

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, Ben Bibik, our IT expert, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, and residents Dan C., Mike V., Walt D.

**7:30pm**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the June 11th 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**

Tom reviewed receipts and disbursements starting with NBT interest which is at 4.12% and NYCLASS which is at 4.1867%. Court fines continue to come in strong; Village reimbursed us for postage last year; on the highway fund, we received payment for snowplowing county roads; ambulance recoveries once again doing very well. On the expenditure side, not much going on. Tom asked for a motion to accept his report.

Motion by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to accept 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

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- We had some minor repairs this month
- Completing roadside improvements including French's Bay paving
- We're continuing with ditching and mowing
- John presented the board with a copy of the 284 Agreement which all board members needed to sign

**RESOLUTION 49-25**

Motion to accept the 284 Agreement and have all board members sign in order for the highway superintendent to spend the CHIPS money. Motion by Councilor Snavlin, seconded by Councilor Speziale. 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 June was 58
- Marcellus Ambulance has purchased the surplusd stretcher
- William Maguire is now a part-time firefighter/paramedic effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Operating certificate and narcotics license has been renewed; working on renewing our laboratory license
- Staffing right now is difficult for various reasons, should start to improve the 1<sup>st</sup> of August

**Parks & Recreation**

Sarah reported on parks and rec activities: soccer to open for the Fall season; camps are going well. Sarah explained to the town board that we’re going to need a new water treatment system next year. We will be exploring grants for that. Brief discussion ensued. Sarah announced that they are in need of life jackets at the lake so anyone interested in donating them, please let her know. No triathlon; we are postponing that for a year. We will sponsor a 5k/10k race instead around the lakes, and that will be scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire**

No report.

**Updates from the Town Supervisor**

Mr. Masters reported that we still need to perform audits on the town clerk’s records and the tax collector’s records so we will be scheduling them in the near future.

TAG, the Tully Action Group, has been working on the sidewalk project which will extend from the high school to the Rt. 281 intersection with Rt. 80. They are reapplying for the grant which was rejected last year. Brief discussion followed.

Next, there was a lengthy discussion regarding insurance on Cornerstone Park. Mr. Masters explained after which came the following motion:

**RESOLUTION 50-25**

Motion to authorize the town supervisor to add Cornerstone Park to our insurance at an insured value of \$100,000 and at a cost to the town of \$180 per year. Motion by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.  
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Next, Mr. Masters read from a document generated by TAG regarding insurance coverage on Cornerstone Park: “TAG does hereby agree to exercise reasonable efforts to avoid and prevent any and all claims, actions, damages, injury or liability in connection with any occurrence in, upon, or about the premises, and arising from the use or occupancy by TAG or its members, guests, agents, employees, contractors, invitees, or licensees. As a volunteer organization, TAG will be covered under the Town’s usual insurance coverage to the extent any volunteers are covered thereunder. In addition, and as long as same can be secured at a reasonable cost, during the Term of this Agreement, or any subsequent extension or renewal hereof, TAG shall maintain and pay the premiums for broad form, extended coverage, personal injury and property damage liability insurance with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000.000.00) with respect to personal injury, death or property damage. . .” Brief discussion.

Supervisor Masters then asked for a motion to approve the court clerks attending a conference. Motion to approve our court clerks attending a conference in Albany from 9/28 to 10/1. Motion by Counselor Speziale, second by Counselor Chapman. Motion carried.  
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Public Input from the Floor**

Walt had a question regarding the discussion on the TAG insurance, and Mr. Masters said we would be talking to our insurance company about covering Cornerstone Park. Walt also asked who owns the property that the baseball field is on. Mr. Masters stated that the Town owns the property, but the baseball group takes care of the maintenance of it. Ben had a comment regarding residents who attend the baseball games are parking in the spaces meant for town hall employees. Mr. Masters suggested to John Herold, our highway superintendent, that perhaps we could post signs around the building indicating the parking is for employees only. Brief discussion.

**Legal**

Mr. DeMore reported that he’s working on a wind generation law which would include an overlay district and then a permit for wind generation. He has discussed it with our town engineer, and we should be ready for a public hearing by September.

And with that, there being no further business, the following motion was made:

**Close of Meeting**

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.  
(Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Meixell) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk