

Town of Tully  
May 11, 2022

**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, New Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Code Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, School Superintendent Robert Hughes and School Business Administrator Brad Corbin, School Board Member Denise Cardamone, Mirabito representatives Christian Hill and Brett Hughes

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

**Presentation by Robert Hughes and Brad Corbin - Proposed Tully School Budget**

Supervisor Masters introduced School Superintendent Robert Hughes and Business Administrator Brad Corbin who presented a brief overview of the 2022-2023 school budget. Some highlights mentioned were as follows:

1. The district employs a part-time Technology Integration Specialist who will now become full-time.
2. The increased funds will also support construction projects as well as ongoing maintenance such as new fire alarms.
3. The new budget will also provide extra staffing at the elementary level for reading and math and at the high school level for English.
4. Mr. Corbin reported that the proposed budget, Proposition I, is \$22,548,248 which is an increase of 2.99% and would be used for general fund appropriations for the school year 2022-2023.
5. Proposition II would be used to fund the Tully Free Library. The local tax levy would be \$216,450.
6. Proposition III would be the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for a ten-year term. The funds would be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, sewers, driveways and parking lots.
7. In addition, there will be six candidates and two seats open on the Board of Education. Candidates are Denise Cardamone, Debbie Vito, Ryan Chatfield, Colleen Kania, Bettemae Russell and David Ray.
8. The school budget vote is Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elementary School Gym from 6:00am to 9:00pm.

Following the presentation were questions and comments by town board members.

**Presentation by Anna Beth Hayes, Library Director – Proposed Library Plans & Budget**

Next, Anna Beth Hayes gave a brief overview as Tully Library Director including increases in patrons using the library as well as those participating in programs offered by the library such as Storytime for youngsters and Genealogy Club. Virtual programs were offered as well. Ms. Hayes offered some statistics from last year including over 12,000 library visitors. Over 30,000 items were checked out last year. Ms. Hayes stated that they've seen an increase in library card holders. We held the Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving and raised over \$5,000 for library services thanks to local businesses and participants. We've also increased our digital offerings. We're currently working on plans to upgrade our building based on needed repairs, working on additional storage, extra space for quiet reading and tutoring. 75% of the monies will come from the NYS Library Construction Grant Program. The remaining 25% will come from other grants being pursued.

**Presentation by Christian Hill – Mirabito**

Christian Hill from the engineering firm representing Mirabito gave an overview of the project. He explained they are proposing a new store on the corner of Lake Road and NYS Route 80 on the west side of Rt.81. The site consists of four separate properties; three properties are zoned commercial and the last one is zoned residential, so they are asking for a zone change in order

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to move forward with the project. The proposed project consists of a gas station, storefront with coffee/donut shop, fuel dispensers for cars and fuel dispensers for diesel truck traffic as well as spaces for tractor trailer parking. Driveway access is planned off Route 80 and along Lake Road.

Supervisor Masters expressed some concerns of residents that this is going to be very close to Green Lake which has a town beach and asked if there is any special construction mitigation for water pollution due to fuel tank leakage, spills, that sort of thing? Mr. Hill answered in the negative. He added that they are providing storm water runoff management basins in the southwest corner of the property which will meet DEC requirements. Lengthy discussion ensued with questions by board members.

Afterwards, Supervisor Masters continued with the regular board meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 13th meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

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

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

### **Vouchers**

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

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

### **Financial Report**

First, Mr. Chartrand stated that two board members had audited the 2021 supervisor's records. He then asked the board for a motion acknowledging completion of the audit of the supervisor's records.

Resolution 34-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman that the audit of the 2021 Supervisor's Records has been completed.

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

Resolution 35-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the bank reconciliations for March and April.

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

Mr. Chartrand then reported on the March report: we had received from our Workers Comp carrier a safety award of \$1,092. We also received the first half of snow and ice removal funds for plowing county roads. We had a banner month for ambulance recoveries as well, over \$19,000.

Resolution 36-22

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

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

Mr. Chartrand then reported on the April report: court fines collected are improving; we had an increase in NYCLASS interest; ambulance recoveries were only at \$6,000 this month. As far as the big picture, we are at 34% for general spending which is right on target; general revenue is at 91%; highway spending is at 19% and highway revenue is at 83%; ambulance spending is 35% and ambulance revenues are at 87% so also doing very well there.

Resolution 37-22

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the financial report for April.

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

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### **Highway**

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Very few repairs, mostly minor
- Shop roof has been repaired; just \$600 more than expected
- The plows and sanders are off for the season
- We start paving in 2 weeks
- We've hauled in most of the stone for next season
- Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Tully Cleanup Day, 9am to 3pm
- Bathrooms are open at the concession stand
- Brief explanation regarding Bridge NY grant money, possibly next year; the bridge is fine for now

### **Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for April was 43
2. A-1 had to go to the wheeled coach dealer for electrical issues and repairs
3. Currently working on quotes for a video laryngoscope
4. I-Gel secondary advanced airway devices are now in service on the vehicles
5. Anyone that would like some masks, etc. let me know; final distribution from FEMA is the end of this month

### **Parks & Recreation**

Sarah Panzarella, our new Parks & Rec Director, reported on the following activities:

- Green Lake permit to be submitted this week; hiring lifeguards to have a total of ten; hours for the lake will be 1pm to 8pm; swim lessons start early July; the 6<sup>th</sup> grade picnic will be at Green Lake on June 17<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 21<sup>st</sup>; the official opening of the lake will be Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Tully Parks & Rec hosted Family Day this past Saturday which was a success
- The Moo Run is June 11<sup>th</sup>
- There are two open positions on the board so it was suggested we advertise in the newsletter again this month
- Summer programs may include Art at the Beach, a babysitting class, soccer and lacrosse camps

### **Code Enforcement**

Ralph advised the Town Board that he had taken a class involving the NYS Unified Solar Permit, gave a brief explanation and suggested that the board might want to make a resolution to adopt the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures for the installation of small scale photovoltaic systems. After a brief discussion, the following resolution was adopted subject to our local solar law, Local Law #1 of 2020, as advised by our town attorney.

#### Resolution 38-22

#### **ADOPTION OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED SOLAR PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Tully Town Board duly adopted the "NYS Fire Prevention and Building Construction" code to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Tully Code Enforcement Officer, who administers and enforces all provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Code, and the Town of Tully Code; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Tully requires the issuance of a building permit for the construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of any building or other structure; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code regulates the design, construction, installation, alteration and repair of equipment and systems using solar systems; and

**WHEREAS,** The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed a New York State Unified Solar Permit that reduces the cost for solar projects by streamlining municipal permitting processes; and

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Tully Town Board desires to promote the streamlining of the application process for small-scale photovoltaic system installations under 25 kw in size by adopting the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and implementing the new procedures,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Town of Tully Town Board hereby adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit application form and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

**RESOLVED,** The Town of Tully Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to use said New York State Unified Solar Permit application for and procedures in the issuance of building permits for the installation of small-scale photovoltaic systems; and it is further

**RESOLVED,** Any further actions required of the Town of Tully to affect the foregoing are hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any instruments, documents or the like as required to affect the same.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

John Snavlin Board Member	_____
Chris Chapman Board Member	_____
Frank Speziale Board Member	_____
Kathy Goodwin Board Member	_____

This resolution was adopted May 11, 2022

**Fire**

Ed Wortley, Jr. announced that the security system at the fire station needs to be updated. Supervisor Masters suggested that they work together with the town on this issue since the town has recently received a quote from Doyle Security involving fire and security at the town hall. Brief discussion ensued.

**Public input from the Floor**

Ed Wortley, Jr. asked Supervisor Masters about the letter from the assessor that residents had recently received. Mr. Masters advised he had spoken with the assessor and briefly explained that this letter was sent countywide and that on average, residential assessments went up 13%. Discussion followed.

**Information from supervisor**

Supervisor Masters advised last month that the board had wanted to form a committee to discuss the gravel mine reclamation. A request was put in the newsletter and Mr. Masters informed everyone that David Frank and Dave Carlson responded to the request.

Resolution 39-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve David Frank and Dave Carlson as well as board members John Snavlin and John Masters to form the mine reclamation committee.

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

(Continuing) Mr. Masters advised that he had received a report from Jamie Wortley, our town tax collector, regarding the 2022 property tax collection, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Moving on, Mr. Masters discussed a \$12,500 invoice for OCWA that was signed tonight by the board for the monitoring equipment for the Rt.11A water district.

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**Legal**

Town Attorney Robert DeMore advised that the board needed to make a motion to refer the Mirabito application for zone change.

Resolution 40-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to refer the Mirabito application for zone change to County Planning and Town Planning and to make the Town Board the lead agency for SEQR.

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

Resolution 41-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to declare the town board as lead agency for SEQR for the Boralex Sky High Solar Project.

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

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk