

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
AND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**TOWN OF TULLY
TOWN HALL
5833 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD
TULLY NEW YORK**

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

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Parks & Recreation Director Sarah Panzarella, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Assessor Cristine DelFuoco, Town Tax Collector Jamie Wortley, Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

6:00pm Supervisor Masters called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

Summaries of the proposed budgets by the various heads of the departments within the town were presented.

Chad Wakula – Ambulance District – page TB-9, Chad reviewed personal services as well as equipment lines and contractual expenses. On page TB-10, Chad reviewed additional appropriations. Tom discussed the estimated revenues. Brief discussion ensued.

Cristine DelFuoco – Assessor - explained her reasons for requesting an increase in salary from \$25,960 to \$27,250 one of which included an addition of a professional designation which she earned this year. Discussion followed including salaries of assessors in neighboring towns for which Tom had some figures as well as number of parcels in those towns. There was also discussion involving hiring a consultant to review the Aldi assessment. It was agreed that the \$3000.00 for the Aldi appraisal be kept in the budget.

Jamie Wortley – Town Tax Collector – page TB-2, asked for the \$50 in dues that she pays to be added to her budget. She did not want an increase in salary.

Sarah Panzarella – Parks & Rec – page TB-4, Joint Youth Project, reminded everyone about the meeting where salaries were increased for the beach staff. She did ask for a cost of living increase for the recreation coordinator, so 3%, from \$13,220 to \$13,620. The biggest change, however, in the salary budget would be creating a Green Lake director position. Brief discussion followed.

John Herold – Highway Department - pages TB-7 and TB-8 of the tentative budget – discussion on highway fund appropriations including personal services and contractual expenses, machinery, snow removal which increased by \$7000.00, private roads increased by 2%. John also mentioned the cleanup day which costs about \$16,000 for the dumpsters from Robinson. He also started a discussion about possibly taking mattresses, but there was no definitive agreement on whether to do that. John mentioned future purchases which would be replacing the loader and replacing a gradall. John also asked for a 3% raise for himself. Brief discussion followed.

Next, Mr. Chartrand proceeded to go through the requested salaries for 2023 on Page TB-13 which is included below. Some discussion ensued and some changes were made which would be included in the preliminary budget.

OFFICE	SALARIES 2023			
	BUDGET 2022	REQUESTED 2023	PRELIMINARY 2023	ADOPTED 2023
Supervisor	20,680,00	20,680,00		
Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	26,500 00	28,875,00		

Councilman	JS	3,330,00	3,330 00	
Councilman	CG	3,330,00	3,330,00	
Councilman	CC	3,330 00	3,330,00	
Councilman	FS	3,330,00	3,330 00	
Justice	FSB	20,400,00	21,020,00	
Justice	GM	20,400,00	21,020.00	
Justice Clerk	TI	25,230 00	26,500,00	
Justice Clerk	JH	25,230,00	26,500,00	
Town Clerk		44,600.00	46,830.00	
Deputy Town Clerk		2,540 00	2,667,00	
Tax Collector		10,890 00	10,890 00	
Highway Superintendent		60.300.00	62,110,00	
Highway Department Laborers (4)		253,300 00	261,500.00	contract
Historian		3,050,00	3,050.00	3,050,00
Recreation Coordinator		13,220 00	13,620 00	13,620.00
Green Lake Director		2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
Recreation Summer Staff				
Assessor		25,960.00	27,250.00	26,740.00
Codes Enforcement Officer		10,000,00	10,000 00	10,000.00
FT/ Fire Fighter EMT	(7)	345,440.00	351,050.00	
PT/ Fire Fighter EMT		10,000.00	17,000.00	
	\$23 00/HR		\$23.00/HR	\$23 00/HR
TOTALS		<u>969,770.00</u>	<u>1,002,342.00</u>	::

Next, Tom reviewed at length the General Fund Appropriations on pages TB-2 through TB-5, and then General Fund Appropriations for the Town outside the Village. There were brief discussions regarding the panic button upgrades with GLAD security, the monthly IT expenses, and then the Estimated Tax Rates for 2023 on page TB-12. There was a brief discussion involving the security cameras and upgrades for the concession building. Tom advised that the lease for Cornerstone Park will go on for a few more years.

Tom next discussed the train station expenses which seem to be ongoing, and for which we get no money from the historical society. Mr. Chartrand asked the board if they wanted to set up a separate reserve fund for the train station after which there was a lengthy discussion. It was agreed at Tom's suggestion that they gift the \$5000.00 that they usually write a check for at the beginning of the year for the Tully Historical Association and then add \$1,000.00 to be used specifically for improvements to the train station.

For the next line item, Refuse and Garbage, on page TB-4, Mr. Chartrand proposed that for SOTS, we go from \$325 to \$350 per year allowing for an increase in fuel expenses. The contract with Dependable is up in September. Tom offered that the cost is still a good deal. He pays over \$400 for his garbage disposal.

Next, Tom reviewed Pages TB-6, General Fund Appropriations outside the Village, and TB-7, Highway Fund Appropriations. Discussions continued for line items on those pages as well as for Highway Fund Revenues, Special Districts and Estimated Tax Rates for 2023 on subsequent pages.

At the conclusion of review of the tentative budget, the following motion was made:

Preliminary Budget

Resolution 76-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to move the budget from tentative to preliminary with the changes discussed.

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

Public Hearing

Resolution 77-22

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to set the public hearing for the preliminary budget on November 9, 2022 at 7:15pm with the regular board meeting immediately following.

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

Resolution 78-22

Application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program

WHEREAS, the Tully Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of the Town of Tully authorizes the Tully Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-2023 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

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 budget meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 28th day of 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 6th day of October, 2022.

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

Resolution 79-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to authorize the Supervisor to spend \$400 for security cameras for the outdoor restrooms.

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

A Letter of Support

Resolution 80-22

On motion of Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Goodwin, the following resolution was adopted.

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

WHEREAS, Town Law § 65 provides that the town board of any town may authorize and direct any town officer or officers to institute, defend or appear, in any action or legal proceeding, in the name of the town, as in its judgment may be necessary, for the benefit or protection of the town, in any of its rights or property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of *Tully*, New York (the “Town”), has a claim against the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”), and other governmental entities or parties under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Conservation Law (including the State Environmental Quality Review Act), CPLR Article 78 and section 3001, the federal Declaratory Judgment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2201), and/or otherwise to annul the Joint Record of Decision/Findings of Fact (“ROD”) for the Interstate 81 Viaduct Project (the “Project”), the related Environmental Impact Statement and other environmental review process (the “Environmental Review”), and/or other governmental proceedings and decision making, related to the Project, and to declare them illegal, irrational, arbitrary and capricious; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to take and institute an action in the name of the Town, as may be deemed necessary to annul the ROD and Environmental Review and/or other related governmental proceedings and decision making related to the Project, and to declare them illegal, irrational, arbitrary and capricious; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall retain the law firm of Knauf Shaw LLP of Rochester, New York to prosecute that action in the name of the Town along with other co-plaintiffs and commit to an amount not to exceed \$00.00.

Resolution 81-22

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to pay the vouchers submitted this evening.

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

Motion to **adjourn the meeting** at 9:15pm was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Goodwin.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro,
Town Clerk