

Town of Tully
May 8, 2019

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
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TOWN HALL
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY**

Members Present: Supervisor William A. Lund, Jr.
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor John Masters
Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, School Superintendent Robert Hughes, School Business Administrator Brad Corbin, Ann Padget, Catherine Goodwin, Pat Quinlan, Terri Murray, Joe Pellettiere, Denise Cardamone

7:30pm Supervisor Lund called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10TH MEETING. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of April, and reporting on the General Fund, Tom advised that we had received a refund from SOTS; court fines were again lower than expected. On the Highway Fund, the town received the first half of the snow and ice removal money from the County. Ambulance recoveries were still lower than March's recoveries. On the expense side, it was a pretty normal month. The only line that's been a concern is the overtime on the ambulance.

RESOLUTION 36-19

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2019. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 37-19

MOTION THAT THE BOARD HAS SUFFICIENTLY AUDITED THE TAX COLLECTOR'S RECORDS FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND VERIFIED THAT ALL MONIES COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Overview of the Tully School Budget

Superintendent Robert Hughes and Business Administrator Brad Corbin presented an overview of the 2019-2020 school budget. Some items discussed were bus leasing which is now incorporated into the general fund budget; and the debt from the capital projects which is being offset by revenues from the state. The budget itself for 2019-2020 will have an increase of 4.6% or \$918,597.

The long-term capital improvement plan which began in the summer of 2018 focused on enhancing safety and security in the schools as well as reconfiguring and replacing sidewalks and parking lots. The plan is for several more projects to be completed approximately every four years including the installation of a new playground, lockers at the Jr/Sr high school, bus lift in the high school bus garage and some work on mechanical systems.

Additionally, there are two open seats on the school board. The propositions on the ballot were also reviewed. Included in those propositions was the library budget which was presented in brief by the library director, Anna Beth Hayes. (Please see next page)

Resident Joseph Pellettiere asked about declining enrollment numbers. Mr. Hughes responded that ten years ago, enrollment was approximately 1200 students and today it is approximately

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850 students. Brief discussion ensued. Counselor Snavlin asked about bringing students in from other areas. Mr. Hughes responded that the district is planning to host a BOCES classroom next year, so that would bring students in from Onondaga, Cortland and Madison areas who would need access to a very specialized program. Brief discussion ensued.

Anna Beth Hayes, director of the Tully Free Library, gave a brief presentation on activities and programs at the library as follows:

- 2018 saw an increase in the number of people using the library
- We are growing the number of programs in the library
- We have people attending programs for all ages
- Free loan of materials from other libraries
- Lively atmosphere in the library, especially after school
- Looking for ways to make the library space more accessible
- Free Wi-Fi – internet access
- TREP – Tully Regional Enrichment Program was started several years ago in the school district and soon became a library program; we provide free after-school enrichment classes for children
- Also provided are field trips for families every year and an annual summer reading program

Parks & Recreation

Ryan Dando reported this evening on Parks & Rec activities:

- Gearing up for the Moo Run which is a month from today and starts at 9:00 am
- Tennis courts - in the process of getting some estimates to have some work done on the courts.
- Green Lake – Richard Shaw is working down there; toilets have been replaced, but still having issues with the waterflow to them, so he's working on that and hopes to have the work complete within the next few weeks.
- Music in the Park – Parks & Rec is helping to fund that project
- We have one WSI-trained lifeguard and a high school senior who will be taking the course, so we'll have two WSI lifeguards. We did lose two today, so hoping to find one more for the summer.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We've had a good month; lot of rain
- Few minor repairs on the equipment last month
- Earth Day went well; cleanup was a little less than other years because of the weather; the Boy Scouts won the award for the most cleanup
- Spring Cleanup is this weekend; dumpsters are arriving; hoping to change up the process a little bit; normally, e-Waste is picked up every spring and fall, but we're going to store eWaste for the spring in one of our buildings, and have one pickup in the Fall and save \$600 by doing it that way; the budget has been tight the last couple of years so any way we can save money, we will.
- Started getting ready for paving season; most materials are hauled in already
- We're also having the roof done on our shop this year; a contractor is interested, but he's not giving a price. It's not an easy job. It's flat and there's windows in the way. Brief discussion followed with John advising the board that if he cannot get a contractor to do it, he and his crew will do it inhouse and save the town some money.
- John also mentioned wanting to paint both shops this year. Brief discussion followed as far as color choices!

Ambulance

Captain Bryan Ramsay reported on the following:

- EMS calls for April were 25
- The 3 modems that the Board approved last month have been working great. Doctors at the hospitals are very grateful that we can once again send them the heart tracings (EKG) well before the patient arrives at the hospital. This helps expedite treatment as we are able to give medications that will have a positive effect on the patient's outcome.
- You may have noticed that the invoice from MultiMed Billing Company was smaller than usual. We had a delay in sending them the reports they needed for the billing of our patients. All is back up and running now.
- We completed CPR/AED training for the staff at the Tully Library. They have their new AED installed in the library now.

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Fire

Ed Wortley reported that the fire commissioners are looking into refinancing. Brief discussion ensued.

Floor

Terri Murray spoke about Music in the Park. She reported to the board that there has been great collaboration from several local organizations. Tully Building Supply is donating a canopy. We have a full music calendar for the months of June and July, every Sunday evening. The marketing is in place. A question was asked about parking. Terri responded that the hardware store is closed on Sunday evenings, so that parking lot would be available as well as some parking at the post office and parking at the school. Brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not a sheriff needed to be present.

Legal

Town attorney Bob DeMore did not have anything for the board this evening. He did say that there would be follow-up on the bus turnaround up on Babcock Road. He would like to meet with the owner and with John Herold.

Supervisor Lund called for any questions before closing the meeting.

Councilor Speziale asked about the letter from the assessor raising most assessments in the town by 4%. Supervisor Lund responded that in order to maintain our 100% equalization rate, the state recommended that our assessor raise all residential properties by 4%. Brief discussion.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale.
Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters,
Chapman, Speziale) 0 nays.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk