

Town of Tully
September 14, 2022

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

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor John Snavlin

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Absent: Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor Catherine Goodwin

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Dan Cooter, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik

7:30pm Supervisor Masters called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Prior to the minutes of the August 10th meeting being approved, there was one correction. "The minutes of the June 13th meeting" should be corrected to "The minutes of the July 13th meeting."

The minutes of the August 10th, 2022 meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

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

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 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, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand first called for a motion to approve the bank reconciliation which has been reviewed by the board.

Resolution 65-22

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

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Tom then discussed receipts and disbursements for the month of August.

Mr. Chartrand reported on a banner month for town clerk receipts which were over \$7,000; court fines also came in very strong – we're ahead of budget to date; we received \$92,974.07 in ARPA funds, our second payment, so we now have \$185,948.15. Our NYCLASS interest is just over 2% which is good compared to NBT bank.

Another banner month for ambulance recoveries – over \$18,000. On the expenditure side, pretty quiet.

As to the main report, general spending is at 67% without the SOTS; revenues in the general fund are at 106%; highway spending is at 53% and revenues are at 86%; ambulance spending is at 59% and revenues are at 95%.

Brief discussion followed with questions by board members.

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Resolution 66-22

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

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Chartrand asked John Herold to explain to the board the transfer sheet which is included below. John told the board that he would like to save for a truck purchase in the future. And the \$36,000 was for the cleanup that was done.

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To: Town Board
From: Tom Chartrand
Re: Budget Transfers

HIGHWAY	Townwide		
From:			
DM5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$110,000.00
		Total	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
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To:			
DM9950.9	Transfer to Reserve Fund	Reserve Fund Transfer	\$110,000.00
		Total	<u>\$110,000.00</u>
			=====

HIGHWAY	Outside Village		
From:			
DR599	Surplus	FEMA	\$36,000.00
		Total	<u>\$36,000.00</u>
			=====

To:			
DR5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual	\$36,000.00
		Total	<u>\$36,000.00</u>
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Resolution 67-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the above transfer sheet.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

One final note, Mr. Chartrand reminded everyone that the budget workshop is scheduled for September 28th at 6pm. He needs budget estimates returned as soon as possible!

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Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Minor repair, new tires on 2019 Western Star
- Working on road repairs
- Done hauling sand and salt, mixed
- Still working with FEMA
- Cleanup Day is October 8th. John led a discussion regarding why we are not taking mattresses.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for August was 51
2. Doug Smith is officially retired as of 9-16-2022. Liam Maguire has started full-time employment as of 9-12-2022.
3. 2023 budget is being worked on
4. Healthcare worker bonuses have been applied for. I will submit in October to obtain the second half.
5. NYS wrote bonus for healthcare workers into its budget; getting more info on it.
6. Captain Wakula then outlined for the board the current billing rates and mileage rates for MultiMed. Currently, they are BLS - \$1000.00, ALS-1 \$1200.00, ALS-2 \$1400.00. Mileage is \$23.00 per mile, and the no-transport fee is \$50.00. He would like approval from the board to increase the rates to BLS - \$1200, ALS-1 \$1400.00 and ALS-2 would be \$1600.00. The mileage rate would increase to \$30.00 per mile, and the no-transport fee would remain the same. Brief discussion followed.

Resolution 68-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve increasing the ambulance billing rates as outlined by Chad Wakula.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on the following activities:

- Green Lake is closed down. A big thank you to John Herold and his crew. All in all, it was a great season. We stayed open a few days later than we had planned thanks to one of our head lifeguards.
- Soccer is running. All programs ran smoothly this summer.
- Sarah mentioned that there was a lot of interest in pickleball this year and was asked by some residents if the nets could stay up a little longer. Brief discussion ensued after which it was agreed that it would be up to the parks and rec director to let Superintendent Herold know when to take them down and store for winter.
- Sarah also advised that the parks and rec board decided to start charging for the use of our fields. Brief discussion.

Fire

Commissioner Dan Cooter reported that they had their first pass on the budget last month. They will have their final pass at this month's meeting. Station improvements are continuing.

Public input from the Floor

Resident Dan Cooter asked again if there was any progress regarding the acquisition of the Honeywell property by the Onondagas.

Supervisor Masters responded that he did not have any new details. The details regarding public access, fishing, and hopefully hunting are still being worked out. Brief discussion followed.

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Information from Supervisor

Next, Mr. Masters advised that all town board members should have an email address to allow for documents to be sent and received by all, thus came the following resolution:

Resolution 69-22

I, John Masters, as Supervisor of the Town of Tully, New York do move the following resolution pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20-4 to allow for the e-mail of proposed local laws to Town Board members for consideration of adoption as follows:

- 1) The Town of Tully has documented that each member of the Town Board has an email address, and
- 2) The Town of Tully has published the email addresses on the bulletin board of the Town Clerk, and
- 3) The Town Board has unanimously adopted this resolution authorizing electronic delivery.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

I, Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk of the Town of Tully, **Do Hereby Certify** that the preceding Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Tully at a regular meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 28th day September, 2022; that said Resolution was entered in the minutes of said meeting; that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original thereof now on file in my office; and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said Resolution and of the whole thereof.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Tully this _____ day of September, 2022.

SUSAN VACCARO, RMC
Town Clerk of the Town of Tully
Onondaga County, New York

Next, Mr. Masters reported that the Village Board had appointed Kathy Vernay and Frank Speziale to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan. I would like this board to approve Cathy Goodwin, Dr. Dennis Daly and Steve Bielecki, our planning board chair, as our representatives to work on this project.

Resolution 70-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the aforementioned individuals to work on updating our Comprehensive Plan.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Supervisor Masters advised that he and Court Clerk Tony Iozzo had been obtaining some quotes from companies with regard to the panic buttons in the court office and town clerk's office which were only partially operable. They obtained a quote from a company called GLAD, \$1750.00 for parts and labor, and the monitoring would be \$34.00 a month going forward. Mr. Masters had gotten an estimate from Eastern for \$500 less, but was not impressed. Both Tony and he agreed that GLAD was the right choice. He had checked with Mr. Chartrand, and because of the amount of money, the choice would be within their discretion to make.

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Resolution 71-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters to switch to GLAD security for the panic buttons and approving this expenditure of \$1750.00 and \$34.00 a month for the monitoring fee. Motion was seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Masters explained that he had been pursuing getting the infrastructure in place in the concession stand restrooms so we can have cameras and WiFi locks, etc. So far, we've got the electrical infrastructure quoted by JayBee Electric which is \$700. The Ring cameras are not included in that estimate. John explained briefly.

Resolution 72-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters to expend \$700 for the electrical infrastructure referred to above. Motion was seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Next, Supervisor Masters read from an email received from Councilor Goodwin who is a member of the Tully Climate Change Task Force. In part, he read, "Through this task force, Cathy learned that the town earned a \$5,000 grant through the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program. Once a municipality completes 4 items on the Clean Energy Community program checklist, you are eligible for a \$5,000 grant. The 4 items the town completed are Unified Solar Permit, two training classes completed by Ralph Lamson related to energy, and installation of LED lights."

John and Cathy have discussed some possible ideas for use of the \$5000 - programmable thermostats for the town hall and an insulation project for the attic in the town hall which recently had some heating and AC upgrades. However, they are "open to any and all ideas" and wondered if anyone had any suggestions for a project.

Next, Mr. Masters advised everyone that he was setting up a meeting for 9/27 with Honeywell, OCRRA and Barton & Loguidice and Bob DeMore, our town attorney, before the transfer involving the Honeywell land.

Also, the USGS will be accessing Green Lake Park at 7:30 in the morning. They will be conducting a genetic study of the fish in Green Lake. Brief discussion.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore met with attorney Tim Frateschi regarding the Mirabito lawsuit. There would be an agreement between the Town and Mr. Frateschi outlining the fees to be charged. Mr. Frateschi advised our town attorney that he would be charging the town \$220 an hour to handle the suit and estimated it would be no more than \$5,000 for his services. They are planning to bring a motion to dismiss it. Bob advised they talk about it in executive session.

Resolution 73-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin to approve having Town Attorney Robert DeMore sign the agreement between the Town and Mr. Frateschi's firm. The firm would represent the Town of Tully in the lawsuit that Mirabito has filed against the Town. Motion was seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Other Business

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro asked the board for a motion to declare a color printer in her office as scrap. (continued on next page)

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Resolution 74-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to declare the HP Color LaserJet 2605dn printer in the town hall as scrap.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Next, there was a brief discussion regarding a local law for a tax cap override. Mr. Chartrand asked that that might be made available for the budget meeting on September 28th.

Resolution 75-22

Supervisor Masters called for a motion to move into executive session to discuss the pending litigation. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move out of executive session with no action taken. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk