

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 was not present this evening, but his son Charles took notes in his absence, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley II, and many residents from Tully, Otisco and Lafayette were present this evening.

**7:30pm**

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

**Presentation on Wind Power – Palmer Group - Postponed**

Supervisor Masters announced that due to the number of people in the meeting room which was over capacity, the presentation would be postponed to another date and venue which would be announced in the Tully News and on the website.

**Presentation by Jamie Reynolds – NBT Bank**

Mr. Reynolds gave a presentation on NBT Bank including the history of NBT Bank. He spoke about the 2008 and 2020 economies, the impact of COVID stimulus money. He also spoke regarding an ICS, an insured cash sweep, and said it's basically a money market. Mr. Reynolds asked if there were any questions, which there were not, and so concluded his presentation.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were made available via email 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 Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin 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 on receipts and disbursements for the month of March; briefly reported on NYCLASS and the new Money Market (ICS) interest, court fines, and ambulance recoveries. Expenses were quiet.

Motion by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to authorize the town board to sign paperwork to move the Town to the integrated cash sweep (ICS) which may often be at a higher rate of interest. Motion carried.

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

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

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

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had a good month; sweeping and filling potholes
- We are selling the Gradall to the Town of Trenton for \$55,000
- Earth Day is Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>; the garage will be open from 9 to 12pm on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for drop-off of garbage and tires

- Spring Cleanup Day is May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm; John discussed some of the items accepted and some price changes on tires and mattresses; all information will be in this month's newsletter.
- The town clerk mentioned that she would be hosting a shredding event on the same day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, but it will be held at the town hall parking lot from 9am to 11am.

Tully Town Board

April 10, 2024

### **RESOLUTION 48-24**

Motion to authorize John Herold to declare the old Gradall surplus so it can be sold to the Town of Trenton for the residual value of \$55,000. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried.

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

### **Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for March was 48
- Chassis for the new ambulance is on schedule; should be delivered to Braun within the next 45 days.
- A-2 will be going out for new front shocks and front tires.
- We had to purchase a new printer for my desk.
- I will be purchasing a second iPad, one Apple pencil and two new keyboard cases in the near future.

### **Parks & Recreation**

Sarah Panzarella reported on parks and rec activities: we have two new appointments for our board seats. Steve Axtell who is the head soccer coach at SUNY Cortland, and Sharon Trerise, a local resident of Tully, who will oversee senior adult programming. We are also looking to start up a Triathlon for 2025. More info to follow.

Baseball and softball have started.

The Moo Run is going to be June 22<sup>nd</sup> so we are promoting that.

Green Lake permitting is more extensive this year. Brief discussion.

Lafayette and Fabius are committed to swimming with us this summer, and we are all set with the lifeguard staff. There will be no swim lessons this year, just open swim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### **Fire**

No report.

### **Updates: Completed Justice Court Audit**

Supervisor Masters advised that the justice court audit was complete as well as the audit of the supervisor's records. Town clerk and tax collector audits to be done.

### **RESOLUTION 49-24**

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the audit of the justice court records and submit it to the NYS Office of Court Administration. Motion by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

### **Public input from Floor**

There was a question by a resident about 2024 minutes. The town clerk responded that she would make sure the minutes are on the website.

### **Legal**

Town Attorney Robert DeMore asked that Supervisor Masters read the questions and answers on the SEQR for the Town of Tully and Town of Lafayette Joint Water System Project. Mr. Masters read the questions and answers on the document and signed same, and the following motion was made:

**RESOLUTION 50-24**

Motion to approve the SEQR for the Towns of Tully and Lafayette Joint Water System Project. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

(The full text of the SEQR is filed in the town clerk’s office.)

Next, Mr. DeMore advised the board that they would need a resolution declaring their intent to act as lead agency for the project.

**RESOLUTION 51-24**

**Proposed Action: Town of Tully and Town of Lafayette Joint Water System Project**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE TOWN OF TULLY TOWN BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tully (Town) and Town of Lafayette are proposing the Town of Tully and Town of Lafayette Joint Water System Project (Project) located in the Town of Tully and the Town of Lafayette, Onondaga County, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project has been classified as a “Type 1 Action” as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Town of Tully Town Board to assume the role of “Lead Agency” for purposes of conducting a SEQRA/SERP assessment of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Town of Tully Town Board, and will be circulated to all interested and involved agencies, including the Town of Lafayette who is identified as an involved agency for the project under SEQRA, for purposes of establishing the Town of Tully Town Board as “Lead Agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Supervisor of the Town of Tully hereby is authorized to sign Part 1 of the FEAF (Page 13); and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Town of Tully will send said Part 1 of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of “Interested and Involved Agencies” under cover of a “Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency” letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA/SEFP; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor of the Town of Tully and the Town Board, together with the Town of Tully Attorney and B&L, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

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

John Masters, Supervisor	aye
Frank Speziale, Councilperson	aye
Chris Chapman, Councilperson	aye
David Meixell, Councilperson	aye
John Snavlin, Councilperson	aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: April 10, 2024

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

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk

Next, Mr. DeMore discussed scheduling a public hearing to consider proposed improvements to the Town of Tully Route 11A Water District. Thus came the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 52-24**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN OF TULLY ROUTE 11A WATER DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Tully, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing pursuant to Section 2020-b of the New York State Town Law, to solicit public comment upon proposed improvements to the Town of Tully Route 11A Water District

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Tully Municipal Building, 5833 Meetinghouse Road, Tully, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to forward to the official newspaper of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing to be published not less than ten or more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is directed to post a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing at the Town of Tully Office, not less than ten or more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of the Preliminary Engineering Report shall be available for public inspection at the Town of Tully Clerk’s Office, Town of Tully Municipal Building, 5833 Meetinghouse Road, Tully, New York, during normal Town Clerk’s office hours beginning on the day the Notice of Public Hearing is posted in the Town newspaper and at the Town offices.

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

John Masters, Supervisor	aye
Frank Speziale, Councilperson	aye
Chris Chapman, Councilperson	aye
David Meixell, Councilperson	aye
John Snavlin, Councilperson	aye

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Highway Superintendent John Herold asked if the board could go into executive session to discuss highway personnel.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move into executive session at 9:00pm to discuss highway personnel matters. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried. (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

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

**Informational Meeting**

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to call a special meeting concerning wind towers at a designated place and time to be determined. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, the following motion was made:

**Close of Meeting**

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk