

**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: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Recreation Director Sarah Panzarella, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, The Tully News Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, II 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 July 10th and July 16th meetings 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, Meixell, Chapman) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Tom reported on receipts and disbursements for the month of July; he reported on court fines which are \$21,000 above total budget; we've received the first payment for the mortgage tax which is up \$10,000 year to date; in the capital fund, we transferred funds from the highway fund to cover the cost of the excavator; ambulance recoveries were excellent; expenses were normal. Abstract No. 7 is the expenses to cover the cost of the excavator and payments on the Rt.11A Water District. And the main report is in excellent shape. Brief discussion.

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

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

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL Town wide

From:

A1990.4 Contingent Contractual 3,300.00

To:

A9040.8 Employee Benefits Workers Comp 3,300.00

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the transfer. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Meixell to approve the bank reconciliation. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Chartrand reminded the board that budget season is approaching. A discussion ensued and the following motion was made to hold a budget workshop on September 25th at 6pm in the town hall meeting room:

Resolution 71-24

Motion to put a notice in the paper to schedule a budget workshop for September 25th at 6pm for the town board and department heads to develop a budget for next year. Motion by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- No major repairs
- We've done some oil and stone
- The union contract is up the end of the year – just a reminder
- I've gotten some quotes for the roof: Essex Steel wants \$12,334 for materials and \$21,550 for the labor

At this point, Mr. Chartrand suggested that the town could designate some ARPA funds for the roof after which there was a brief discussion.

Resolution 72-24

Motion to authorize the highway superintendent to use ARPA funds up to \$34,000 to have the leaking roof on the shop causing unsafe working conditions repaired as the town board feels it would be an appropriate use of those funds. Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for July was 62
- A-1 had to have a solenoid in the turbo replaced
- A-2 – we are still waiting on parts for the rear A/C system. The ambulance can be used in the meantime.
- Ambulance district inventory is under way. Once it is completed, it will be available in the PS Trax system. This will streamline the inventory, make ordering more accurate, and reduce waste with the consumable supplies.

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on summer activities:

- Green Lake, we had 116 Tully children and 137 from the other towns
- We had to close the lake for three days due to algae bloom; discussion followed
- Met with two contractors regarding the bathroom renovations
- Soccer will be up and running in a few weeks

Fire

Ed Wortley, II reported that they are still fighting the OSHA regulations which would eliminate small fire departments. Discussion followed.

Updates

Supervisor Masters discussed several updates starting with the resignation of the ZBA chairperson, Bill Ralbovsky. It was recommended to him that Brian Albro, who is already on the board, should take his place. Thus came the following motion:

Resolution 73-24

Motion to appoint Brian Albro as the new chairperson for the ZBA. Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

There were also two residents interested in being on the ZBA, so Mr. Masters and Mr. Chapman will conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the board and appoint.

Next, there was discussion regarding the county contract for the old highway garage. Supervisor Masters also mentioned that he had gone to a meeting with other town supervisors regarding the wind towers being proposed and hoped to get support from other towns to form a united front.

Also, there was discussion regarding the salt shed lease which expired. The following motion was made:

Resolution 74-24

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the updated salt shed lease. Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Public Input from Floor

None.

Legal

Supervisor Masters advised that we had received a grant for the zoning law updates which will take us through the end of the year and may be modified as we progress through them. Town Attorney Robert DeMore asked that Mr. Masters read through just the headers on the SEQR form since we're not building anything, just adopting a zoning ordinance. Mr. Masters read through the statements on Parts 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form and checked the appropriate responses. It was decided the date

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for the public hearing on the zoning law updates would be September 11th at 6:30pm at the town hall immediately preceding the town board meeting at 7:30.

Close of Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Snavlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, RMC
Town Clerk