

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

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

Absent: Councilor John Snavlin

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Recreation Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Tully Assessor Cris DelFuoco, Martin Zanghi and David Lett from Boralex

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

Town Assessor Cris DelFuoco was present this evening to request board approval for expenses incurred at an assessors' conference totaling \$1431.81.

Resolution 72-23

Motion to approve Cris DelFuoco's attendance at a continuing education conference for which expenses totaled \$1431.81. Motion by Councilor Meixell, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 12th public hearing and meeting were made available via email. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Vouchers

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

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand started off by asking for a motion by the board to approve the bank reconciliation. Motion to approve the bank reconciliation was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Tom then reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of July and asked for a motion to approve the financial report.

Resolution 73-23

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Budget Transfers

August 9, 2023

GENERAL	Town wide		
From:			
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	500.00
To:			
A1330.4	Tax Collector	Contractual	500.00
AMBULANCE			
From:			
SM4543.1	Ambulance(Overtime)	Personal Services	\$5,000.00
To:			
SM4541.1	Ambulance(PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services	\$5,000.00

Resolution 74-23

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

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Resolution 75-23

Motion to set a budget workshop for September 28th at 6pm in the Tully Town Hall, 5833 Meetinghouse Road, Tully, NY and which may include any other business that may come before the board at that time. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- No damage from storms of late
- Had minor repair
- Mowing roadsides for the third time
- Hauling salt and sand for the winter
- Working on widening Curtain Road
- CHIPS and PAVENY monies to come in soon
- Finally, John discussed a truck he would like to purchase in the near future

RESOLUTION 76-23

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale authorizing the Highway Superintendent to start the process for the purchase of a 2025-2026 Freightliner 114SD chassis per specs and a Viking plow and body package, both per Onondaga County Contract #8996, and also authorizing him to sign a tentative sales order until time of build. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for July was 37
2. Still doing interviews to try to fill the open full-time position; looking into some additional options
3. Had some repairs to both A-1 and A-2;
4. A-1 has a catalytic converter issue along with the DEF system; trying to get that covered under warranty
5. New stretcher delivery any day now.

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on Green Lake; had 109 families from our neighboring towns; after-school swim lessons; we're running soccer camps now, but we've had volleyball, basketball, a pre-K fun program and some STEAM camps, so it's been a busy summer. One of the lacrosse coaches suggested we look into purchasing an AED, and store it here, so looking for approval on that.

The dock at Green Lake needs work; brief discussion ensued.

Fire

Frank Speziale reported briefly stating that they had been testing ladders and hoses.

Updates from the Supervisor

Supervisor Masters reported that the grant application for funding to revamp the zoning which was prompted by the comprehensive plan update has been prepared by Barton & Loguidice and has been submitted. Brief discussion.

Next, Mr. Masters advised that the 2022 audit of the town clerk's records had been completed. He had each board member sign it after which came the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 77-23

Motion to approve the audit of the town clerk's records by Supervisor Masters. Motion by Councilor Chapman, second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, discussion by board with input from residents on Assembly Park Road to consider reducing the speed limit on that road. Supervisor Masters will send a written request to the transportation department in Syracuse.

RESOLUTION 78-23

Motion that the town board is requesting a reduction to a 15 mile-per-hour speed limit on Assembly Park Road and sending a letter to the Department of Transportation in Syracuse to request that change. Motion by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, Councilor Speziale brought up a problem with parking on Route 11. There was some discussion requesting that the Department of Transportation in Syracuse also consider putting up "No parking" signs on Route 11 from Route 80 to the north end of the Kinney Drug store property since trucks have been parking near that corner and blocking views of drivers coming out of driveways at Circle K and Kinney Drugs.

RESOLUTION 79-23

Motion that the board is also requesting from the Department of Transportation that there be no parking allowed on Route 11 from Route 80 to the north end of the Kinney Drug store property. Motion by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Meixell.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

And finally, Mr. Masters reported that we will be proceeding with the Rotary tree planting. Brief discussion.

Legal Update

Town Attorney Robert DeMore followed up on a discussion from last month regarding highway use and right of way with respect to Assembly Park Road. Lengthy discussion followed with input from Mr. Herold and residents living on that road.

Next, Mr. DeMore advised that representatives from the solar company were present this evening. They met with the planning board who approved their application and now are looking for approval from the town board. So he advised that we would need to schedule a public hearing for the September meeting which would be on the 13th at 7pm.

RESOLUTION 80-23

Motion to schedule a public hearing for September 13th at 7pm to consider the application for the Sky High Solar overlay district with the regular town board meeting immediately following. Motion by Councilor Meixell, second by Councilor Speziale.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Councilor Chapman had a question regarding a solar field that recently had a fire. Martin Zanghi, the representative from Sky High Solar, explained that the company had used batteries on that project. He reported that they were not using batteries on this Tully project. Brief discussion.

Mr. DeMore reported that we have the proposed PILOT on the Shirley and the Tully North solar projects. Brief discussion.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

(Masters, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk