

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Tully

Location: 5833 Meeting House Rd, Tully, 13159

11 12 2025

Members Present:

Supervisor John Masters
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor David Meixell

Others Present:

Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore
Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand
Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro, RMC
Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella
Highway Superintendent John Herold
Fire Captain Chad Wakula
Pete R., Kelly R., Del W., Gillian W.,
Beth E., Kelan E., Gordon H., Dan J.,
Emily L., Robert B., Walt D.

7:30 CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 8, 2025 meeting were made available via email to all board members.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Meixell.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom reviewed receipts and disbursements as follows:

- For the month of October
- Town clerk fees were nearly \$5,000.
- Interest rates: NBT at 3.97%, NYCLASS at 3.92%.
- Court fines are \$9,000 above budget for the year.
- Recreation fees: payments received from Lafayette, Pompey, and Fabius for the swim program; still short of about \$13,000 from budget estimate.
- host community fee received; small DWI arraignment
- Highway fund – we did transfer \$211,000 into capital development for the new truck
- Ambulance fund: \$34,385 in recoveries, nearly \$100,000 above budget
- \$211,000 transferred to capital development fund for new truck.
- Ambulance spending at 74%, revenues at 117%.
- Main report – we're in really good shape

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the financial report.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

(Financial report cont'd on next page)

Next is a transfer sheet Tom explained to the board:

TOWN OF TULLY

Date: November 12, 2025

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

HIGHWAY Outside Village

From:

DR5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual	\$8,100.00
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To:

DR5110.1	General Repairs	Personal Services	\$7,500.00
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DR9030.8	Social Security	Employee Benefit	600.00
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			Total \$8,100.00
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AMBULANCE

From:

SM4541.1	Ambulance (PT/FF/EMT Personal Services	\$10,000.00
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SM4544.4	Repair Equipment	Contractual	1,200.00
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			Total \$11,200.00
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To:

SM4543.1	Ambulance (Overtime) Personal Services	\$10,000.00
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SM4545.4	Service Contracts	Contractual	1,200.00
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			Total \$11,200.00
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Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the transfers.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Rotary Proposal (Plantings)

Del Wayne continued his presentation from last month on the Tully Rotary Environmental projects. He had a handout which he presented to the members of the board.

He went on to explain the plan which includes the planting of three new maples along Meeting House Road, a pollinator garden, adding a bench along the trail, a nature path and a microforest.

There was a question about how long it would take to implement this plan. Del explained the process and said it may take several years. Lengthy discussion followed after which came the following motions by Supervisor Masters:

RESOLUTION 64-25

Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for the next three trees to be planted along Meetinghouse Road as described above and with the Town being reimbursed in full by Tully Rotary. Seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 65-25

Motion to give Rotary a conditional approval to site item 3, the pollinator garden, and item 5, the microforest, alert the board and get their approval and give Rotary the go-ahead. Motion seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

HIGHWAY

John Herold reported on highway activities:

- We had a few repairs this past month; tires needed to be replaced on 2019 and 2022 Western Star - two windshields needed to be replaced.
- We had to replace the air tanks on that 2011 International that we're selling. It wouldn't move out of the yard. The tanks were rotted right out. So that was another expense.
- We are obviously ready for winter. It snowed here and we've gone out four different times this past week.
- Cleanup Day went well. Once again, it was a little late this fall, but it was a pretty good turnout. We were busy. There were quite a few people that came in and out.
- CHIPS money should be coming in soon

AMBULANCE

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported:

- Number of EMS calls for October was 72
- A-1 is at the Ford dealership for a recall
- Dan Mulhern returns to work on 11-24-2025
- I plan on purchasing 2 new portable radios in January 2026
- Discussion of percentage of calls outside Tully; Fabius contracting with TLC going forward.

PARKS & RECREATION

Sarah reported the following:

- Quiet time of the year. Soccer's over. Basketball - we started practices this week, so we run that through February.
- One thing that came up that John and I have talked about, the hot water heater does not work in the pavilion shed. Brief discussion after which it was decided that we should get a quote for that.

FIRE**NO REPORT****INFORMATION FROM SUPERVISOR**

Mr. Masters advised the board that they needed to reappoint the current fire commissioner. Thus came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 66-25

Motion to reappoint Gary Malone as fire commissioner with term to commence 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2030. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

AUDITS AND GRANTS

- Town clerk audit scheduled for tomorrow; tax collector audit within two weeks.
- Discussion of Blue Ways, Green Ways county grant: \$80,000 plan for pathway to Green Lake, \$16,000 town match.
- Concerns about cost, grant-readiness, and lack of clarity on future grants.
- Board to gather more information before proceeding.

PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE FLOOR

- Walt D. asked about the \$80,000 plan to go to Green Lake. Mr. Masters explained it would be to provide a safe walkway from the high school to Green Lake.
- Public hearing will be held after recommendations from Barton and Loguidice and the citizens group.
- Discussion of proposed zone changes and impact on local residents.
- Timeline for completion expected by June.

LEGAL UPDATE

- Town attorney Robert DeMore stated that the town had recently passed two local laws regarding wind energy. He also advised that the Office of Renewable Energy can override local laws if they interfere with State renewable energy goals.
- Town is now seeking a specialized engineer for site studies.
- Local laws require applicants to provide studies on various impacts (geological, wildlife, economic, etc.).
- Court of Appeals has upheld state's right to preempt local laws for substantial state interests.
- Discussion of recent changes to state energy codes (gas vs. electric in new homes).

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn the meeting at **8:30pm**. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

CERTIFICATIONS (OPEN MEETINGS LAW §106 COMPLIANCE)

These minutes capture motions, proposals, resolutions, and their votes, and summarize other matters discussed at the open meeting. Any documents adopted herein are on file with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Tully Town Clerk