

Town of Tully
April 13, 2022

7:15 PM

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING
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
SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Chris Lawton from Barton & Loguidice, Julia Stahl and Lisa Downing-Schmidt from Boralex

Notice of this Public Hearing was published in the Post Standard on February 27, 2022.

Supervisor Masters opened the continuation of the public hearing and led in the pledge of allegiance. He then waited several minutes for any comments from the floor.

7:20PM At this time, there being no comments from the floor, the hearing was closed with the following motion:

RESOLUTION 23-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to close the public hearing at 7:20pm.

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

7:30 PM

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

Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

Financial Report

There was no report this evening.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Average times in March out plowing - 14 times
- Had some minor repairs
- Got a price for repair of the shop roof; John stated he had contacted many contractors, but only received two quotes which are included on the next page:

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<u>Name of Bidder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
P & W Builders	P.O. Box 734, Tully, NY	\$17,800
H.K. General Contracting	2042 Berwyn Rd. Lafayette, NY	\$13,200

Resolution 24-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to accept the lowest bid from H.K. General Contracting for replacement of the roof on the highway department's shop.

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

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for March was 30.
2. We were able to donate some older supplies and equipment to the citizens of Ukraine. Dr. Paschuk from St. Joseph's was very appreciative.
3. Our annual Medicaid certification statement has been filed.
4. We are still having offload delay issues at all area hospitals. The county ambulance directors have been meeting and are looking at coming up with a policy for offloading patients.

There was discussion regarding the surplus ambulance stretcher after which came the following motion:

Resolution 25-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to move the ambulance stretcher from surplus to scrap to allow donation to Ukraine relief efforts.

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

Parks and Recreation

No report this evening.

Supervisor Masters, however, mentioned that there had been discussion regarding appointing Sarah Randall to backfill Ryan Dando's position as he steps down as Parks & Recreation Director effective April 30, 2022.

Resolution 26-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to appoint Sarah Randall as the new Parks & Rec director beginning May 1, 2022.

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

Fire

Ed Wortley reported that they had had an installation banquet recently. Supervisor Masters thanked the fire commissioners and the department for their service to the community.

Floor

No comments from the floor this evening.

Information from the Supervisor

Supervisor Masters advised that he had spoken with Councilor Goodwin who was part of the committee that interviewed candidates for the open position on the Joint Planning Board. Ms. Goodwin stated that they had interviewed two candidates on March 23rd. Both had qualifications appropriate to the position on the planning board. They are recommending John Casey.

Resolution 27-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to appoint John Casey to fill the open position on the Joint Planning Board vacated by Sonny Battle.

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

(Continuing with the Supervisor's Report) NYMIR had sent a representative to the town hall, Michelle Leroux, several weeks ago, and subsequent to her visit, she had some

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recommendations for the town regarding safeguarding employees, members of the public and municipal assets which Mr. Masters briefly outlined for the board. Discussion followed.

Next, Mr. Masters had an inquiry from the Otisco Lake Community Association about having their children participate in our summer swim program. After a brief discussion, it was decided to let the new Parks & Rec director and their board make a decision on this question.

Next, there was discussion on forming a committee to review reclamation of the gravel mine. It was suggested that a notice be placed in this month's newsletter. All agreed.

Also received was an inquiry from the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board regarding local planning and design of a bike route infrastructure called the CNY Peace Trail in Onondaga County. A section of the trail would go through Tully. After some discussion, it was decided that we are interested and would like to hear more about the plans for the bike trail including signage, etc.

Supervisor Masters also mentioned that some employees in our building asked about installing set-back thermostats which he suggested would be a good idea and would like to pursue that once the heating season is over. It would be a very nominal cost.

Next, it was brought up at budget time last September that cleaning of the town hall be done every other week instead of every week. However, Mr. Masters suggested that with covid cases on the rise that perhaps we should return to having our cleaning staff come every week to clean the building. He also checked with Mr. Chartrand who agreed that we have money in the budget for that so that would be fine. Thus came the following motion:

Resolution 28-22

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to authorize John Masters to reinstate weekly cleaning by our cleaning staff.

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

Legal

The first legal item discussed was the Barton & Loguidice engineering agreement for the Rt. 11A water district. However, after some consideration, it was decided that Mr. DeMore would get together with Chris Lawton from the engineering firm and discuss any issues or questions he might have with the agreement and report to the board at our next meeting in May. Mr. Lawton introduced himself to the board and suggested that he would work with the town board to set up the residents in the Rt. 11A water district going forward so that they would have a long term solution to their water issues. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Resolution 29-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the engineering agreement contingent upon our attorney's concerns being resolved and our insurance company's requested modification.

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

Resolution 30-22

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to adopt Local Law #1 of 2022.

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

Resolution 31-22

Resolution made pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (9) (a) of the intent of the Town of Tully to require a contract for payment in lieu of taxes in response to a notice by Boralex dated March 7, 2022 of their intent to construct a solar energy system on properties located in the Town of Tully as set forth in said notice which notice is incorporated by reference in this resolution. The Supervisor and/or the Town Clerk are authorized and directed to forward this notice of intent to Boralex by certified mail/return receipt. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

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

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Resolution 32-22

Motion to direct the town attorney to refer the above matter to the Onondaga County Planning Agency for review. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

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

**Development Deposits and
Town Legal Services**

Resolution 33-22

Motion to transfer attorney cash as follows:

Delaware River solar, LLP		\$3,750
Attorney fees	\$2,000	
Balance to Developer	1,750	
Nixon, Peabody Telecom Tower		\$7,000
Attorney fees	\$2,200	
Balance to Developer	4,800	
Potter, Drumm Solar		\$1,937.50
Attorney fees	\$1,500	
Balance to Developer	437.50	
Hazel's Way		\$400
Balance to Developer	\$400	
Authorized transfer to General Fund for legal costs reimbursement		\$5,700

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to transfer the monies as indicated above.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 8:20PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale.
Seconded by Councilor Snavlin.**

(Masters, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk