

Town of Tully  
March 9, 2022

**7:00PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**OF THE TULLY TOWN BOARD**  
**ON THE ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022,**  
**A LOCAL LAW MADE PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**  
**SECTION 487 (9)(b) INDICATING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF TULLY TO**  
**REQUIRE CONTRACTS FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR**  
**CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.**

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore

Notice of this Public Hearing was published in the Post Standard on February 27, 2022. Supervisor Masters opened the public hearing and called for comments from the floor.

**7:10PM** At this time, there were no comments from the floor. However, Town Attorney Robert DeMore asked that the public hearing continue on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm so that some minor modifications could be made to the proposed law.

RESOLUTION 18-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to continue the public hearing on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm

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

**7:30pm**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
TOWN OF TULLY  
TOWN HALL  
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters  
Councilor Frank Speziale  
Councilor Christopher Chapman  
Councilor John Snavlin  
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, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik was present briefly

Supervisor Masters declared the town board meeting open and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 9th meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

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

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

**Vouchers**

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

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

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**Financial Report**

First, Mr. Chartrand asked the board for a motion to approve the bank reconciliation.

Resolution 19-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the aforementioned bank reconciliation.

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

Next, Tom advised that he had filed the Annual Financial Updates for the Town of Tully and for the Southern Onondaga Trash System with the State of New York. The board would need to make a motion authorizing the town clerk to put a notice in the paper to that effect.

Resolution 20-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale authorizing the town clerk to put a notice in the Post-Standard that the aforementioned reports had been filed and would be available for review during her normal business hours.

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

Next, Tom referred to a transfer sheet which is included below:

**TOWN OF TULLY**

**March 9, 2022**

**To: Town Board**

**From: Tom Chartrand**

**Re: Budget Transfers**

|                |                          |                               |                |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>GENERAL</b> | <b>Town wide</b>         |                               |                |
| <b>From:</b>   |                          |                               |                |
| <b>A9060.8</b> | <b>Employee Benefits</b> | <b>Hospital &amp; Medical</b> | <b>\$70.00</b> |
| <b>To:</b>     |                          |                               |                |
| <b>A9010.8</b> | <b>Employee Benefits</b> | <b>State Retirement</b>       | <b>\$70.00</b> |

Resolution 21-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the aforementioned transfer.

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

Mr. Chartrand then reviewed the general fund for which he stated there was lots of activity going on including court fines which were getting back to normal after the slowdown during the pandemic. \$5600 for one judge and \$7600 for the other. Most of the taxes have been collected for this year. We received a developer deposit for the new Sky High Solar project for 2022. Under the highway fund, we've had taxes paid in full now. And under the Tully Fire District, we received the money for the private roads. A little bit slower on the ambulance recoveries, a little over \$8000. Tom discussed revenues and spending percentages for the ambulance, highway and general funds.

Resolution 22-22

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

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

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### **Highway**

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- We were out plowing 26 times in February; 7 times in March so far
- We had some minor repairs
- We will start filling potholes around town as the weather permits
- Earth Day - this year activities will be on Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Town Cleanup Day is May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm; both events should be in the Tully newsletter
- John also mentioned the 284 Agreement – he would like to pave Gatehouse Rd. Brief discussion.
- Bridge update – John advised he would be submitting another application for a different grant
- John also advised the board that he would continue with FEMA on other projects
- John is buying a new computer for his office; brief discussion
- Developing an employee handbook was briefly discussed

### **Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for February was 45.
2. A-1 got 4 new rear tires; A-2 got 2 new front tires.
3. MC-1 had new fuel filter and exhaust manifold.
4. The new Lucas device is now in service.
5. Service on the Lifepaks was completed; MC-1 main board was replaced.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Ryan Dando reported on the following activities:

- We had a great winter: basketball program; cheer program; and a ski program coordinated with the school
- We have baseball registrations going on now.
- Ryan advised that he had spoken with John Masters about stepping down as Parks & Rec director. He has someone in mind to take his place - Sarah Randall. Panzarella is her maiden name. She's been on the board for four years and is interested in the position, and Ryan would recommend her. The date of transition would be May 1<sup>st</sup>. Brief discussion.

### **Fire**

Councilor Speziale announced to the board that the fire company and the commissioners have been looking to purchase 2 acres, the Banner property, to be used as a training facility, either through grants or some sort of funding. Brief discussion ensued. There was also a brief discussion on Mirabito buying the property across from Burger King to build a gas station.

### **Information from supervisor**

Supervisor Masters advised that he had been notified by the DEC that there had been some contamination at the former Tully landfill up on Truxton Hill Road. The DEC offered that there would be free water testing available. Brief discussion.

Mr. Masters also advised that the Town had been notified that Cranesville Bloc had requested a modification to their mining permit. Discussion ensued which included the comment that at this point, the promised reclamation is nonexistent; there was also discussion involving sending them a letter; forming a community committee to meet with management at the site; and insurance coverage. There was input from the floor by resident Michael Vaccaro involving insurance coverage after which a lengthy discussion followed including forming a committee of board members and residents.

### **Legal**

Town Attorney Robert DeMore advised that Ralph Lamson had sent a letter to Cranesville Bloc a while ago, but had not heard anything back as far as Mr. DeMore knew. Discussion followed after which came the following motion:

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Supervisor Masters to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk