

**Town of Tully
December 14, 2022**

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

7:30pm Supervisor John Masters started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters
 Councilor Frank Speziale
 Councilor Christopher Chapman
 Councilor Catherine Goodwin
 Councilor John Snavlin
 Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson, Jamie Wortley, Jeff Phelps

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 9th meeting were made available via email. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the minutes.

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

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand discussed receipts and disbursements for the month of November including court fines which were strong and at this point have exceeded budget by \$8,000; NYCLASS interest is 3½ % so we're doing very well there; ambulance charges, another banner month – almost \$18,000, plus an insurance recovery for the stair chair. On the main report, general fund spending at 84% without SOTS and revenues are at 114%. Highway spending is at 63% and revenues are 106%. Ambulance spending is at 76% and revenues are at 103%. Mortgage tax is all together \$107,000 to the positive so that's really good news for the end of the year.

Resolution 94-22

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

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

Next, Mr. Chartrand reviewed the transfers which are included below and then asked the board to approve them.

	Town of Tully			
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GENERAL	Townwide			
From:				
A1990.4	Contingent		Contractual	\$13,000.00
			Total	\$13,000.00
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To:			
A1110.4	Justices	Contractual	\$1,000.00
A1410.4	Town Clerk	Contractual	500.00
A1620.4	Buildings	Contractual	8,000.00
A7110.4	Parks	Contractual	1,000.00
A7989.2	Other Culture (Train Station)	Equipment	500.00
A7989.4	Other Culture (Train Station)	Contractual	2,000.00

		Total	\$13,000.00
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Resolution 95-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the transfers as outlined above. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 96-22

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to authorize the supervisor to make any end-of-the-year transfers that may become necessary.

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

Resolution 97-22

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 98-22

Motion to turn over the \$500,000 that was agreed upon from the Honeywell settlement for the water system for the next ten years of operation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 99-22

Motion to set the organizational meeting for January 11, 2023 and authorize the town clerk to publish it in the official town newspaper, that being the Post-Standard.

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Good month; we were out plowing 6 times in November and 5 times in December so far.
- John discussed the need for a new truck, the length of time it would take to get it delivered and asked for a motion from the board to approve the purchase.
- John also mentioned that he would be resubmitting the application for the village bridge. Brief discussion followed.
- Mr. Herold asked that Article 1219 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law be added to the newsletter again this month to remind residents not to push snow and other materials into the roadways.

Resolution 100-22

Motion to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550 XL Reg Cab 4x4 DRW 145 WB 60 CA. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

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Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for November was 58
2. Zachary Kays has been hired as a part-time paramedic
3. I am canvassing the next score group on the civil service list. The first groups were either no reply, refusal of interview, unqualified or refusal of position.
4. Mediacar mirrors were replaced
5. Replaced the batteries in our suction units
6. Lost/stolen stair chair has been replaced; town has received an insurance check for the replacement

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on the following activities:

- Basketball is up and running; just handed a check to our town clerk tonight
- We are all closed up for the winter
- Family nights will start January 17th and 20th- more info to follow in the newsletter
- Sarah asked about lacrosse monies and a brief discussion followed.

Fire

Commissioner Ed Wortley gave a brief report.

Information from Supervisor

Mr. Masters reported last month that he had contacted a locksmith concerning WiFi locks and was waiting for a quote on that. The locksmith came back with a quote of \$500 for two locks for the concession stand. Additionally, electronic locks for the two town hall back doors would be a total of \$2500. Supervisor Masters expressed his concern as to the number of people who may or may not have keys to the town hall, and so is in favor of spending the money for the locks. He asked that the board decide by next month's meeting in January.

Public input from the Floor

Jeff Phelps, a resident, stated he had posted a question on social media regarding the Rt. 81 project. Supervisor Masters reported that the Town is in support of the project but pledged no money. Brief discussion.

Code Enforcement

Next, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson updated the board on the construction of the batting cage and asked if they would consider waiving the fee for the building permit. Mr. Masters responded affirmatively that they would.

Resolution 101-22

Motion to waive the building permit fee for the baseball organization batting cage. Motion made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

NYSERDA

Councilor Goodwin gave a brief summary on the \$5,000 NYSERDA Energy Grant Project. The Town is proposing three projects for the town hall:

1. programmable thermostats for a total cost of \$750.00; Countrywide
2. improving and repairing town hall attic insulation for a total cost of \$2,533.00; Delavan Interiors
3. a lighting project in the town hall which includes LED light retrofit kits for all the fluorescent lights in the entire town hall, and occupancy sensors for the town hall kitchen, bathrooms/fans, utility room and conference room; LED power failure lighting fixtures with battery backup and a total cost of \$1,934.63; Green Team Lighting

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Councilor Goodwin stated that the original cost of this project was \$9,673.08. However, Green Team Lighting applied for incentives for this project with National Grid. The proposed amount for the incentives is \$7,738.46 which would be paid directly from National Grid to the Green Team.

So the total cost for three projects is \$5,217.63. And they would be asking for the town to pay the extra \$217.63.

Resolution 102-22

Motion to authorize the town to cover the additional expense of \$217.63 over and above the \$5,000.00. Motion made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 103-22

Motion designating Green Team Lighting as the sole source for this project. Motion made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Legal

Attorney Robert DeMore asked the board to go into a brief executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Resolution 104-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to move into executive session at 8:10pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 105-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to return to regular session at 8:20pm.

Resolution 106-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to have Knauf, Shaw LLP, Attorneys for the Petitioners, prepare such paperwork as is necessary to withdraw the Town of Tully from the NYS Supreme Court action under Index No. 007925/2022.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk