

Town of Tully
September 8, 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 (**absent**)
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor Catherine Goodwin (**absent**)

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson and Elizabeth Weinstein

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were made available via email and regular mail. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the minutes.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Vouchers

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

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Financial Report

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

- Court fines are up to 84% of budget
- Interest from NYCLASS for the highway budget
- Ambulance recoveries were almost \$13,000
- General fund revenues are over 100%, so that's good news

RESOLUTION 58-21

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to accept the August financial report.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Tom also referred to a transfer sheet which is included below:

Date: September 8, 2021

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL Townwide

From:

A7320.1 Joint Youth Project Personal Services \$8,000.00

A9010.8 Employee Benefits State Retirement 1,000.00

Total \$9,000.00

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To:

A7320.4 Joint Youth Project Contractual \$8,000.00

A9040.8 Employee Benefits Workers Comp. 1,000.00

Total \$9,000.00

AMBULANCE

From:

SM4543.1 Ambulance (Overtime) Personal Services \$3,000.00

To:

SM4542.1 Ambulance (PT/FF/EMT) Personal Services \$3,000.00

HIGHWAY Townwide

From:

DM5130.2 Machinery Equipment \$6,365.00

To:

DM9950.9 Transfer to Capital Projects Inter-Fund Trfr \$6,365.00

RESOLUTION 59-21

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

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Mr. Chartrand reminded everyone that the budget meeting is set for September 29th at 6pm. Tom also advised the board about an American Rescue Plan revenue replacement calendar. Brief discussion followed.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- One repair this month
- Long Road washed out
- John reported he had gotten a call from Homeland Security - FEMA
- They have \$1525.30 worth of steel around the garage
- John reminded everyone that the Fall Cleanup Day is October 9th. Town Clerk Sue Vaccaro advised the board that she would like to have a shred event in conjunction with the cleanup day and asked the board if that would be okay. It would cost \$150 an hour and she would like to plan for two hours from 9am to 11am. The board agreed that it would be okay.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for August was 51.
2. NYS Department of Health laboratory license renewal has been submitted.
3. A-1 had an oil change done.
4. Captain Wakula made some upgrades to the advanced airway equipment.

Parks & Recreation

Ryan Dando reported on the following activities:

- We have been consistently busy.
- We have blocked off the driveway north of the restrooms; there have been some safety concerns over kids running between the cars. It seems to be working and with no complaints from parents, so we're going to continue to do that.
- At our board meeting, we discussed doing some upgrades to the basketball courts, maybe some new backboards, etc.

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- We were asked by Terri Murray and Music in the Park if we would consider increasing our funding of the program. We discussed it and decided to keep it where it is which is \$1000. We have some other programs we would like to be funding and not sure we'd have enough money to do it all.

Fire

Mr. Wortley reported that the commissioners have started the budget process. He also discussed a vent system for the exhaust on the trucks in the firehouse.

Floor – Public Input

Resident Betsy Shahan asked the board with respect to the solar farms planned for the Town of Tully if they would be paying prevailing wage. Brief discussion followed after which Supervisor Masters suggested that we could ask Clear Path Energy.

Information from Supervisor

Mr. Masters asked for an update on the water district from our attorney, Robert DeMore. Mr. DeMore explained that the ball is in Honeywell's court at this time. Some changes have been made to the agreement and been sent to Honeywell's attorney for their review. We're working with Town of Lafayette on the agreement with OCWA. So we are waiting to hear back from both Honeywell and OCWA.

Next, Mr. Masters referred to a letter from the Crooked Lake Homeowners' Association to the zoning board of appeals asking for a change in zoning requirements and/or a change in the building permit application since there had been some issues in the past for which there appeared to be a misunderstanding as to what was actually required. Since Ralph Lamson was present for the meeting this evening, he handed out a letter he had written to the town board in explanation of the situations referred to and then briefly reiterated what had happened in those instances. Discussion followed with questions and comments by board members and clarification by Mr. Lamson.

Mr. Lamson also brought up another issue which actually deals with the county. They will not accept the naming of Hazel's Way with an apostrophe. It, therefore, was agreed, and Ted Shaw had been involved in some discussion involving the name, that it should be named Hazels Way without the apostrophe.

RESOLUTION 60-21

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to declare as scrap the following two printers: HP LaserJet 1320 Printer, Serial No. CNHC59TO6N, from the Assessor's office; HP Pro 6230, Serial No. TH89Q6R072 from the Code Enforcement office.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 3 Nays 0

The next topic Mr. Masters wanted to make everyone aware of was replacement of the water heater in the town hall. At this time, the heater has been ordered and we're just waiting for it to be delivered.

Next, the village is replacing some benches and offered them to the town. Brief discussion.

Legal

Next topic, teamsters' negotiations. Supervisor Masters asked Mr. DeMore to represent the town in the negotiations which are scheduled to take place either on September 13th or 14th after 1:30 in the afternoon. Mr. DeMore agreed after which a brief discussion ensued.

Supervisor Masters discussed briefly the fact that the lake communities in Tully were interested in lowering the speed limits on those roads around the lakes. He had sent a letter to the State DOT requesting that they lower the speed limits, but due to Covid, the response was delayed. He put in another call to the DOT and they are working on a response.

Motion to **adjourn the meeting** at 8:17pm was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman.

(Speziale, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk