

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town of Tully

Location: 5833 Meeting House Rd, Tully, 13159

May13, 2026

Members' Present:

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

Others Present:

Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Financial
Officer Thomas Chartrand
Ben Bibik, Town IT
John Herold, Highway Superintendent
Sarah Panzarella, Parks & Rec Director
Residents: Millie E., Emily L.,
Kim B., Greg B.

Village Clerk Maureen Bibik took the minutes

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 April 8th meeting were made available via email to all board members.

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

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were signed by all board members. Motion was made by Councilor Meixell and seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the vouchers.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom reviewed current interest rates, town clerk fees, court fines, recreation fees as well as highway interest. He reported it was a quiet spending month. On the big report, general spending is at 31%; general revenues are at 86%; highway spending is at 16%; highway revenues are at 84%; ambulance spending is at 38%; ambulance revenues are at 87%.

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

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to accept the bank reconciliation was made by Councilor Speziale, seconded by Councilor Meixell.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent John Herold reported:

- Some minor repairs
- Plows and sanders removed
- Started ditching
- Spring Cleanup Day went well; had a good turnout even with the weather
- Shredding event usually in conjunction with cleanup day, but this year it will be held on June 6th in the town hall parking lot

AMBULANCE

Chad Wakula, Captain for Ambulance Operations, reported on the following:

- Number of EMS calls for April was 53
- New portable radio and bank charger have been ordered
- Dan Holbert will be leaving his full-time position at the end of May; civil service canvas letters will be going out soon to attempt to hire a new firefighter paramedic

We had an opportunity to purchase a new ambulance. It’s a Braun Chief XL Ford F550 for \$325,000. There was a brief discussion in which Mr. Chartrand advised we would need a permissive referendum to authorize using the money in reserve. After the permissive referendum, post in the paper and 30-day waiting period, we can make the purchase. We have \$440,000 in reserve.

The following resolution was read into the record:

Resolved, pursuant to Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Town Board of the Town of Tully hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$325,000 for equipment from the ambulance reserve fund. This resolution is subject to a 30-day permissive referendum. The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate money to finance the cost of ambulance and ambulance equipment. The type of equipment to be financed from the reserve fund is the acquisition of a 2026 F550 chassis with a Braun Chief XL Type 1 ambulance module on HGAC contract AM10-23.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the expenditure from the ambulance reserve fund. Motion by Supervisor Masters, seconded by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

PARKS & RECREATION

Sarah reported on the following:

- Baseball and softball are up and running
- We are interviewing next week for positions at Green Lake
- Green Lake will be opening June 20th
- Goose deterrents have been placed at the beach
- For summer camps, we were able to add art and music
- The intermunicipal swim program agreement had been sent to the other municipalities with two of three signed and Lafayette still outstanding. Fees for outside participants were increased, and Parks and Recreation increased Tully resident fees by \$5 to help address increased costs including minimum wage increases and raises for returning lifeguards.
- Shute’s quote was received for replacement of the UV water treatment system. A second quote was also received. Hope to get quote approval with the goal of finalizing the project in June.
- The board discussed improvements at Cummings Park and whether those improvements are covered under the Town/Village intermunicipal agreement.

Motion to add Cummings Park and a proposed sunshade/backstop improvement to the intermunicipal agreement, subject to attorney review.
Motion by Supervisor Masters and second by Councilor Meixell.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion to enter into the Intermunicipal Agreement between Tully, Fabius, Lafayette and Pompey for the 2026 swim program and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion by Councilor Meixell and second by Councilor Speziale.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

FIRE

The board noted that driveway repairs may be needed due to wear and tear. Brief discussion.

UPDATES/ACTIONS

Supervisor Masters requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Verizon for new phone service for the Town building and Highway Department. The current phone system is outdated, and voicemail quality has become difficult to understand. The proposed modern system would use desk phones connected through cellular service with hunt group functionality. Estimated costs were discussed, and the system would include the Town, Highway Department, the courts, the Village and the Fire Department.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman authorizing the Supervisor to enter into the Verizon phone contract.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Maple Harvest Wind

The Board discussed hiring attorney Ben Wisniewski for legal representation regarding the Maple Harvest Wind matter. He represents Lafayette. A dual representation letter was also discussed. His rate was stated as \$225 per hour.

Motion was made by Councilor Meixell and seconded by Councilor Chapman authorizing the Supervisor to sign the engagement letter for legal services with Ben Wisniewski.

Motion carried. Ayes 4 Nays 0

Next, the board discussed the possible use of ATVs on certain rural town roads. The town attorney explained that allowing use on town roads would require a local law. Sample laws from Otisco and Onondaga had been circulated. The board discussed possible roads, including Strong Road and Curtain Road, but no final list was established. No action was taken pending more specific information from the requester.

Regarding the hazard mitigation plan, Mr. DeMore noted that the town will need to adopt the hazard mitigation plan by August. Brief discussion followed after which the town attorney suggested it be placed on the agenda for the August meeting and he will prepare a resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

LEGAL

No report.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

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

Motion carried. Ayes 4 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:

Maureen Bibik
Village Clerk, Tully
May 13th, 2026

ATTACHMENTS (ON FILE WITH CLERK)

- 1. Monthly Financial Abstract & Transfers Sheets