

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

Others present: Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks and Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, and residents Don M., Mike V., Kelly C., Walt D., Ed W., Tim W., Emily L., Karen K., Art R.

7:30pm

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 13th 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 Chapman and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to pay the audited bills out of the proper funds. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report

Tom reviewed receipts and disbursements including good news on interest rates; NYCLASS is transitioning to a new format; court fines are coming in strong; recreation fees are at 37% of budget; DWI arraignment; ambulance recoveries were a little low this month at \$14,000. Spending this month was quiet. On the big report, general spending at 52% and revenues at 92%. Highway spending at 35% and revenues at 92%. Ambulance spending is at 61% and revenues are at 110%

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

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

Motion to approve the bank reconciliation was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Meixell. 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: September 10, 2025

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL FUND

From:

A1410.1 Town Clerk Personal Services 200.00

To:

A1410.4 Town Clerk Contractual 200.00

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AMBULANCE

From:

SM599	Surplus	Recovery Revenue	\$30,000.00
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To:

SM4541.1	Ambulance (PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services	\$10,000.00
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SM4545.4	Service Contracts	Contractual	20,000.00
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Total			<u>\$30,000.00</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 workshop will take place on September 24th at 6pm.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had a good month, minor repairs on the 2019 Western Star
- Road improvements will be done soon
- We're getting quotes for the budget workshop including salt which is increased by about 20%
- October 11th is Cleanup Day from 9am to 3pm
- Next, John asked the board to declare one of his trucks surplus after which came the following motion:

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to declare surplus the 2011 International with plow equipment, and set a residual value of \$20,000. Motion carried.

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

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following:

- Number of EMS calls for August was 53
- New mobile radio has been installed in A-1
- New mobile data terminals have been installed in all 3 vehicles
- Stryker will be coming in October to perform maintenance on the stretchers and power loaders

Fire

No report.

Parks and Recreation

Sarah gave a brief report: soccer is running

The bathrooms are open at this time while soccer is ongoing.

Beach is closed down.

Updates/Actions

Supervisor Masters advised that the justice court is requesting authorization from the town board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle. One requirement of the application is a resolution from the town board authorizing the town court to apply for the funding. Thus came the following resolution:

Resolution 55-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Tully authorizes the Tully Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle for up to \$30,000.00. Motion by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

I, Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk of the Town of Tully, **Do Hereby Certify** that the preceding Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Tully at a regular meeting of the board duly called and held on the 10th day of September, 2025; that said Resolution was entered in the minutes of said meeting; that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original thereof now on file in my office; and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said Resolution and of the whole thereof.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Tully this 22nd day of September, 2025.

DATED: _____, 2025
Town Clerk of the Town of Tully

Resolution 56-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Tully appoints Brian M. Fitts as our town assessor for 6 years beginning October 1, 2025. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

Public Input from the Floor

Walt D. had some questions pertaining to the supervisor’s monthly report. He also asked if the budget workshop on September 24th is open to the public. The supervisor answered that it was. He also asked when the current assessor’s last day would be, and the answer was “September 30th.” Brief discussion.

Legal

Mr. DeMore reported that he’s working on wind generation laws. He explained briefly that Local Law No. 3 sets up a wind energy overlay district. Local Law No. 4 sets up the type of energy used as well as the special permitting process including site plan review.

As the lead agency, Supervisor Masters then proceeded to read through questions on the SEQR document (number 1). He then read “Question A” on “Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 3 – Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance.” The question read: “This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.”

Resolution 57-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts Question A on the above environmental assessment form. Motion by Supervisor Masters and second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Next, Mr. Masters read through the questions on the SEQR document (number 3). He then read “Question A” on “Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 3 – Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance.” The question read: “This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.”

Resolution 58-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts Question A on the above environmental assessment form. Motion by Supervisor Masters and second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried.

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

(COPIES OF THE FOUR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORMS REFERRED TO IN THESE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE.)

Tully Town Board

September 10, 2025

Motion to move into Executive Session for a contract discussion and to discuss highway employees. Motion by Councilor Speziale, second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

8:15pm EXECUTIVE SESSION

Close of Meeting

Motion to move out of executive session and adjourn the meeting at **8:47pm**. Motion by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Meixell. Motion carried.
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk