

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Tully

Location: 5833 Meeting House Rd, Tully, 13159

March 11, 2026

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
Town Engineer Paul Sheneman

Members of the Public: Steven F., Tim B., Tim W., Michael V., Marian J., Jim P., Troy W.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Masters called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 11th 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 Meixell and seconded by Councilor Chapman.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom reviewed receipts and disbursements as follows:

Interest rates for both accounts are still at 3 and ½ percent; the town has been paid in full from the tax collector; there's a tax collector account that's held for 7 years and then we can take the money out of it, so we have an extra \$5,000 from that. Tom went over the highway fund, the ambulance recoveries and spending on the general abstract after which came the following motion:

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

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next, the budget transfers are included on the following page.

TOWN OF TULLY

March 11, 2026

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL FUND

From:

A510	Estimated Revenue	J-Cap Grant	6,336.00
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	1,000.00
			7,336.00
			=====

To:

A1110.2	Justices	Equipment	6,336.00
A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	Contractual	1,000.00
			7,336.00
			=====

TOTAL

Continuing with the financial report, the following motion was made regarding the supervisor’s records:

Motion that the Supervisor’s records for 2025 were audited. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Supervisor Masters.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion authorizing the town clerk to put an ad in the Post Standard that the Annual Financial Report for the Town of Tully has been filed with the State as well as the Annual Financial Report for the Southern Onondaga Trash System (SOTS) and that both will be available to review during the town clerk’s regular business hours. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Meixell.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

And finally, Mr. Chartrand advised the board that he had received a letter from the bank asking that we develop a formal policy for our payroll so that it is not subject to fraud. Brief discussion followed.

HIGHWAY

John Herold reported on highway activities:

- We went out 33 times by this time last year and 30 times this year and this month we went out twice thus far
- Had a minor repair
- Earth Day is Saturday, April 20th; the garage is open from 9am to noon
- Spring Cleanup Day is May 9th – TVs will be accepted as well as tires off the rim, but no mattresses

John also discussed hiring PLS Engineering, Paul Sheneman, for the FEMA project up on Bromley and Hollenbeck Roads. Brief discussion followed after which came the following motion:

Motion authorizing Supervisor Masters to sign the contract hiring Mr. Sheneman for the highway project. Motion was made by Mr. Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

Motion authorizing the spending of the highway repair money for the 284 Agreement. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

AMBULANCE

Fire Chief Chad Wakula reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for February was 38
- A-1 had its NYSI
- MC-1 had new exhaust system put on

PARKS & RECREATION

Sarah Panzarella reported on parks and rec activities:

- Basketball- last weekend for that
- Registrations are open for baseball and softball
- We've talked about needing a water treatment system. Brief discussion.
- Staffing – we have many returning lifeguards for the lake. I am going to take some training myself as is my son.
- We are also looking at grants for parks and rec
- On September 13th, we are hosting a race, either a five or ten-miler, more info on that
- I had a meeting with the new school superintendent due to the fact that we share fields, so we're working on reciprocity
- Some of my board members expressed some dissatisfaction with Rotary that the parks and rec commission was not included in the planning of the microforest since it is going to be occupying some parks and rec field or fields. Brief discussion followed.
- New York State is now requiring someone on site that has AED training who can provide that to the community. This is for all games on town fields. Discussion followed.

FIRE

Councilor Speziale reported that Saturday, March 28th they're having a chicken BBQ. The members are doing some online training on sexual harassment. We have two new members who are juniors, 16 and 17. We're looking at grants for the training site off Rt. 11A. And finally, Alvah Cook, a former mayor, passed away recently.

ATV CLUB

Mr. Steve F., President of the Apple Valley Wheelers ATV Club, addressed the Board regarding a request to use designated Town roads as connectors to existing trail routes and Song Mountain. The Board discussed insurance and legal considerations and referred the matter for further legal review. No action was taken.

UPDATES/ACTIONS

Supervisor Masters introduced Steve B., chairperson of the Town planning board, who gave a presentation regarding pedestrian connectivity, including sidewalk and trail planning, from the school area toward Route 80 and Green Lake. Grant opportunities were also discussed as well as possible future phases, safety considerations, lighting and long-term costs. Lengthy discussion.

Del W. spoke on behalf of Tully Rotary and informed everyone that the sight for the future microforest had been tilled in preparation for planting. They already have many volunteers for the project. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Masters reported that the court clerks had applied for a JCAP grant and were successful in their efforts so they can use the money for updating the court clerks' office furniture, printers, et cetera.

LEGAL

Town Attorney Robert DeMore reported that he had spoken with the town attorney for Lafayette who recommended that we speak with Ben Wisniewski, regarding the proposed windmills. Mr. DeMore said they are definitely coming. There's no way around the project,

but he suggested that the three towns work together, Tully, Otisco and Lafayette and maybe work on a PILOT agreement or a Block grant. After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion to hire Ben Wisniewski as special counsel with monthly financial reporting to the Tully town board. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 5 Nays 0

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. (X) 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.

Submitted by:

Susan Vaccaro
Town Clerk, Town of Tully