Public
Works Superintendent
Salary Discussion During our recent Mediation Session it was noted that the Department of Public Works Superintendent's annual salary was \$1,268.06 less than the other superintendents and was an oversight on behalf of the Village Board many years ago.

Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to increase the Department of Public Works Superintendent's salary by \$1,268.06 retroactive to June 1, 2012. (Carried 5-0)

W/WW Helper
Advertise for
Vacancy Motion by Trustee Snyder, seconded by Trustee Donah to advertise for a Water/Wastewater Helper vacancy from January 2, 2013 to January 31, 2012. (Carried 5-0)

Web Design
Discussion Trustee Donah advised the board that proposals have started to roll in for services to set up our Website. Jeremy Evans from the Village of Saranac Lake has offered his services to assist the Village and he is already familiar with the software and the Village of Saranac Lake is currently using our system. Motion to proceed

with contracting with Jeremy Evans and his assistant was made by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc. (Carried 5-0)

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to adjourn at 8:40 PM. (Carried 5-0)

Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer