

**Town of Tully**  
**May 12, 2021**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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  
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, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley Jr., School Superintendent Robert Hughes, Business Administrator Brad Corbin, School Board member Denise Cardamone, Tully Library Director AnnaBeth Hayes, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson, Ted Shaw & Bruce Pollock

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

**Overview of the Tully School Budget**

Supervisor Masters introduced School Superintendent Robert Hughes and Business Administrator Brad Corbin who presented a brief overview of the 2021-2022 school budget. Some highlights mentioned were as follows: Mr. Hughes stated that the district is using some reserve funds to offset some retirement costs. He also anticipates using some federal aid to offset some covid-related expenses incurred over the last year.

Mr. Corbin reported that the proposed budget is \$21,893,037.00 which is an increase of 2.04%. The local tax levy would be an increase of 1.70% which, on a \$100,000 home, would be an increase of \$34.86 per year. We had an increase in contractual salaries, increase in health insurance premiums, pension benefit rate increases, and an increase in special ed-related services for high needs students.

There are three open seats on the board of education. The school budget vote is Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School Gym from 6:00am to 9:00pm. Following the presentation were questions and comments by town board members.

Next, Anna Beth Hayes gave a brief overview as Tully Library Director including increases in patrons using the library as well as those participating in programs offered by the library. Virtual programs were offered during the covid-19 pandemic as well. Public computers were used in the library and laptops used at home by students. Ms. Hayes stated that she and the library board are asking for a 5% increase this year in the budget.

**Public Input from the Floor**

Resident Ted Shaw and business owner Bruce Pollock spoke to the board asking for an upgrade to the road on Mr. Shaw's commercial property, the old Tully Center Road. It was abandoned years ago, but there was no record of that in board minutes or anywhere else. They would like it reinstated as a road since there will be increased traffic due to the construction taking place on the property surrounding the road. John Herold offered that it would be 751 feet of roadway. Lengthy discussion followed with comments and questions by board members.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

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

(Masters, Speziale, Goodwin, Chapman, Snavlin) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Vouchers**

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

(Masters, Speziale, Goodwin, Chapman, Snavlin) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Financial Report**

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

- Court fines were close to \$6,000 for each judge, so definitely an improvement there
- NYCLASS still not earning much interest

- Tom also discussed spending and revenues for the general fund, highway and ambulance funds
- On the expenditure side, nothing out of the ordinary

Mr. Chartrand also referred to a transfer sheet which is included below. He explained the transfer from State retirement to unemployment insurance and from machinery to the capital projects fund for the purchase of the new truck.

Re: Budget Transfers 5/12/2020

GENERAL Town wide

From:

A9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement \$2,000.00

To:

A9050.8 Employee Benefits Unemployment Insurance \$2,000.00

HIGHWAY Town wide

From:

DM5130.2 Machinery Equipment \$85,334.00

To:

DM9950.9 Transfer to Capital Inter Fund \$85,334.00  
Projects Fund Transfer

#### **RESOLUTION #35-2021**

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the transfers as outlined by Mr. Chartrand.

(Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Goodwin, Speziale) Ayes 5 Nays 0

#### **RESOLUTION #36-2021**

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to accept the April 2021 financial report.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Chartrand advised that we need to sell a bond for the balance of the new truck. So he would need the board to give the highway superintendent and Mr. Chartrand authorization to move forward with the sale of the bond so we have the money by the next meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION #37-2021**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the sale of the bond for \$155,000 for the balance of the new truck.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Chartrand advised that he would reach out to Trespass & Marquardt, our bond counsel, to get the process started.

#### **Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; there were some minor repairs, though. The 2016 Western Star had a couple of oil leaks
- All plows are off the truck
- Most of our material has been hauled in
- Started ditching and mowing lawns

(Highway report cont'd on next page)

- A service award was presented to highway employee Bill Murphy for his 30 years of service; brief discussion followed.
- The bathrooms are now open at the concession stand; brief discussion

### **Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for April was 42.
2. Chuck Iavarone's resignation is effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Dan Holbert has been promoted from part time to full time firefighter/paramedic effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
3. Power load devices are installed. We have been trained on them, and they are amazing. A big thank-you to the town board for this purchase.
4. We are currently going through the NYS DOH ambulance and Bureau of Controlled Substance license renewal.
5. May schedule is 100% full.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Ryan Dando reported that parks & rec is extremely busy once again. And thanks to John Herold and his crew, the grounds out back look great.

The Moo Run is a month from now, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is a bit low. We'll get some signs up and try to promote it as much as possible through Facebook and putting some signs around the field.

Mr. Dando also advised that he had been approached by the Lafayette Big Picture program which is an alternative school out of Lafayette high school. They would like to have a picnic at Green Lake on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Parks & Rec Board would charge them \$200 to \$250 to cover their costs for lifeguards, etc. Ryan wanted to get the Town Board's input on this issue. Brief discussion ensued with questions and comments by board members some of which felt they would defer to the Rec Board on whether to allow an outside party to come into the park which has only ever been used by Tully residents. Some felt it should only be used by Tully residents. Ryan advised he would meet again with the Rec board members and decide whether to let this group go ahead with the picnic or not.

Mr. Dando also reported that he had been asked to host a baseball tournament on graduation weekend with games on Friday, Saturday and possibly Sunday. Parks & Rec would make some revenue from the tournament as well. Brief discussion followed regarding parking and following all protocols for covid.

And finally, following up on the open board position, Ryan advised that they had one open position and four excellent candidates, so they're going to decide on a candidate soon. As far as the chairperson position, they are going to promote someone to that position from within.

### **Fire**

No report.

### **Floor – Public Input**

No input this evening.

### **Supervisor's Notes**

Supervisor Masters announced that with broadband problems in some areas, especially in Tully Valley, the County has come up with a survey for residents to depict their individual situation. John has asked our IT person to get the survey on the Tully website and in the newsletter. So hopefully we'll have lots of feedback on that issue.

Next, Mr. Masters wanted to give an update on the Tully train station. The Village has been involved in what is called the Onondaga County Main Street Program, and the Mayor, Melissa Flint-Morgan, has advised that some recipients of the program will not be using the money they originally sought so that money may be made available for the roof on the train station. In addition to that, the Tully Historical Society has money from donations that can be added to cover the cost of the roof. Mr. Masters is hopeful that it will all work out.

### **Legal**

Supervisor Masters reported that at last month's meeting, Ralph Lamson, our Code Enforcement Officer, had made the board aware of an unsafe building in the Town, so he asked Mr. Lamson to update the board on the status. Mr. Lamson explained that he had been asked by the Village to have demolished the old Banner house, that he declare it an unsafe structure. Mr. Lamson then wrote a letter to the Town Board advising them of the unsafe structure and of

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his intent to have it demolished. Town attorney Robert DeMore advised that the law involving this, Section 118-7, also requires a hearing take place and that notice be served on the Village and on the County Clerk. Mr. Lamson will advise the Village to waive their rights to a hearing, if they so choose. Discussion followed after which came the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 38-2021**  
**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE STRUCTURE UNSAFE**

**Whereas**, the Code Enforcement Officer finds it necessary to declare a structure on Banner Road, Tax Map No. 118.-04-04.2 as an unsafe structure,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Town Board classifies it as an unsafe structure and that it shall be demolished.

**ADOPTED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:	NOES:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Town Clerk, Town of Tully

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE  
TOWN OF TULLY

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} ss:

This is to certify that I, Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk of the Town of Tully in said County of Onondaga, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office, and which was passed by The Town Board of the Town of Tully in said County of Onondaga, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF SAID TOWN THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021.

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TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF TULLY

**RESOLUTION #39-2021**

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to move into Executive Session at 8:55pm to discuss the status of the Rt. 11A Water District.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move out of Executive Session with no action taken and **adjourn the meeting** at 9:15pm was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk