

**7:00PM**

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

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters  
Councilor John Snavlin  
Councilor Christopher Chapman  
Councilor Frank Speziale  
Councilor David Meixell

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Mark D., Kevin C.

**7:30pm** Supervisor Masters declared the town board meeting open and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were made available via email. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

**Vouchers**

Motion was made by Councilor Chapman, seconded by Councilor Snavlin to pay the audited bills out of the proper funds. Motion carried.

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

**Financial Report**

Mr. Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of November and included NYCLASS interest which is up to 5.3%, and the NBT Money Market account is at 3%; court fines are up \$21,000 above budget to date, and parks and rec fees were up \$33,000 above budget. NYS Municipal Workers Comp Alliance gave us a safety award; couple of DWI arraignments. Ambulance recoveries were \$22,000. Tom also reviewed general spending, quiet month.

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

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

Next, Mr. Chartrand had the following transfers:

Date: December 13, 2023

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL Town wide

From:

A599 Surplus Recreation Field use 2,000.00  
A1990.4 Contingent Contractual 600.00

Total \$2,600.00

To:

A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment 600.00  
A7320.2 Joint Youth Project Equipment 2,000.00

Total \$2,600.00

AMBULANCE

From:

SM599 Surplus Recoveries \$20,000.00  
SM4540.1 Ambulance (FT/FF/EMT) Personal Services 17,000.00

Total \$37,000.00

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## To:

SM4541.1	Ambulance (PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services	\$14,000.00
SM4543.1	Ambulance (Overtime)	Personal Services	8,000.00
SM4544.4	Repair Equipment	Contractual	10,000.00
SM4546.4	Billing Service	Contractual	3,000.00
SM9030.8	Employee Benefits	Social Security	2,000.00

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Total      \$37,000.00

**Resolution 103-23**

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin to accept the transfers as outlined above. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution 104-23**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to make any additional end-of-the-year transfers. Motion made by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution 105-23**

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution 106-23**

Motion to set the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00pm as the Organizational Meeting with the regular meeting to immediately follow. Motion by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Good month
- We were out 4 times in November, 5 times in December
- Had a couple of repairs which John discussed
- John also discussed the purchase of heaters for the highway garage
- Sold the F350 stake rack truck at Auctions International for \$38,600
- Still working with FEMA; money from engineering and the bonds will be included
- One of the highway crew, Bill Murphy, will be retiring as of January 26<sup>th</sup>; has been an employee for 33 years; brief discussion
- Lastly, John asked Ben Bibik to put some information in the Tully Newsletter reminding all residents to wear reflective clothing when walking on our roads at night; Ben agreed
- Building committee met again and decided that it would be best to replace the building; brief discussion followed
- Finally, John resubmitted the grant for the bridge in the village

**Resolution 107-23**

Motion to authorize the highway superintendent to purchase heaters for the highway garage at a cost of approximately \$5200.00. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

**Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for November was 37
2. Medic Car is back in service after having repairs done
3. A-2 had new brakes put on
4. Daniel Holbert will be rejoining us as a full-time firefighter/paramedic
5. Medicaid recertification and revalidation has been submitted to NYS Department of Health

**Parks & Recreation**

Sarah Panzarella, the parks and rec director, reported that it is basketball season; games starting in January. In response to community inquiries, the board is considering some senior oriented activities. Additionally, the parks and rec board is considering starting a triathlon in Tully, maybe in 2025. Brief discussion followed. Sarah also asked about expiring terms of board members. The town clerk agreed to supply those dates to her.

**Fire**

Frank Speziale reported that fire department elections had been held. Dave Battle is now fire chief. Dan Graves is 1<sup>st</sup> assistant. Joe Nemier is 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant.

**Updates from the Supervisor**

Supervisor Masters reported on the following:

**Resolution 108-23**

Supervisor Masters made the motion to appoint Ben Vincent our new code enforcement officer effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Second was by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

Next, Mr. Masters discussed the SPCA contracts for 2024. The animal cruelty contract is going up to \$825. The dog control contract remains at \$4900 for the year. Discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION 109-23**

Motion to authorize the town supervisor to sign both SPCA contracts. Motion made by Councilor Meixell. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Masters spoke about Spectrum and trying to get a quote for a new phone system for the town hall offices. Brief discussion. He will follow up, hopefully at our next meeting, with some updated information.

Supervisor Masters reminded everyone about the election audit for 2022 that was discussed last month and asked if anyone wanted to make a motion regarding that. After a brief discussion, the motion was tabled.

**Public Input from the Floor**

No comments this evening.

**Legal Update**

Next, Supervisor Masters advised that our town attorney, Robert DeMore, is ill and would not be here this evening. However, Mr. DeMore had asked that the board set the PILOT rates for Tully North and the Shirley Solar project.

**RESOLUTION 110-23**

Motion to set the PILOT rate at \$5500 per megawatt for Tully North Solar Project. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION 111-23**

Motion to set the PILOT rate at \$5500 per megawatt for the Shirley Solar Project. Motion by Councilor Chapman. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Snavlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk