

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF TULLY TOWN HALL
5833 MEETINGHOUSE RD
TULLY NEW YORK**

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Recreation Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Jacqueline Novak, Brigid Mulcoe and Chris Lawton from Barton & Loguidice and several residents

7:30PM

Supervisor Masters declared the town board meeting open and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 11th meeting were made available via email to all board members.

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Supervisor Masters to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried.

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

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Tom reported on receipts and disbursements for the month of September; he reported on NYCLASS interest which was at 4.8% and NBT interest which was at 4.7%; court fines were at \$37,000 positive to budget; highway fund is normal; ambulance recoveries are up at about \$20,000. Spending is quiet. There were no transfers.

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Councilor Meixell and seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion carried.

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

And just a reminder from Mr. Chartrand that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for November 6th at 6:30pm.

RESOLUTION 81-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin that the public hearing on the Rt.11a Water District Expansion is also scheduled for that same night, November 6th, at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 82-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell to change our regular monthly meeting to the first Wednesday of the month, also November 6th, and that would be at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; minor repairs
- Some road improvements
- Getting trucks ready by the end of the month for plowing
- Cleanup Day is October 12th from 9 to 3

John Herold then asked the town board to approve his purchasing insulation for the highway garage roof at a cost of \$4,616.00 which includes installation.

RESOLUTION 83-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the purchase of insulation for the highway garage roof at a cost of \$4616.00. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Herold advised the board that he cannot order any new trucks without the retailer selling 10% of the purchases as electric first (Clean Truck Act). The state is mandating this. Lengthy discussion followed.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for September was 49
- A-1 got new brakes
- Currently recertifying our Medicaid provider billing renewal
- We have replaced the Town's public AED pad

Next, Chad needed a motion by the board to authorize MultiMed to increase the rates as described in the motion below.

RESOLUTION 84-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell to authorize our collection agency (MultiMed) to increase to the county averages the following rates:

- ALS 1 Base Rate to \$1900
- ALS 2 Base Rate to \$2200
- BLS Base Rate to \$1500
- Mileage (Per Loaded Mile) to \$36

Motion carried.

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

Parks and Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on the following activities:

1. We have a board resignation – John D'Antonio. I will post the open seat in the newsletter in January.
2. The pavilion bathroom quotes are above what we budgeted for. Brief discussion ensued.
3. We have had a shortage of volunteer coaches, so I plan to put an article in the newsletter addressing that issue.
4. We are moving forward with the triathlon which is scheduled for September 14, 2025.

Next, there was discussion regarding the use of ARPA funds to pay for the pavilion bathroom remodel after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 85-24

Motion by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Snavlin to authorize the use of \$12,700 of the ARPA funds to pay for the bathroom remodel. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 86-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Meixell to accept the lowest quote from OMC Construction for \$12,700 to pay for the bathroom remodel contingent upon the project being completed by the end of the year. Motion carried.

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

Fire

No report.

Tully Rotary Presentation

Kelly Reppenhagen addressed the board with a proposal to have a walking trail from Meetinghouse Road running behind the baseball field to the north side of the trail, basically cutting it in half. Mr. Masters asked John Herold to work up some quotes to get an idea of cost, and he agreed to do that.

Next, Supervisor Masters announced that we have a request from the Kettle Lakes Association to put up a sign on Lake Road to "Value and Protect the Kettle Lakes Watershed." It's got a beautiful heron on it. Brief discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 87-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Meixell to accept the donation of the sign with no strings attached, the town gladly accepts the sign but is not responsible for maintenance of it, and if it becomes necessary, the sign may be replaced. Motion carried.

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

Next, Supervisor Masters discussed plans for the Rt.11A Water District and introduced Jacqueline Novak from Barton & Loguidice who discussed further plans and improvements to be made to the water district and also the scheduling of a public hearing for next month to invite public comment on those improvements. Chris Lawton also explained the route the improvements would take after which Mr. Masters read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 88-24

WHEREAS, the Town of Tully (Town) is proposing the Town of Tully Route 11A Water System Improvements Project (Project), located in the Town of Tully, Onondaga County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tully has continued to seek funding opportunities and assistance relative to the construction and operation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tully intends to apply for grant and/or loan funding from United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD); and

WHEREAS, the USDA RD requires a resolution by the Town of Tully authorizing the appointment of an "Authorized Representative" for purposes of execution and advancement of funding opportunities through USDA and its Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tully Town Board has determined that the Town Supervisor should be empowered to act on behalf of the Town of Tully as the "Authorized Representative."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Tully hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for funding to USDA, Rural Development for the Town of Tully Route 11A Water System Improvements project and the publication of said notice, attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Tully authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign all USDA, Rural Development documents associated with the Route 11A Water System Improvements project, including but not limited to: documents related to RD funding, all project funding documents, and/or all documents on the project as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Supervisor John Masters	Voted	Yes
Councilperson Frank Speziale	Voted	Yes
Councilperson Chris Chapman	Voted	Yes
Councilperson David Meixell	Voted	Yes
Councilperson John Snavlin	Voted	Yes

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on 10-9-2024 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Tully Board.

Public Input from Floor

There was a question by Mark D. about vetting the contractor to be used for renovations to the pavilion bathrooms. Mr. Masters agreed wholeheartedly, and offered the following motion:

RESOLUTION 89-24

Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin that the board approve the use of the low bidder contingent upon a capability interview and whether that contractor would be able to complete the work by the end of this year. Motion carried.

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

Continuing with input from the floor, Mark D. continued the earlier discussion regarding John Herold's comment about trucks being in short supply and offered some suggestions about other options that might be available to him. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 8:25pm to discuss labor negotiations. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Motion to move out of executive session at 9:10pm. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Close of Meeting

Motion by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Snavlin to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk