

7:00PM

TOWN OF TULLY PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS NOS. 3 AND 4 OF 2025
AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF TULLY BY CREATING
LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION OVERLAY DISTRICTS
AND LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

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, Highway Superintendent John Herold, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, and residents David G., Margret G., Michael V., Robert B., Susan and John S., Del W., Colleen Z., Lynn V., Renee D., Sue T., Emily L., Seth A., Kelly and Pete R., Sydney L., Nancy D.

Supervisor John Masters announced the Public Hearing open at 7:00pm.

Town Attorney Robert DeMore briefly explained the proposed local laws involving wind energy. He also stated that New York State has to approve the laws. There were questions and comments by residents including whether other towns are enacting similar laws. Mr. DeMore answered in the affirmative. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Supervisor Masters announced that our town board meeting would be commencing immediately following the public hearing. Thus, there was a motion to close the public hearing made by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Speziale. 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

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 10th 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 of the last meeting. 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

Thomas Chartrand reported:

Receipts & Disbursements (highlights this month)

Interest earnings: Accounts continue to earn ~4%, easing slightly after the Federal Reserve's 0.25% rate cut last month.

Court fines: Strong month; the Town is ~\$3,000 over budget YTD, so all remaining year receipts are net positive to the Board's plan.

State aid:

TMA (Temporary Maintenance & Aid): \$560 received; not budgeted (treated as surplus).
AIM (Aid & Incentives for Municipalities): Unchanged vs. prior years, as budgeted.
PILOTs (three solar fields): Posted; ~+\$500 vs. budget.
Ambulance Fund revenue: ~\$29,000 for the month; ~+\$64,000 YTD vs. plan.

Year-to-Date performance (funds)

- **General Fund:** Revenues ~97% of budget; spending ~62% (slightly below pace—favorable).
- **Highway Fund:** Revenues ~92%; spending ~37% YTD (expected to rise with pending vouchers).
- **Ambulance Fund:** Spending ~66% YTD; revenues ~113% YTD (supported by recoveries).

Motion to accept the financial report was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Next, Tom reviewed a transfer sheet which is included below:

TOWN OF TULLY

Date: October 8, 2025

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL FUND

From:				
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual		2100.00
				<u>2100.00</u>
				=====
To:				
A1950.4	Taxes	Contractual		150.00
A7989.4	Other Culture (Train Station)	Contractual		1950.00
		TOTAL		<u>2100.00</u>
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Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the transfers as outlined by our financial officer. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Chartrand reminded all that the budget hearing will take place on November 5th at 6:30pm.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Repaired 2019 Western Star (ICU module; tires replaced).
- Shoulder/road work pre-winter; fleet PM underway; winter gear to be installed by month's end.
- FEMA re-engaged; new contact assigned regarding two outstanding projects.
- Plow turnaround issue on Curtain Rd; John explained. Alternative turnaround arranged with neighbors; minor site work needed.
- Park bathrooms slated to close.
- Town Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following:

- September calls: 46.
- Annual PM completed on stretchers/loaders; one LifePak repair.
- Inter-agency billing: Reimbursement to Fire District for A-1 mobile radio (United Radio) processed
- Onondaga County Emergency Management has initiated a year long emergency services study

Motion by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to authorize Supervisor Masters to sign a 3-year contract for preventative care on Lifepaks. Motion carried.
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Parks and Recreation

Sarah was not able to make the meeting this evening and asked that Supervisor Masters read her report which follows:

"Parks and rec would like to thank Frank, Joe and Dave along with all the fire department members who helped with the 5k/10k this past weekend. It was a beautiful day and a successful event.

For the first time, Tully will be host to the Communities' Kickin Cancer soccer tournament this Saturday, October 11th. This is a joint event between Tully and Fabius and raises funds for various cancer charities. This year, all proceeds will go toward a family work room at Upstate Golisano Cancer Center. 5th and 6th grade rec games begin at 1pm with varsity games beginning at 4pm. We hope for some great community support, so come on out and cheer on Tully."

Tully Rotary

Kelly R. was present this evening as was Del W. who handed out some brochures regarding the "Tully Rotary T.R.E.E.S. Program." He gave a 20-minute presentation on a plan to continue planting trees along Meetinghouse Road as well as a Micro-Forest planting as an enhancement to our walking trail which would be attractive for residents walking the path as well as attracting pollinating bees and birds. Del proposed a pilot Micro-Forest at a tennis-court scale with Rotary maintenance; pollinator shrubs (highbush cranberry, ninebark, milkweed) along lower/wetter trail segments. There was enthusiasm for the project on the part of the public in attendance as well as the board members.

Fire

Ben Bibik reported that the fire department will be purchasing a new vehicle – a pumper.

Info from the Supervisor

Mr. Masters informed everyone that Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro would like to appoint Maureen Bibik as her deputy. Thus came the following motion:

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to authorize Ms. Vaccaro to appoint Maureen Bibik as her deputy at \$17/hr. beginning October 20th. Motion carried.

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

Planning / Permits – Sky High Solar, Special Use Permit Extension

Applicant: Zach H. representing Sky High Solar which had originally requested an extension of the permit for a two-year term and then one six-month extension to Nov. 10, 2025 which was previously granted. They are now asking for a further extension. Brief discussion followed.

Resolution 59-25

Resolved that the Town Board re-adopts the April 2025 extension of the resolution for an additional six (6) months beyond November 10, 2025 to May 10, 2026 on the same terms and conditions, with a fee to be established by the Town and noticed to the applicant; and further resolved the applicant shall provide a written status report at three (3) months into the extension. Motion by Councilor Meixell and seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

Legal**Resolution 60-25**

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2025, a local law amending the Town Code of the Town of Tully, Onondaga County, New York by creating a new Section 280-11.5 entitled, "Large Wind Energy Conversion Overlay Districts." Motion carried.

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

Resolution 61-25

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2025, a local law amending the Town Code of the Town of Tully, Onondaga County, New York by creating a new Section 280-11.6 entitled, "Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems." Motion carried.

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

Public Comment

Public comment included questions on renewable projects in neighboring towns. During discussion, a brief exchange occurred among attendees and counsel; apologies were offered and accepted, and the Supervisor reaffirmed meeting decorum expectations.

Adjournment at 8:30pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk