

Town of Tully
January 8, 2020

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Supervisor Masters opened the meeting at 7:15pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were residents, town board members and department heads listed below as well as County Legislative Chairman David Knapp. Notice of the organizational meeting was posted on the sign boards at the town hall and at the Tully Post Office and on the town's official website on December 23rd.

Mr. Masters suggested that the developer fees mentioned at last month's meeting and which were completed by Ralph Lamson should be made a part of the organizational resolutions.

RESOLUTION 1-2020

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS AND INCLUDE THE DEVELOPER FEES MAKING THEM PART OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS, SPECIFICALLY, RESOLUTION 23. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Goodwin) 0 nays.

There being no comments from the floor, the following motion was made:

MOTION TO CLOSE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AT 7:25pm. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Goodwin) 0 nays.

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

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor Catherine Goodwin

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Board Member Gary Heymann, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson, Paul Whitney, Samantha Kranes (TRC), Richard Goodwin, Ed Wortley, Jr., Greg Herring, Daniel Compitello.

7:30pm Supervisor Masters called the meeting to order.

RESOLUTION 2-2020

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11th, 2019 MEETING. Motion by Councilor Chapman. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

Floor – Public Input

Resident Paul Whitney gave a presentation to the board proposing a dog park in the Town of Tully. It would be somewhere on the town's parkland behind the town hall. Mr. Whitney provided a three-minute video. A handout was also provided with design standards which included a safe surface for play, fencing, a water source and visual screening. There was a discussion with questions and comments by board members including budget concerns, signage and ongoing maintenance. It was decided that Mr. Whitney would pursue the idea and follow up with the board, possibly at the next meeting.

Next, Supervisor Masters mentioned the issue with the Honeywell water systems in the valley and advised everyone that we're working closely with Lafayette to resolve it. Mr. Masters also mentioned that a candidate had been interviewed for the deputy town clerk position and all were in agreement that she should be hired.

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RESOLUTION 3-2020

MOTION TO HIRE MARY MAXFIELD AS DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AT A SALARY OF \$2,460.
Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Next, Supervisor Masters mentioned he would like some committees formed to investigate several issues in the town, one being the mine site and compliance; any of the water issues in the valley, and John (Snavlin) has offered to do that since he's quite knowledgeable on those. Mr. Masters also wanted a committee formed to interview candidates for the planning board position vacated by Bill Marinich. Chris Chapman and Cathy Goodwin volunteered. As for the ongoing solar issues, Cathy Goodwin said she would continue to do some research. Finally, John asked for a volunteer to research grants for the train station. Frank Speziale said he would do that.

Agenda Item No. 3

Delaware River Solar representatives Daniel Compitello and Samantha Kranes were present this evening to give a presentation on their proposed Sky High Solar project. Their company is proposing the installation of a ground-mounted solar system located at 1315 Sky High Road in Tully. The project is situated on approximately 263.7 acres of leased land. The project will sell power over the existing transmission grid to local and regional customers. Customers of Sky High can include municipal and private companies in the region who simply pay for the power they use like they do today, with no development or maintenance costs of the solar energy system. Since the Town is adopting a seven-month moratorium at this time, Sky High Solar respectfully requests a waiver from the moratorium. Lengthy discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 4-2020

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

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements and reported that we had received our mortgage tax from last year thanks to Dave Knapp; also received the AIM, Aid in Maintenance, payment at the budgeted amount; justice court fines continue to be slow, about \$15,000 less than usual; NYCLASS interest is good. Ambulance recoveries were over \$11,000, but we're still short year-to-date.

On the expense side, we had intended to put some funds into the reserve for our next ambulance, but we probably won't be able to do that after paying tonight's bills. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 5-2020

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

Parks & Recreation

No report this month

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had no repairs; pretty light month
- December we were out 29 times plowing; January, so far 5 times
- Equipment is holding up pretty well
- We still have plenty of material; we're doing some tree work while the weather is good
- We have the steel for the railing on the Village bridge and plan to do that in the Spring
- John spoke to Mr. Warner on Babcock Road regarding the turnaround; brief discussion ensued with Mr. DeMore's input and status report

Ambulance

Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for December was 26
- Total ambulance calls for 2019 was 450
- A-1 had to go for battery replacement; it died at the area hospitals twice a couple of weeks ago
- Rear rub rails for A-1 are finally in and will be installed this week
- We have 3 new volunteers that joined the ambulance district this month. Rebekah Warner is a NYS certified EMT. I have all her credentials and current physical on file. She has already started riding shifts for orientation and training. Scott Carpenter Jr.

and Richard Shaver are both awaiting their EMT test results and will start their training and orientation once a current physical is produced for them both.

- Medic car repairs have been pushed back due to the emergency repairs to A-1. We will get that taken care of later this month.

Fire

Ed Wortley, Jr. reported that the organizational meeting of the fire commissioners is scheduled for tomorrow night at 6pm.

County Legislature News

Dave Knapp congratulated everyone who was up for election this past year and announced that he had been re-elected as chairman of the County Legislature. A brief discussion ensued regarding monies for various projects that Mr. Knapp was trying to secure for the Town.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore advised that we would like to have a law in place by the end of February. Supervisor Masters suggested that we have the law in place by the February 12th meeting, send it to County Planning at that point, and they will review it between the 14th and the 26th of February, and we would have a special meeting to review and adopt the law on February 27th. Mr. DeMore was in agreement. He advised that he would be meeting with an engineer, and then with Regional Planning. Brief discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the following motion was made:

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk