

Town of Tully  
December 8, 2021

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
(practicing social distancing)  
TOWN OF TULLY  
TOWN HALL  
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, *The Tully News* editor Ben Bibik, representatives of Boralex Marc Weatherill, Julia Stahl and Darren Suarez, and residents of Tully Kathy Vernay, Ruth VanBuskirk, Joe Vanuderitz, Tyler Wood, Greg Wood, Jon Piano, Jake Morgan, Dan Duffy, Harper Shaw, Andrew Piano and Gretel Duffy

7:30pm Town Supervisor John Masters led in the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 3rd meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the minutes.

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

**Vouchers**

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

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

**Financial Report**

Tom Chartrand reported on receipts and disbursements for the month of November:

- Town clerk fees exceeded budget on most budget lines
- Court fines did finally make budget; we're up about \$1000 year to date
- We did receive a check for the snow plow contract for the private roads
- Another banner month for ambulance recoveries – over \$17,000
- For the big picture, general spending without SOTS, we're at about 80% and revenues at 102%; highway spending, we're at 74% and revenues at 113% largely due to increase in CHIPS NY; and ambulance spending, we're at 74% and revenues at 106%.

**RESOLUTION 78-21**

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the financial report for November.

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

**RESOLUTION 79-21**

Motion authorizing the town supervisor to make any necessary end-of-the-year transfers. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale.

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

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RESOLUTION 80-21

Motion to set the organizational meeting for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm with the regular town board meeting to follow immediately thereafter and authorize the town clerk to publish the notice in the Post Standard. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin.

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

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- We were out plowing 10 times in November and 3 times so far for December.
- Had a few repairs this month; most of the equipment doing well, no problem.
- John reported that he had been trying to set up a meeting with the engineer from Barton & Loguidice about the damage that the storm Fred caused. Brief discussion.
- The shared services letter has been received. Brief discussion as far as what the services are exactly.
- Proposed speed limit changes on certain roads discussed.

**Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for November was 41.
2. We continue to experience extended offload delays at all Syracuse hospitals as well as Guthrie in Cortland. If you happen to see a mutual aid ambulance covering calls in Tully, chances are our crews are stuck at a hospital waiting to offload a patient. This is happening to nearly all agencies in Central New York.
3. Ambulance schedule looks okay for December, just a few BLS openings due to vacations; still struggling with volunteer drivers/EMTs on the overnights.

Next, there was a question by a board member regarding some equipment needed for the ambulances which Captain Wakula explained after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 81-21

Motion to authorize the purchase of the Lucas devices with a service contract for 5 years at a cost of \$19,329.19 and the radios with a 3-year service contract at a cost of \$12,354.24 for this budgeted equipment. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin.

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

**Parks & Recreation**

No report.

**Fire**

Supervisor Masters reported that the board had advertised for a fire commissioner and had received no responses. It was recommended that Craig Clemons be appointed to the position since he had been a fire commissioner in the past and had a lot of experience. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 82-21

Motion to appoint Craig Clemons as a fire commissioner was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

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

**Floor – Public Input**

Village resident and trustee Kathy Vernay advised the board that the village was about to receive a \$5,000 grant from NYSERDA to put in an EV charging station. Ms. Vernay explained that it was a difficult process, and there was some discussion about having it installed at the back of the town hall, but that Mr. Masters had some concerns about demand metering and sales tax reporting. Mr. Chartrand explained what would be involved as far as the sales tax reporting. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**Presentation from Boralex Sky High Solar**

Marc Weatherill introduced himself as one of the representatives of Boralex, the new owners of this project. It was previously owned by Delaware River Solar. Also present from the company

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(continuing) were Julia Stahl and Darren Suarez. Mr. Weatherill gave a brief presentation on the Sky High Solar project which is planned for the west side of the road and up on a plateau, so not visible from the road. Several issues discussed included rocking panels which follow the sun, a PILOT agreement and decommissioning and reclamation of the land.

**Information from Supervisor**

Mr. Masters advised the board that he had been contacted by the department of labor regarding an upcoming training session that he would like several town and village officials to attend. After a brief discussion regarding a possible date for the training, it was decided that January 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, perhaps between 2 and 3pm would be a convenient time for everyone.

Mr. Masters also had been advised by the department of transportation that the bridge over I-81 in Preble was being renovated starting in the Summer or Fall of 2022 so there might possibly be delays in that area.

John asked if anyone was planning on going to the Association of Towns conference in New York City in February of 2022. Town Attorney Bob DeMore advised that he would be going, so John asked if he would be our delegate, and Bob agreed to do that.

**RESOLUTION 83-21**

Motion to appoint our town attorney, Robert DeMore, to act as our delegate to the Association of Towns meeting in February of '22 was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

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

John had received an email regarding a broadband survey and map and felt that the map was incorrect in some areas. He asked our IT expert, Ben Bibik, to take a look at the maps with him before he responds to the survey.

**Legal**

Town Attorney Robert DeMore began his legal discussion with the Honeywell agreement. Supervisor Masters suggested that they not sign the agreement with Honeywell until the OCWA agreement is signed. Mr. DeMore agreed, but suggested the motion be made this evening.

**RESOLUTION 84-21**

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the final agreement between OCWA and the Rt.11A Water District. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale.

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

**RESOLUTION 85-21**

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the East Side Water Line Easement Agreement between Honeywell and the Rt.11A Water District. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman.

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

**RESOLUTION 86-21**

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Honeywell and the Rt.11A Water District which includes a transfer of \$2.2 million on the dates and to the payees specified therein. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman.

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

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RESOLUTION 87-21

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the Transfer Agreement between Honeywell and the Rt.11A Water District. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale.

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

Mr. DeMore advised that the next item of discussion would be the teamsters' agreement. Mr. Masters suggested that they move into executive session to discuss that.

First, however, he asked the board to approve the estimate from General Code in order to update the codification of our laws.

RESOLUTION 88-21

Motion to allow the town to enter into a contract with General Code to update the codification of our laws, the estimate received being between \$1555 and \$1875. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman.

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

RESOLUTION 89-21

Motion to move into executive session at 8:45pm to discuss the teamsters' contract. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

RESOLUTION 90-21

Motion to move out of executive session and return to regular session at 9:05pm. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale.

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

The last item for discussion involved the town board paying for covid testing for full-time ambulance staff members after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 91-21

Motion to authorize the town board to pay for covid testing for full-time ambulance staff members. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman.

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

RESOLUTION 92-21

Motion to **adjourn the meeting** at 9:07pm was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Supervisor Masters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, RMC  
Town Clerk