

## Town of Tupper Lake Regular Town Board Meeting

October 10, 2019

Roll Call: Supervisor Patricia S. Littlefield  
 Councilman John Quinn  
 Councilman Michael Dechene  
 Councilwoman Mary Fontana  
 Councilwoman Tracy Luton

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk – Laurie J Fuller

Press: Tupper Lake Free Press – Dan McClelland  
 Adirondack Daily Enterprise – Aaron Cerbone

Also: Highway Superintendent – William Dechene

Guest Speaker: Tracy Sparks – Franklin County Board of Elections Commissioner

Guest: James Lanthier  
 John & Barbara Klimm  
 Madeline Toliver

Mrs. Sexton’s High School Students  
 Ryan Picerno & Shawn Moeller

Supervisor Littlefield called regular town board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

John & Barbara Klimm address the board again this month about sidewalk located in front of their house on Park Street. Mr. Klimm read and email dated July 22, 2019, sent to him from Reba Cervantez, Regional Director’s Office, Secretary 2, Department of Transportation (DOT) located in Watertown, New York. Email is a copy of the Highway Law subsection §140.

James Lanthier wanted to make board aware of several lights being out on boardwalk & original sign is faded.

Madeline Toliver announced Mercy Living Center is having a Haunted House on October 31, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

1. Tracy Sparks  
 Franklin County Board of Elections Commissioner:

Tracy wish to attend board meeting to explain early voting and new digital poll pads that will be used. The new option in voting was introduced by the Governor and adopted by the State Legislature in January. Early voting begins October 6<sup>th</sup> until November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, only polling place for early voters in the county is in Malone. Tracy also introduced the new digital poll pads that poll workers will be using for the November elections.

2. Approve Abstract #10 of Audited Vouchers &  
 Budget Transfers:

Town of Tupper Lake  
 Abstract #10  
 Vouchers #2019-0680 to 2019-0754

	<u>Prepaid/Debit</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total for Abstract	\$105,704.49	\$164,327.56	\$270,033.05

Total Budget Transfers - \$2,282.35

Motion to approve Abstract #10 of Audited Vouchers in the amount of \$270,033.05 & Budget Transfers in the amount of \$2,282.35 as submitted was made by Councilwoman Fontana

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

2. Approve Minutes Dated August 8, 2019:

Town Clerk provided each board member a drafted copy of minutes dated August 8, 2019 for approval.

Motion to approve minutes as written for meeting dated August 8, 2019 was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilwoman Luton

All Town Board Members voted AYE 4/1 Councilwoman Fontana abstain -absent from meeting

3. Town Departments Monthly Reports:

Code Officer

Monthly Report  
September 2019

4 Building Permits issued in September

2 Demolition Permit issued

0 Complaint filed

Completed 10 field inspections

September 2019 miles logged 114

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul O'Leary  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Town of Tupper Lake

Youth Activity Director

Board Report Youth Activities  
10/09/2019

Angie Snye

**Campground:** The campground is closed for the season. They had a very busy September. The 2020 season is already looking like a busy one. Thank you to John and Joanne Sparks for all the hard work they put in once again this season. Things run smoothly because of them!

**Beach:** We are continuing to research access materials to make it easier to reach the swimming beach with wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.

**Tumbling:** Registration for Tupper Tumbling was held on September 25, starting at 6:00 and by 6:35 all classes were filled! We were able to add an additional time slot for our Baby Jacks (2-3 year olds) but unfortunately we were still not able to accommodate all the kids on our waiting list. We are excited to get this next session started on Saturday October 19. Thank you to Peg and the staff at the Goff Nelson Memorial library for allowing us to use the Community Room! We do hope to hold another semester of classes in the spring. Our plan is that Tumbling becomes a twice-a-year activity with semesters in spring and fall.

**Nordic Ski:** We are excited to announce that we received \$1500.00 in grant funds to help with the Youth Nordic Ski Club from the Adirondack Foundation’s Uihlein-Ironman Sports Fund (UISF). The UISF continues to support the ski club’s development and we appreciate their generosity! I met with Kris Cheney-Seymour from Mount Van Hoevenberg about our upcoming ski season. They are excited to work with the Tupper Lake youth ski club once again this season. We discussed the possibilities of bussing our kids over to MVH for some of their Saturday community programs, and encouraging our skiers to participate in other regional meets and ski races. We will plan to work with ORDA instructor Ken Kalil this winter, and possibly other new skin instructors from MVH. We are planning an evening registration for youth Nordic ski for mid to late November and hope to kick off our ski season the first week of December, pending snow.

**Other News:** We will host our first annual 1K fun run/walk on October 20! The Monster Dash course will go along the paved boardwalk of the Village Municipal Park. Registration will begin at 9:00 am at the Sunset Stage Band Shell and race start-time is 10:00 am. We will have snacks and goodies for participants in the band shell after the race. This is a free event and all are welcome! We encourage Halloween costumes, and ask participants to be sure costumes are safe to run or walk in. Masks and costumes that pose tripping hazards, include weaponry or are difficult to move in are discouraged. Remember to wear shoes and attire appropriate for running or walking.

Dog Control Officer

Town of Tupper Lake  
Dog Control Report

For the Month of: 9-19

Date: 10-10-19

Complaints Received	6
Complaints Answered	5
Dogs Captured	1
Dogs return to owner	0
Impound Fees Collected	0
Dogs turned over to DCO	1
Dogs transported to Humane Society	1
Dogs Adopted	0
Dogs Euthonized	1
Dogs treated by Vet	1 To be put down
Dangerous Dog Complaints	0
Tickets issued	0

Report prepared by Wayne Lapierre, DCO

Highway Superintendent

Town of Tupper Lake Highway Department  
William Dechene  
Highway Superintendent

Monthly report September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- Helped the Village DPW haul Blacktop for 3 days with 2 tandems and drivers.
- Finished mowing the old land fill.
- Put shoulders in Woods Ave. and Maddox Lane by hand.
- Put shoulders on Becky Ave. and Little Wolf Rd. with rented shoulder machine from Tracy Equipment with the help from Village DPW and drivers, 1 day with 1 tandem and driver plus our 2 tandem trucks.
- Helped the Town of Herman haul blacktop for 2 days, 2 tandem trucks and drivers.

- Helped the Town of Herman haul winter sand, 1 day with 2 tandems and drivers, 1 day with 1 tandem and driver.
- Helped the Town of Clifton haul blacktop 1 day, 2 tandems and drivers.
- Raked Pitchfork Pond Road.
- Rolled Pitchfork Pond Road with the Town of Franklins roller and put calcium chloride down for dust control.
- Started to reclaim a small portion of the Gale sand pit.
- We have been hauling winter sand from the Gale sand pit to the garage with the help from the Village DPW.
- Started mixing sand with salt and pilling it up for this winter's use.
- With the use of Village DPW mini excavator we pulled stumps out of a new ski trail up to the golf course for 2.5. days.
- Weekly dump run for the Town Hall and Maddox Hall.
- Ryan worked with John to drain water system at the beach for one day.
- Started piling firewood inside of the wood shed at the garage.

Fuel and gas records per other logs

Motion to approve Town Departments Monthly reports as submitted was made by Councilwoman Luton

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

#### 4. Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Fontana reported the Littlewolf Beach Campground and Country Club are starting to shut down for winter months.

Councilman Dechene reported the irrigation system is "put to bed" at the Country Club, are going to fix broken lines on #2 & #10.

Councilman Quinn reported attendance of the Sexual Harassment training, put on by Town Supervisor. Trail work has been done on Cross Country Ski Trails, purchased telephone poles. Had Broadband meeting, have a list of about 120 properties sending a survey mailing. Great paving job on Maddox Lane and end of Big Wolf Road.

Supervisor Littlefield reported an article in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise from Diane Chase commenting on how nice our waterfront walkway is. James Lanthier's questions given a last board meeting have been answered. Everyone drawing a pay check from the town has attended a Work Place Violence and Sexual Harassment training, this will be done annually. A letter was sent from Mr. Bruce Lewis praising our Summer Day Camp program and how will run by Youth Activity Director Angie Snye. Attended a Franklin County Snowmobile meeting in the Town of Duane.

#### 5. Old Business:

Councilman Quinn asked about email address change, installation of water cooler and possibly purchase monitor for training.

#### 6. Rescind Resolution on Highway Pickup purchase:

**RESOLUTION 39/ 2019**  
OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE,  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK

Town Purchase New 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Work Truck for Highway Department

**WHEREAS;** the Highway Superintendent has requesting purchasing a new 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Double Cab Work Truck, and

**WHEREAS;** it was agreed to purchase truck off State Contract from Joe Basil Chevrolet

RESCIND

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** at a special Town Board meeting held September 26, 2019 Town Board members passed a resolution to purchase 2019 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD, 4WD, Double Cab with Fisher Plow, pre NYS Contracting pricing from Joe Basil Chevrolet in the amount of \$40,185.40.

**ALSO BE IT RESOLVED;** this will replace a 2005 Chevy 2500 Single Cap truck.

Date: September 26, 2019

Motion: Councilwoman Fontana

Seconded: Councilwoman Luton

Absent: Councilman Quinn

Action: Carried 4/0 vote Littlefield, Dechene, Fontana, Luto

**RESOLUTION 40/2019**  
OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE,  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK

Town Purchase New 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Work Truck for Highway Department

**WHEREAS;** the Highway Superintendent has requesting purchasing a new 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Double Cab Work Truck, and

**WHEREAS;** it was agreed to purchase truck off State Contract from Joe Basil Chevrolet at the September 26, 2019 special meeting and truck was not available after meeting, and

**WHEREAS;** DeNooyer Chevrolet quote for a 2019 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado to include 8.5' Xtreme-V2 SS Fisher Snowplow in the amount of \$39,767.50 is still available.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** at a Regular Town Board Meeting held October 10, 2019, board members made a motion to rescind resolution #39/2019 awarding purchase to Joe Basil Chevrolet, and award purchase of new highway truck to DeNooyer Chevrolet in the amount of \$39,767.50

**ALSO BE IT RESOLVED;** this will replace a 2005 Chevy 2500 Single Cap truck.

Date: October 10, 2019

Motion: Councilman Quinn

Seconded: Councilwoman Luton

Action: Carried 5/0 vote Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

*Laurie J Fuller*

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Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC

7. Set dates for Budget Workshops & Public Hearing:

Budget Workshop – October 16, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop – October 22, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Budget Workshop – October 29, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – October 29, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Quinn made a motion to set budget workshops and public hearing dates as listed above.

Seconded by Councilwoman Luton

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

8. Authorize Supervisor to attend Conference in Albany, New York:

Supervisor Littlefield has been asked to be the speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation Conference in Albany, New York on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 speaking on Local Government Efficiency.

Motion to authorize Supervisor to attend Annual Innovation Conference in Albany, New York, October 18, 2019 was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

9. Executive Session:

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss proposed sale or lease of real property was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

Motion to enter out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. no action taken was made by Councilman Quinn

Seconded by Councilman Dechene

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

10. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Luton

Seconded by Councilman Quinn

All Town Board Members voted AYE 5/0 Littlefield, Quinn, Dechene, Fontana, Luton

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Laurie J Fuller – Town Clerk RMC