

Town of Tully
June 8, 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, and numerous residents were also present.

Supervisor Masters declared the town board meeting open and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Masters then advised that Mirabito had withdrawn their application for the zone change from residential to commercial. He also advised that tonight the board would be scheduling a public hearing to consider a moratorium on garage, service or repair building, premises or portions thereof arranged, intended or designed to be used for the sale of any type of vehicular motor fuel in proximity of our lakes. Mr. Masters then polled the board regarding July 19th as a possible date for the public hearing. It would be at 7pm. All board members agreed that they would be available that date.

At this time, Mr. Masters called for any comments from the floor. There were questions and concerns expressed by residents including Colleen Zawadski, Tarki Heath, William Lefevre, Chris Kreuth, Terri Murray, and Pamela Teeter.

Resolution 42-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to hold a public hearing on the moratorium on July 19th at 7pm in the Tully Elementary School auditorium.

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

Afterwards, Supervisor Masters continued with the regular town board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Chapman 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

Mr. Chartrand stated that we had received interest and penalties on taxes; it was a banner month for ambulance recoveries, over \$22,000; on the main report, general spending is at 42% and general revenues are at 92%; highway spending is at 23% and highway revenues are at 83%; ambulance spending is at 40% and ambulance revenues are at 90%.

Resolution 43-22

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

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

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Resolution 44-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the bank reconciliation for May.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Busy month; some repairs
- We've done some paving
- Planning on doing some oil and stone
- Started roadside mowing; we've kept up with lawn mowing
- Still having weekly meetings with FEMA on two projects
- Cleanup Day went well

Shred Event

Town Clerk Sue Vaccaro reported that the second annual shredding event went well. We shredded fifteen 96-gallon bins during the three hours it lasted at the town hall parking lot. Cars lined up a little before 9am, but no one waited more than a few minutes to shred their documents. It was definitely a success since many residents asked if I would have the event yearly or even twice a year.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for May was 56
2. I am currently down one full-time member until at least the end of June due to injury.
3. Firefighter/Paramedic Doug Smith's last day will be 9/12/2022 as he has filed all his paperwork with State Retirement.
4. I replaced the pediatric pads in the three Town AEDs as they expired.
5. Still having a lot of trouble obtaining medical supplies and medications. I have a lot of medications currently on back order in the commerce system.

Parks & Recreation

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

- Green Lake – struggling this year hiring lifeguards so we're running our own training opening weekend and will be opening the lake to residents on Monday, June 27th
- We will be cleaning and putting up the ropes next week
- The Moo Run is Saturday, June 18th at 9am; registration is on Active.com
- Summer programs include some new ones: Art at the Beach and Nature Camp Days and you can register for those at Active.com; also be sending info home by backpack express

Fire

Ed Wortley, Jr. advised that there is concern about low volunteerism, not just in Tully but everywhere. Ben Bibik added that one of the fire commissioners is putting together an article highlighting the department. Brief discussion ensued.

Public input from the Floor

Terri Murray thanked the board for advertising in the newsletter and the Parks & Rec Director, Sarah Panzarella, for sponsoring Music in the Park.

Information from Supervisor

Mr. Masters informed everyone that there had been some vandalism in the bathrooms at the concession stand so the Town had to expend some money to get them cleaned up as well as replace an old lift pump that was corroded at a cost of about \$9,000. In addition to that, John also reported that there were some issues to be addressed with the Rt.11A Water District, and papers relative to those issues were finalized.

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(Continuing) Supervisor Masters also reported that our new court clerk, Tony Iozzo, would like to attend training sessions in August and would need board approval.

Resolution 45-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve our new court clerk's attendance at training school on August 2nd and 3rd.

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

Next, Councilor Speziale mentioned looking into surveillance cameras and automated locks for the bathrooms at the concession stand. Brief discussion followed.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore discussed having the board approve a resolution on a moratorium involving any entity selling motor fuel near any of our lakes. He advised scheduling a public hearing for July 19th at 7:00pm in the Tully Elementary auditorium.

Resolution 46-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to schedule a public hearing for July 19th for a local law on a moratorium on any entity selling motor fuel near any of our lakes in Tully and having our town attorney prepare the moratorium law.

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

Finally, Supervisor Masters asked the board to move into executive session to address some issues with lifeguards and salaries.

Resolution 47-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to move into an Executive Session at 8:09 to discuss issues with lifeguards and their salaries.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 48-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to move out of Executive Session at 8:15 and accept Sarah Panzarella's proposal which is included in a payroll memo below.

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

Parks and Recreation Payroll Memo

Due to our struggle paired with the massive national struggle to get dependable lifeguards, I am proposing base pay increases for Green Lake Beach guards. Lifeguards must take a Red Cross 30-hour training course at their expense which costs anywhere from \$200-\$450. NYS minimum wage is \$13.20/hr.

I am proposing the following:

Beginning lifeguards start at \$13.50/hr.

Returning guards receive a .25 cent increase per year based on the \$13.50 minimum.

Water safety instructors receive a base rate of \$14.50/hr.

Our head lifeguard has been with us for 3 years. He has requested a pay rate of \$17.50. He is our only WSI required for swim lesson instruction. The \$17.50 rate would align us with his other lifeguarding job in Binghamton where he goes to college.

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(continuing) Based on my estimate, this would increase our salaries from the approved \$33,000 to approximately \$37,000.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk