

Town of Tully  
February 9, 2022

**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, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, The Tully News Editor Ben Bibik, John Rybinski

7:30PM Town Supervisor John Masters called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Prior to the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting being approved, Highway Superintendent John Herold had one correction. The highway speed limit signs were installed on Gatehouse Road, not on Lake and Wetmore Roads.

The meeting minutes were made available via email and regular mail.

With that correction, motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the minutes of both the organizational and the regular meeting.  
(Masters, Goodwin, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Vouchers**

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

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

**Financial Report**

Tom Chartrand referred the board to his December report and page 4, on the bottom, reviewed the General Fund, the General Fund Outside and went over those figures. Tom then reported on Capital Reserve and the DWI Reserve. Next page, page 5, Tom discussed funds we received from Honeywell. Tom also reviewed some expenditures such as a highway truck, the Aldi settlement from 2016 which is closed, and the ambulance from 2018 which was actually a joint bond with the truck from 2018. Next important page is page 6, we would be transferring some money from machinery to equipment. We'll see that tonight on a transfer sheet. Tom also reviewed figures on Pages 7 and 8 including a fund balance of approximately \$87,000 which was used to reduce taxes. Pages 9 and 10 were also reviewed. So, Tom advised that the town of Tully ended up in very good shape.

**RESOLUTION 9-22**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to accept the financial report for December 2021.

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

Tom reviewed the receipts and disbursements for January 2022 and reported that there was a lot of activity in the General Fund. We did receive the PILOT from the Village which was down from last year and will continue to go down. Tom gave a brief explanation for that. Cranesville Bloc paid the host community fee of \$25,000 for 2021.

Jamie Wortley, our tax collector, has paid the town \$200,000 in taxes collected thus far. Tom reported that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, the balance of the taxes were received from the tax collector.

On the Capital Fund, a big check came in from Honeywell. Tom reviewed ambulance recoveries as well. He reported that expenses were very quiet.

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RESOLUTION 10-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the January report.

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

Mr. Chartrand also reviewed a transfer sheet for February which is included below:

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To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

AMBULANCE

From:				
SM599	Surplus	Closing Balance	2021	\$80,000.00
			Total	\$80,000.00
				=====

To:				
SM9950.9	Transfer to Reserve	Transfer		\$80,000.00
			Total	\$80,000.00
				=====

HIGHWAY	Town wide			
From:				
DM599	Surplus	Closing Balance	2021	\$52,000.00
			Total	\$52,000.00
				=====

To:				
DM5130.2	Machinery	Equipment		\$52,000.00
			Total	\$52,000.00
				=====

HIGHWAY	Outside Village			
From:				
DR599	Surplus	Closing Balance	2021	\$12,000.00
			Total	\$12,000.00
				=====

To:				
DR5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual		\$12,000.00
			Total	\$12,000.00
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RESOLUTION 11-22

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

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

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RESOLUTION 12-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the bank reconciliation for the Supervisor's report.

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

Following the last two resolutions, there was a brief discussion regarding Tom's request for a copy of the teamsters' contract. Mr. Masters informed Tom that it had to be signed by both parties, and once it comes back, he would receive a copy.

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had a good month, a little busier than last year; plows were out 30 times in January and 10 times so far in February
- We had a small minor repair
- Had a meeting with FEMA on some of these minor projects; next meeting is Feb. 22nd
- John reported that he's not sure of the funding for some of these projects but said he would keep the board informed as to his progress

**Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for January was 41.
2. New portable radios are here; they are at United Radio being programmed.
3. The Stryker Lucas device will be shipped to us within the next week or so.
4. A-2 going for front tires, and A-1 going for rear tires this month.
5. We have Covid tests at the station. Tests have to be done there as there is only 1 small bottle of solution for every 40 test strips.
6. If anyone needs a few N95 masks, let me know. I have a lot of them.

**Parks & Recreation**

No report this evening.

**Fire**

No report this evening.

**Public Input from the Floor**

John Rybinski asked about the resolution in opposition to the holiday hunt deer season. Supervisor Masters informed him that it would be discussed during the legal portion of the meeting.

**Information from Supervisor**

RESOLUTION 13-22

Resignation of Robert Hynes

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to accept the resignation of Robert Hynes from the Grievance Board of Assessment Review.

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

Applications for open position on Planning Board – Brief discussion regarding a town board member to be included on interview committee.

Mr. Masters also mentioned that we have signed the new Teamsters' agreement.

We had a local contractor review the town hall insulation and make suggestions for eliminating the ice build-up on the roof. Mr. Masters will obtain quotes for around \$1000 from potential contractors.

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**Legal**

Supervisor Masters asked the board to vote on the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 14-22

Opposition to the Holiday Hunt Deer Season

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Town of Tully that the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has proposed a special deer season from December 26 to January 1 (Holiday Hunt) for the entire southern zone of New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tully is mostly a rural community; and

**WHEREAS**, during the holiday break, many outdoor user groups (residents and from afar) enjoy the outdoors throughout the town; and

**WHEREAS**, most outdoor recreation is on standby until after the end of deer season; and

**WHEREAS**, this regulation will close the outdoors to the many users groups the week of Christmas and New Year's when much of Onondaga County has recreational snow; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many small businesses supported and dependent on the holiday week activity of these outdoor user groups at their establishments, many of which were abruptly closed due to the virus, are only starting to get back on their feet; and

**WHEREAS**, delaying the economic support that multiple outdoor user groups provide is unwarranted; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has one of the longest, most liberal deer seasons of all northern states (close to 12 weeks); and

**WHEREAS**, the DEC states it doesn't need these additional days to manage deer populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the need to protect rural economies, small businesses, residents, multiple outdoor user groups and deer yards from special interest groups looking to expand the deer hunting season for a very small user group is unacceptable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Tully respectfully requests that the DEC let the Town of Tully opt out of the Holiday Hunt and recommends that the Onondaga County Legislature pass a law allowing Onondaga County to opt out and end the deer hunting season on or before 32 days after the third Saturday in November.

**Dated: 02/09/2022**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to adopt the aforementioned resolution.

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

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Next, Supervisor Masters advised that he and the town clerk had audited her records for the year 2021, found some inaccuracies some of which were her mistakes in addition & subtraction, but some were attributable to the town clerk software.

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RESOLUTION 15-22

Town Clerk Audit

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale acknowledging that the Town Supervisor has audited the Town Clerk's financial records for 2021 and approved a deposit of \$51.89 to reconcile the account and bring it to balance and start fresh for 2022.

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

Next, Supervisor Masters advised that he and Councilor Goodwin along with Janis Hartnett had audited the justice clerks' records following a template provided for the audit and found no discrepancies.

RESOLUTION 16-22

Justice Court Audit

Motion was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Speziale acknowledging completion of the justice court audit in compliance with the Unified Court System's requirements.

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

Town Attorney Robert DeMore advised that we have a big solar project going in, and we would need a local law indicating the intent of the Town of Tully to require PILOT agreements for certain solar energy systems. So we need to schedule a public hearing.

RESOLUTION 17-22

Schedule a Public Hearing

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to schedule a public hearing for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022.

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk