

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

Members Present: Supervisor John Masters
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor David Meixell
Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, The Tully News Editor Ben Bibik, Code Enforcement Officer Ben Vincent, Assessor Cris DeFuoco and resident Cheryl Wayne.

7:30pm

Supervisor Masters called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 10th meeting were made available in hard copies to all board members.

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

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

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Tom reported overall we are in great shape. He gave a brief report for December in which the water district, the highway fund and the ambulance fund were all reviewed.

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

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

After a brief discussion came the following motions:

RESOLUTION 38-24

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell to return seven (7) checks to surplus that are 1-year outstanding. Motion carried.

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

Tom reported that ambulance recoveries are doing very well already this year.

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to accept the statement of supervisor for January. Motion carried.

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

Next, Tom reviewed the following transfer sheets:

Date: February 14, 2024

Re: Budget Transfers Sheet 1
GENERAL Town wide

From:			
A599	Surplus	J-Cap Grant 2023	1,910.00
A599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2023	30,000.00

Total \$31,910.00

To:			
A1110.2	Justices	Equipment	1,910.00
A9950.9	Transfer to Reserve	Interfund Transfer	30,000.00

Total \$31,910.00

GENERAL Outside Village

From:

B8010.4 Zoning Contractual 1,650.00

To:

B8010.1 Zoning Personal Services 1,650.00

HIGHWAY Townwide

From: DM599 Surplus Sale of Equipment \$38,585.00

To: DM5130.2 Machinery Equipment \$38,585.00

HIGHWAY Outside Village

From:

DR599 Surplus Closing Balance 2023 \$75,000.00

To:

DR5110.4 General Repairs Contractual \$75,000.00

AMBULANCE

From:

SM599 Surplus Closing Balance 2023 \$48,000.00

To:

SM9950.9 Transfer to Reserve Intrafund Transfer \$48,000.00

Date: February 14, 2024

Re: Budget Transfers Sheet 2

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

HIGHWAY Townwide

From:

DM5130.2 Machinery Equipment \$118,500.00

DM5130.4 Machinery Contractual 500.00

DM9950.9 Transfer to Reserve Fund Reserve Fund Transfer 31,000.00

Total \$150,000.00

To:

DM9950.9 Transfer to Other Funds Capital Development fund \$150,000.00

HIGHWAY Outside Village

From:

DR5110.4 General Repairs Contractual \$70,000.00

To:

DR9950.9 Transfer to Other Funds Capital Development fund \$70,000.00

RESOLUTION 39-24

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve two pages of budget transfers. Motion carried.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 40-24

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell to authorize the Town Clerk to publish a notice in the official newspaper that the Annual Financial Report and S.O.T.S. Update have been filed with New York State and that copies of these reports are available for review during the town clerk's regular business hours. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had a good month
- We went out 20 times in January and 3 times in February so far
- Had a couple of repairs
- We've also had some good weather; we're setting prices on upcoming roadwork
- And we've done some brush hogging
- John then asked for permission from the board to authorize him to buy an excavator to replace the gradall. Discussion followed after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 41-24

Motion to authorize purchase of a 2024 Hyundai HW140 Wheeled Excavator per Sourcewell Contract#032119-HCE and purchase of a Diamond Rotary Cutter Head per Sourcewell Diamond Contract#070313-DMM, total purchase price not to exceed \$220,000. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

Ambulance

In the absence of Fire Captain Chad Wakula, the ambulance report was read by Supervisor Masters:

- Number of EMS calls for January was 45
- A-1 got new front tires
- A-2 had to have the heater core replaced
- Bills for service have been sent to Fabius and Pompey
- 911 IT will be coming to try and fix the MDT in A-2

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on parks and rec activities: they are going to have umpire training this year for several towns since there has been a shortage of umpires for games in the past. Training will take place on two Sundays, March 3rd and March 10th from 12 to 5 and on Wednesday, March 6th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Our baseball program starts May 6th.

Basketball program is running now.

Sarah also reported that she had reached out to lifeguards to ask them to commit to the upcoming summer program for our town as well as Lafayette, Fabius and Pompey. More info to follow.

Fire

No report.

Update from Assessor

Town Assessor Cris DeFuoco was present this evening and reviewed the latest changes to the laws for the Partial Property Tax Exemption for Seniors with Limited Income, the Partial Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Persons with Limited Incomes, the Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker exemption, and the changes that have been adopted by Onondaga County. Lengthy explanation followed with questions by our town supervisor. It was decided by the board that they would get together a plan for acting on these changes by 2025.

There was also a lengthy discussion regarding the firefighter exemption with questions and comments by Mr. Masters and Councilor Speziale.

Update from New Codes Officer – Ben Vincent

Ben was introduced by Supervisor Masters and stated that he had been updating forms: zoning, site plan, building permit applications, and info on the website. He also mentioned a solar farm up on Sky High Road and suggested that Mr. DeMore would be able to give more information and suggestions on that.

Town Attorney Robert DeMore suggested for a 5-megawatt community-based solar farm a fee of \$1500.00 would be appropriate and for anything larger, we should make the fee \$2,000. Brief discussion followed after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 42-24

Motion to approve amending the building code fees for solar farms up to 5 megawatts to \$1500, and above 5 megawatts would be \$2,000. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Updates from the Town Supervisor

There is an open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). We'd like to advertise that in the town newsletter. I would like to ask Mr. Ralbovsky, the chairperson of the ZBA, to participate in the interview process as well as have a town board member participate. Councilor David Meixell offered to participate in the interview process.

We have also authorized elevated fees for a recording secretary for the zoning board and for the planning board. Neither board meets very often, so we'd like to elevate the fees to take the minutes of those meetings and then have the secretary produce the minutes in hard copy.

And finally, Mr. Masters announced he would like to invite Steve Bailey to our next meeting and give him a plaque in recognition of his many years of service as a town justice.

And with that, there being no further business, the following motion was made:

Close of Meeting

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk