

7:00PM

TOWN OF TULLY PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2025
AMENDING THE TOWN OF TULLY ZONING MAP FOR
TIER 3 ENERGY SYSTEMS OVERLAY DISTRICTS
THE TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Dan Cooter, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Robert R. (ClearPath Energy) and several residents: Mark D., Tim W., Kelly C., Sharon T.

Supervisor John Masters announced the Public Hearing open at 7:00 and waited for any comments.

7:10PM

There being no comments offered, there was a motion to close the public hearing made by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Meixell, Chapman) Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 12th meeting were made available via email to all board members.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Meixell 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 Chapman 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 February including town clerk fees, court fines. Jamie Wortley has collected all of the taxes for the town. In addition to that, there was an excess of taxes collected in 2019 of a little over \$4,000, so that's an unexpected revenue. Ambulance recoveries were over \$38,000 last month which is also good news. Brief discussion followed after which came the following motion:

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

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

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

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

Mr. Chartrand also reported that he had uploaded the Annual Financial Report to New York State and turned over the paper copy to the town clerk as well as the SOTS (Southern Onondaga Trash System) Annual Report.

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to put an ad in the official paper for the Town that the Annual Financial Report has been filed with the State Comptroller as well as the Annual Financial Report for the Southern Onondaga Trash District (SOTS) and are available for viewing during the Town Clerk's normal business hours. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We went out plowing 33 times in February; it's been a busy winter
- We had one repair
- We're fixing potholes, weather permitting
- Earth Day is Friday, April 25th
- Spring Cleanup Day is May 10th from 9am to 3pm; John discussed some of the items accepted and some price changes on tires. And mattresses will not be accepted this year; all information will be in this month's newsletter.
- FEMA update by next month

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for February was 54
- New ambulance was delivered and is in service
- United Radio came and installed radios and mobile data terminal
- Marcellus Ambulance has placed an offer for the old A-1 -- \$50,000
- Two members were injured on a call, falls on ice, ambulance had to be towed out of an icy driveway in Truxton

RESOLUTION 37

Motion to declare the ambulance surplus and set a residual value of \$50,000 on it. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 38

Motion to accept the offer from Marcellus Ambulance to purchase the surplus ambulance subject to review of all documentation by our attorney. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on parks and rec activities:

- Basketball and softball registration is open
- We had a meeting with the school district regarding maintenance of the sports fields, and they will follow up on that issue
- Green Lake swim program – we have heard from Lafayette and Fabius and they are both on board with that for this summer, but have not heard from Pompey so I will follow up on that. We now have online registration for lifeguards and gateguards
- We are moving forward with the Triathlon. Parking would be the biggest issue, but the rest of the permitting should be pretty smooth.
(Parks and Rec report cont'd on the next page.)

After some discussion, the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 39

Motion to appoint Jarrod Kolodziejczyk to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next, Sarah raised an issue regarding the dog waste stations being used during the winter months even though they were locked up. She suggested we have the teenagers that emptied them for us last Spring, Summer and Fall also continue to empty them in the winter months as well. Discussion followed regarding how they would be paid.

RESOLUTION 40

Motion to have the dog waste stations on the walking path available for use year round and serviced twice a month during the winter months. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

(Continuing with the Parks & Rec report)

Sarah gave a brief update on the pavilion bathrooms stating that the contractor will be finishing the floors soon. She also mentioned that the kitchen door is broken. Lengthy discussion followed. Sarah will follow up with John.

Fire

Ben Bibik reported that a burn ban is in effect from March 16th to May 15th countywide.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore reported on Sky High Solar (Boralex), specifically, that their special permit and site plan are expiring in May of this year. They requested that the special permit and site plan be extended for a year. Mr. DeMore gave a brief explanation as to why he did not recommend that the board extend for a year, perhaps six months. He did recommend that the board pass the following resolution which Supervisor Masters read into the record:

RESOLUTION 41

The undersigned being the Supervisor of the Town of Tully, NY hereby certifies as to the necessity of the immediate passage of Local Law Number Two for the year 2025 pursuant to Municipal Home Rule, Section 20-4.

Dated the 12th day of March, 2025

Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 42

Motion to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2025 amending the Town of Tully zoning map for Tier 3 solar energy systems overlay zone districts. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Public Input from the Floor

Resident Sharon T. spoke about possibly developing a community calendar. Brief discussion followed.

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

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk