

Town of Tully
November 3, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE 2022 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

7:30pm Supervisor John Masters opened the public hearing.

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Absent: Councilor John Snavlin

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert DeMore, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Cheryl Wayne

Supervisor Masters asked if anyone wanted to comment on the budget. With no one wishing to comment, there was a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Goodwin. Motion carried 4 ayes, (Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Goodwin) 0 naves.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
IN TOWN HALL PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING
5833 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD
TULLY NEW YORK

7:35pm Supervisor Masters opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 13th meeting were hand-delivered to the town board.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the minutes of October 13th.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Vouchers

Motion was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to pay the audited bills out of the proper funds.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reported on receipts and disbursements for the month of September.

- It was a fairly active month - Town clerk fees were over \$3,000
- Court fines are improving
- Highway fund – we received the Hazel’s Way road deposit; also received money for the sale of a truck which is reflected on the transfer sheet
- On the general spending, we’re at about 78%; revenue is at 101%
- Highway spending, we’re at 72%; revenue is 112% which is mostly CHIPS money
- Ambulance spending, we’re at 69%; revenue is at 104%.
- So we’re having a banner year for revenues.

RESOLUTION 69-21

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the financial report for October.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Chartrand reviewed the transfer sheet included below:

Town of Tully Transfers 11/3/2021

GENERAL Townwide
From:

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A599	Surplus	County Train Station Grant	\$32,000.00
A7320.1	Joint Youth Project	Personal Services	300.00
A7320.2	Joint Youth Project	Equipment	1,700.00
		Total	\$34,000.00

To:

A7320.4	Joint Youth Project	Contractual	\$2,000.00
A7989.2	Other Culture (Train Station)	Equipment	32,000.00
		Total	\$34,000.00

AMBULANCE

From:

SM9060.8	Employee Benefits	Health Insurance	\$6,300.00
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To:

SM4546.4	Billing Service	Contractual	\$6,000.00
SM9050.8	Employee Benefits	Unemployment Insurance	300.00
		Total	\$6,300.00

HIGHWAY Townwide

From:

DM599	Surplus	Sale of Equipment	\$25,000.00
DM9950.9	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	Inter Fund Transfer	1,200.00
		Total	\$26,200.00

To:

DM5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$26,200.00
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HIGHWAY Outside Village

From:

DR5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual	\$1,200.00
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To:

DR5110.1	General Repairs	Personal Services	\$1,100.00
DR9030.8	Social Security	Employee Benefits	100.00
		Total	\$1,200.00

RESOLUTION 70-21

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the transfers.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Chartrand discussed the health reimbursement plan for the highway crew after which came the following motion:

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RESOLUTION 71-21

Motion authorizing John Masters to update the health reimbursement account. Motion was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 72-21

Motion to adopt the preliminary budget as the final budget for 2022. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Goodwin.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 73-21

Motion to adopt the Tully Ambulance District budget. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 74-21

Motion to adopt the SOTS budget with no change in household cost. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 75-21

Motion to change the December monthly payroll to December 8th, the same night as our town board meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; couple of repairs on the 2016 Western Star and the tractor
- We are ready for winter; the snow equipment is on the trucks
- Hand-delivered the paperwork to DOT for Hazel's Way
- I would ask that Article 1219 of the New York Vehicle & Traffic Law be put in the newsletter again to remind all residents. Also, I would like to remind all walkers and runners to please wear lights and reflective gear.
- John also advised that he had met with Mr. DeMore today about an issue on Hollenbeck Road. Brief discussion ensued after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 76-21

Motion to authorize John Herold to enter onto private property to pursue cleaning out the ditch going from Hollenbeck Road to Long Road due to damage done on Long Road caused by Storm Fred and to prevent any future damage to Long Road. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Goodwin.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

(A copy of the Consent and Release is included at the end of the minutes.)

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Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for October Was 49
2. Part Time Paramedic Vincent Stevenson Passed Away On October 18, 2021. He Was The Current And Longstanding Director Of Eaves Ambulance In East Syracuse. Members Of The Career Staff Attended Services. Tully Also Provided Ambulance Coverage To Eaves On October 22nd So Their Members Could Be Off Schedule.
3. November Schedule Looks Good With Only A Couple Openings.
4. All 3 Vehicles Are Being Prepped For Winter Weather.

Parks & Recreation

Ryan Dando reported as follows:

- We have finished all Fall programs
- The Cornfield Classic is this weekend
- Restrooms are shut down
- Rich Edinger and Bill Hardy of the lacrosse club asked if they could put a storage container on the field next to the tennis courts to store their equipment. Discussion followed after which it was decided to table the matter for now and discuss it at the next meeting.

Fire

Ben Bibik reported briefly on rescue pumper 15 being back in service, but it's taking 20 weeks to get parts. Brief discussion.

Floor – Public Input

Ben Bibik also reported that he and Joey Nemire(sic) were asked by residents why they didn't have a chance to opt in or out of the cannabis law. Brief discussion.

Information from Supervisor

Mr. Masters and John Herold, highway superintendent, met with the teamsters today. They had asked for a salary increase of 3% the first year, 2% the second year and 2% the third year. Also discussed was extending the existing health care plan for five years, and that was denied due to the excessive cost. Also agreed to was a clothing allowance and uniforms. Supervisor Masters felt it went very well. The union rep will provide the town with written documentation for our town attorney to review.

Concerning our insurance, we received a notice of policy conditional renewal from NYMIR. Brief discussion followed regarding liability and personal identity coverage being separate from the remainder of the insurance policy and its coverage.

Next, appointment of a fire commissioner. Craig Clemons was appointed to fill Sonny Battle's term when he retired. Brief discussion ensued after which all board members agreed it would be a good idea to place an ad in the Tully News.

Legal

There was discussion regarding the Rte. 11a water district which, Mr. Masters advised, is very close to transacting with Honeywell to close the deal for them to provide the \$2.2 million. Some discussion ensued as to the agreement on disbursement of the grant funds.

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Motion to **adjourn the meeting** at 8:20pm was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman.

(Masters, Goodwin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, RMC
Town Clerk

CONSENT AND RELEASE

The undersigned, being the owner of tax parcel 119. -03 - 02. 4 in the Town of Tully, New York hereby consents that the Town Highway Department and other officials or agents of the Town may enter upon said property for the purposes of clearing and removing certain debris along the ditch or stream which services and runs parallel to Hollenbeck Road in said Town.

Further the undersigned releases the Town of Tully, its employees and agents from all liability and other damages relating to the above activity.

Dated 11 17 2021

Shirley Family LLC, by Ellen
Masters