

**Town of Tully**  
**May 13, 2020**

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

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters  
Councilor Frank Speziale  
Councilor Christopher Chapman  
Councilor John Snavlin  
Councilor Catherine Goodwin  
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, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, School Superintendent Robert Hughes, John Sidd, Greg Herring, Sean Reardon

7:30pm Supervisor Masters called meeting to order.

**State of Town Business during Corona Virus State of Emergency**

The town offices are closed, and we will reevaluate the status as of May 28<sup>th</sup>. More info to follow. Please refer to the town's website for updates.

We are planning a virtual public hearing on the three solar projects being developed by NB Development. This meeting will take place on 5/27/20 at 7pm. You can go to the website for information on how to join the meeting via Skype.

Just an FYI for all residents -- Route 80 and Route 11a is going to be converted to a 4-way stop in a few weeks. So please be aware and vigilant when you approach that area.

Tonight, for the motions, we will be doing a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 56-20**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> MEETINGS.** Motion by Councilor Chapman. Second by Councilor Speziale.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

**RESOLUTION 57-20**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

**Financial Report**

Tom Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of April; and reporting on the General Fund, Tom reviewed NYCLASS interest and corrections to the tax bills; on the Highway Fund, NYCLASS interest; trust and agency, I will update the report to NB Development; on the ambulance fund, we're at about 40% of our recoveries right now, so we're ahead at this point; also under ambulance, you'll see "USHHS" and that is some funds we received from the stimulus packages passed by the federal government, so you'll see a transfer sheet associated with that.

On the expense side, it was a fairly quiet month. General spending, without the SOTS payment, is about 34%; highway spending is at 16%; and ambulance spending is at 35% of the budget. So we're actually not in bad shape as far as spending at this point in time. Tom had one transfer sheet which is included on the next page.

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To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

AMBULANCE	Town wide		
From:			
Sm599	Surplus	US HHS Funds	\$1,711.00
		<b>Total</b>	<u>\$1,711.00</u>
			=====

To:			
SM8790.1	Emergency Disaster	Personal Service	\$1,711.00
		<b>Total</b>	<u>\$1,711.00</u>
			=====

**RESOLUTION 58-20**  
**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER SHEET. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale.**

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:  
 Chapman - affirmative  
 Goodwin - affirmative  
 Speziale - affirmative  
 Snavlin - affirmative  
 Masters - affirmative

**RESOLUTION 59-20**  
**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Goodwin.**

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:  
 Chapman - affirmative  
 Goodwin - affirmative  
 Speziale - affirmative  
 Snavlin - affirmative  
 Masters - affirmative

**Overview of the Tully School Budget**

Superintendent Robert Hughes presented a brief overview of the 2020-2021 school budget. The proposed budget is \$21,455,530.00 which is an increase of 2.93%. The local tax levy would be an increase of 1.9% which, on a \$100,000 home, would be an increase of \$39.29 per year. This would allow a new counselor position at the elementary school, and a new social worker position at the Tully JSHS, as well as support for all existing academic, athletic and co-curricular programs. We do anticipate some shortfalls, but do have money in reserve to offset those. A public budget hearing is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It will be a virtual hearing. The annual budget vote and school board election will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be via absentee ballot. There are two open seats on the board of education and four candidates running. More info can be found on the school's homepage beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- We have plowed and salted the roads in May for the first time in decades.
- We are back to full staff; slowly working into our routines
- Had a couple of minor repairs to equipment this month
- We did take the plows and sanders off our trucks in preparation of the summer season
- Did some ditching; some repairs for the season
- Spring Cleanup Day – John said he has reserved the dumpsters, but health issues remain. After a brief discussion with the board, it was decided to postpone it until late July and reevaluate the situation at that time.
- We are mowing ourselves this summer and not hiring summer help, maybe save some money
- John also advised the board he would like to order a 2020 F550XL truck. Discussion followed with input from all board members after which came the following motion:

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**RESOLUTION 60-20**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN HEROLD TO PURCHASE A 2020 FORD F550XL STAKERACK REGULAR CAB FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$63,703.66, ONONDAGA BID NO. ONGOV-016-19 2020. Motion by Councilor Masters.**

**Second by Councilor Speziale.**

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Chapman - affirmative
- Goodwin - affirmative
- Speziale - affirmative
- Snavlin - affirmative
- Masters - affirmative

**Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following:

- EMS calls for April were 33
- NYS BEMS(Bureau of Emergency Medical Service) has given a 1-year extension to all certified EMS providers. Also, they have recertified recently expired EMS providers which will be valid until the end of 2020, allowing them to enroll in the online recertification program. This action has reinstated 4 volunteer EMTs, and they are currently enrolled in the recertification program.
- A-2 had an oil change and filter change and a NYS inspection.
- I have hired another part time paramedic off the Civil Service list. Bryan Ramsay will be joining us and is going to help fill some of the open shifts.

**Parks & Recreation**

Ryan Dando reported this evening on Parks & Rec activities:

- The Moo Run is cancelled as well as the Spring rec season has been cancelled and we're not going to reschedule either of them.
- Bathrooms are still closed
- Tennis courts - work starts on Friday, work on posts, then send in cleaning crew and resurfacing crew, so we're probably looking at the first week in June before they are resurfaced.
- Green Lake - we will be following guidance from the County; we have at least ten lifeguards that want to come back this summer; we will have to wait and see how things progress with the state of emergency
- There will also be some dock repairs

**Fire**

No report this evening.

**Floor Input/Input from town board members**

Councilor Snavlin asked how the meeting with Mr. Frank went. Supervisor Masters filled everyone in as far as Mr. Frank's home being adjacent to the gravel mine and the fact that he has had problems with his well. Brief discussion followed.

Next, Councilor Speziale asked about striping the back parking lot behind the town hall. He wondered if we should go ahead with it or wait a bit longer. It had been discussed last Fall, but no decision was made at that time. After a brief discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the project. Councilor Speziale advised that he had been quoted a price under \$1,000.

**RESOLUTION 61-20**

**MOTION TO SPEND UP TO \$1000.00 ON STRIPING THE REAR PARKING LOT BEHIND THE TOWN HALL. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman.**

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Chapman - affirmative
- Goodwin - affirmative
- Speziale - affirmative
- Snavlin - affirmative
- Masters - affirmative

**Legal**

Supervisor Masters wanted to address some issues before the board gets into the SEQR forms involving the three NB Development solar projects.

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**RESOLUTION 62-20**

**MOTION TO ALLOW THE TENTATIVE AND FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS TO BE FILED UP TO 30 DAYS LATER THAN OTHERWISE ALLOWABLE WHICH WOULD MOVE GRIEVANCE DAY OUT ONE MONTH.** Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Goodwin.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

**RESOLUTION 63-20**

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NB DEVELOPMENT SOLAR PROJECTS ON MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM WHICH HEARING WILL ALSO BE A VIRTUAL MEETING.** Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

**RESOLUTION 64-20**

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3, A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PILOT LAW, ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM WHICH WOULD BE JUST PRIOR TO THE JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 7:30PM.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Goodwin.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

At this time, Supervisor Masters turned the meeting over to Councilor Cathy Goodwin who would be reviewing the planning board recommendations and going through the SEQR forms for Potter North, the Drumm project, and Potter South.

Councilor Goodwin advised all board members have been given or been emailed copies for each of the projects of the EAF part one, copies of parts 2 and 3, recitals for each project and resolutions for each project.

Councilor Goodwin proceeded to read the statement of the Town Planning Board and subsequently read through the questions and her recommended answers with the proviso that, if any of the town board members did not agree with her answers, they should speak up and discuss any issues at that time.

(All documents referred to by Councilor Goodwin are attached to the end of these minutes.)

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:25PM.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman.

The resolution was ADOPTED by ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chapman - affirmative  
Goodwin - affirmative  
Speziale - affirmative  
Snavlin - affirmative  
Masters - affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk