

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 (absent)
Councilor David Meixell
Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Dan Cooter, The Tully News Editor Ben Bibik, and residents Kelly C. and Mike V.

7:30pm

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 8th meeting were made available via email to all board members.

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

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

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Tom started with the December report. On page 4, he gave a recap of the fund balances and reviewed the buildings reserve; on page 5, he reviewed payments on a highway truck, discussed an excavator, our water district and the FEMA fund; on page 8, he reviewed figures on our highway fund; page 10, Tom reported that our ambulance had a very good year last year. Overall, a very good year for the town. And some of these figures are reflected on the transfer sheet for February.

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

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

Next, Tom reviewed receipts and disbursements for the January report including court fines, taxes and the ambulance fund after which came the following motion:

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

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

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

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

Next, Tom reviewed the following transfer sheet:

Re: Budget Transfers 2/12/2025

GENERAL FUND

From:			
A599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	1,910.00
A599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	3,890.00

A599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	4,200.00
			<u>10,000.00</u>
To:			
A1110.2	Justices	Equipment	1,910.00
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	4,200.00
A7320.4	Joint Youth Proj.	Contractual	3,890.00
		TOTAL	<u>10,000.00</u>
HIGHWAY Townwide			
From:			
DM599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	\$48,000.00
DM599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	35,885.00
DM889	Reserve for Equip.	Closing Balance 2024	108,740.00
DB5120.4	Bridges	Contractual	20,000.00
DM5130.4	Machinery	Contractual	89,772.00
DM9950.9	Transfer to Reserve Fund	Reserve Fund Transfer	31,000.00
		Total	<u>\$333,397.00</u>
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To:			
DM9950.9	Transfer to Capital Fund	Capital Development Transfer	\$333,397.00
		Total	<u>\$333,397.00</u>
			=====
HIGHWAY Outside Village			
From:			
DR599	Surplus	Closing Balance 2024	\$24,873.00
		Total	<u>\$24,873.00</u>
			=====
To:			
DR9950.9	Transfer to Capital Fund	Capital Development Transfer	\$24,873.00
		Total	<u>\$24,873.00</u>
			=====
AMBULANCE			
From:			
SM599	Surplus	Contractual	\$100,000.00
		Total	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
			=====
To:			
SM9950.9	Transfer to Reserve	Intrafund Transfer	\$100,000.00
		Total	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
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RESOLUTION 31-25

Motion to make those transfers as outlined on the February 12th transfer sheet. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried. (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, there was some discussion about allocating the \$146,873 for the additions on the truck that Mr. Herold wanted to order.

RESOLUTION 32-25

Motion to allocate the \$146,873 for the additions to the truck as ordered. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried. (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Meixell) Ayes 4 Nays 0

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had a good month
- We went out 51 times in January and so far this month, 15 times in February.
- There is a shortage of salt; we're fine as a town; not nervous, just concerned. The other towns in the county all agreed to help each other out. There are no safety issues.
- Had a few repairs
- John talked about FEMA and a particular project he had planned, Bromley and Hollenbeck Roads, and needing John Masters to sign the contract for that project. Brief discussion after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 33-25

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the contract with Paul Sheneman contingent upon John Herold receiving the extension on the FEMA execution. Motion by Supervisor Masters, second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Herold added that this was all grant money, that no taxpayer money was to be spent on this project.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following:

- Number of EMS calls for January was 64
- New ambulance will be delivered 2-14-2025
- United Radio is coming 2-20-2025 to install the radios, MDT and modem
- A-1 had thermostats replaced
- The old A-1 and one of the old stretchers can be declared surplus at some point

Parks & Recreation

No report.

Fire

Councilor Speziale reported that the fire department applied for a DEC grant and was awarded \$5000. Brief discussion ensued. It was also reported that they're having a chicken BBQ this weekend.

Updates from the Town Supervisor

Mr. Masters reported that he had a 20-year contract from the county for their use of our highway garage that he would need authorization to sign.

RESOLUTION 34-25

Motion to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign the contract with the county for the lease of our highway garage. Motion by Councilor Snavlin, second by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

Next, Mr. Masters asked our town attorney to give an update on the solar development on Sky High Road. Mr. DeMore responded that he had emailed the solar company and let them know that their permit was about to run out, and so they asked for an extension to May 2026. Bob reported that they hadn't done anything at this point in time. He also reported on a Host Community Benefit agreement as well as a PILOT agreement and having them sign those agreements before we grant an extension. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 35-25

Motion to authorize our Town Attorney to negotiate both the Host Community Benefit agreement and the PILOT agreement with the solar company developing on Sky High Road. Motion made by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 36-25

Motion to authorize the town supervisor to send a letter or sign on to the Lafayette letter to USGS on the landslide risks in Tully and surrounding areas with regard to wind turbines. Motion by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

Legal: Mr. DeMore also discussed burying the cables for the Shirley and Tully North solar projects. He stated that our laws require that they be buried. It's section B of our Local Law 1 of 2020. Brief discussion ensued.

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

Close of Meeting

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale, and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk