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March—2026

Town Board Reviews Finances, Summer Plans, and Future Projects

March meeting includes updates on roads, recreation, grants, and community planning

The Tully Town Board covered a full agenda at its March 11 meeting, with discussion ranging from routine monthly business to long-term planning efforts that could shape the community for years to come.

Board members began by approving the February meeting minutes, vouchers, and the monthly financial report. Town officials reported stable interest earnings, completion of tax collection payments to the Town, and strong ambulance recovery revenue. The Board also approved budget transfers, including grant-related adjustments and a transfer to cover additional insurance costs, and accepted the audit of the Supervisor's 2025 records.

Residents were also informed that the Annual Financial Reports for both the Town of Tully and the Southern Onondaga Trash System have been filed with New York State and are available for public review through the Town Clerk's office.

Seasonal work was a major focus of the evening. The Highway Department reported that winter operations were close to normal for February and that crews are now turning to pothole repair, roadside cleanup, and planning for summer projects. The Board also approved an engineering contract tied to FEMA-related road work and adopted the annual 284 Agreement for highway repair funding.

Two upcoming cleanup dates were announced for residents: Earth Day collection will be held April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, and Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for May 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation report highlighted the shift into spring and summer activities. Basketball season is wrapping up, while baseball and softball signups are now open. Preparations are also underway for the summer season at Green Lake, including work related to the water system and seasonal staffing. A community race is also planned for September 13.

Emergency services updates were also shared. The

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Town of Tully — SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

📅 Saturday, May 9th, 2026 **🕒 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
📍 Village Treatment Plant, Community Drive, Tully, NY

Designed for half-page (5.5" x 8.5"). Print-friendly, black & white.

Who Can Participate

ONLY Village & Town residents. You must show proof of residency and accompany your vehicle at the drop-off site.

Proof must include your street address (P.O. Boxes will not be accepted).

NO PROOF OF RESIDENCY — NO DUMPING.

Size & Safety

- All items must be **under 10 feet** in length.
- **Drain all oil, gas, and antifreeze** from tanks/equipment prior to arrival (these liquids are **not** accepted).

If you have unacceptable items on board, you will not be allowed on site.

Will Accept

- Most general rubbish
- Appliances & metal
- Computers (**flat screens only**)
- Lawn & garden waste
- Vehicle batteries
- Empty drums & pails **cut in half**

ACCEPTING ALL TELEVISIONS!!!!

Will NOT Accept

- Rechargeable/disposable household **batteries**
- **fluorescent tubes**
- **brush**
- **garbage**
- **recyclables**
- **pails with lids**
- **whole drums**
- **paints/chemicals**
- **oil, gas, or antifreeze**
- **any hazardous waste.**

MATTRESSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR!!

Tire Disposal (Off the Rim)

(Prices subject to change — please bring exact cash)

Tire Type	Fee
All tires	\$5.00
Large tires	\$35.00

Efficiency Tips

Please **separate items** before arrival to speed up unloading and traffic flow.

Capacity Limits

Due to increasing costs:

- **No trailers longer than 8 feet will be allowed through the gates to the dumpsters.**
- **One load per household.**

Questions? Contact the Town or Village office.

Thank you for keeping Tully clean!

Town Board Reviews Finances, Summer Plans, and Future Projects, continued

Ambulance Department reported 38 calls in February and noted vehicle inspection and repair work. The Fire Department announced its upcoming March 28 chicken barbecue, reported completion of required training, and shared progress on grant applications for future improvements.

The Board also heard from the Apple Valley Wheelers ATV Club, which requested permission to use certain Town roads as connectors to trail systems and Song Mountain. Board members discussed legal and insurance questions and referred the matter for further review before any decision is made.

One of the evening's biggest topics was a presentation on pedestrian connectivity. Representatives from the Planning Board, B&L, and Onondaga County Planning discussed opportunities to improve walking access from the school area toward Route 80 and Green Lake. The discussion centered on safety, accessibility, and how grant funding could support future sidewalk or trail planning.

The Board also discussed regional legal coordination related to possible wind turbine development and approved retention of special counsel to work with neighboring towns, with continued financial oversight by the Board.

The meeting concluded after all business on the agenda had been addressed.

Town ZBA Secretary Wanted

The Town of Tully is looking for someone to perform the duties of Secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals, this is a paid position.

If interested or for more information, contact the Town Clerk at (315) 696-4693 or clerk@townoftully.us

SAVE THE DATE

Troop 62 Spaghetti Dinner + Silent Auction!

Mark your calendar for

Saturday, April 18, 2026

(4:00–7:00 PM)

at Tully United Community Church (5872 Meeting House Road,
Tully, NY 13159).

Enjoy a classic spaghetti dinner—**spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, and desserts**—plus a **Silent Auction**.

Meals to-go available
(with eat-in seating too).

\$12 per person (while supplies last). Proceeds help Troop 62 scouts attend camps, leadership events, and complete community service projects.

Tickets: Buy in advance from any

Troop 62 Scout

or via **Venmo** (include full name, number of tickets, and scout name if applicable).

Tickets also available at the door.

@Boy-Scout-Troop-62



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Village of Tully

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First Wed of Month

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March 4, 2026 | Highlights from the Village Board Meeting & Budget Workshop

Hello Village of Tully residents—here’s a detailed recap of the Village Board’s March meeting, including major budget discussions, operational updates, and key actions taken.

Meeting Summary

The Village Board met on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, beginning with a **Budget Workshop**, transitioning into the **Regular Village Board Meeting**, and then returning to the budget workshop to finalize next steps.

Major Budget Workshop Highlights

Keeping Taxes Under the Cap

The Treasurer reviewed the overall budget structure and the New York State tax cap calculation. After adjustments made during the workshop, the Board moved the budget forward while remaining **under the tax cap**—meaning no tax cap override is needed.

Balancing Costs: Taxes vs. Sewer/Water Fees

The Board discussed how shifting costs between the tax levy and sewer/water funds can impact residents. Draft scenarios suggested sewer rates could rise sharply depending on how infrastructure and staffing costs are allocated. The Board emphasized balancing system needs with affordability.

Planning for Major Infrastructure Needs

The Board talked through several long-term priorities, including:

- **Community Drive culvert/bridge area** and storm sewer concerns
- Building or strengthening **reserve funds** to protect long-term projects and keep funds restricted for their intended purpose
- Water system vulnerabilities, including **Grove Street flooding risks** and the need for future main replacement planning

Key Village Action: Public Works Leadership & Wastewater Operations

Superintendent of Public Works Appointed

The Board appointed **Mike** as **Superintendent of Public Works**.

Wastewater Contract Review

The Board discussed moving away from the current outside wastewater operator arrangement, including costs and the timing needed to make changes.

Community Items & Resident Updates

SPDES Permit Update (DEC)

The Village has received mixed messages regarding SPDES permit renewal status—one communication indicated renewal through **2031**, while another suggested it could still be reviewed or rescinded. The Village scheduled a call/meeting with DEC to clarify the status before committing to additional work or costs.

Village-Town Dump Day

Mark your calendar: **Village-Town Dump Day is May 9.**

Recognition: Passing of Former Mayor

The Board acknowledged the passing of **Alva Cook, Jr.**, a former Village Mayor. The Board noted that public funds cannot be used for flowers; any condolences or memorial gestures would need to be made personally.

Parks and Rec

We've got some internal debates about our opening dates for baseball kick off, so I am keeping it generic

Baseball and softball season kicks off in April. We are looking for volunteers to freshen up the fields prior to play. We are also looking for gently used catchers gloves. If you're interested in helping please email tullyparksrec@gmail.com.

Do you know someone who is looking for a boy scouts service project? Parks and Recreation has some projects that we would love assistance with, email tullyparksrec@gmail.com with your interest.

Interested in running a summer camp, we are always looking for creative ideas to keep our kids engaged and active during the summer, please send us an email if you have ideas!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Assessor 315-696-4693 x13
Code Enforcement 315-696-4693 x19
Dog Control 315-454-0928
Highway Department 315-696-8861
Justice Court 315-696-5884
Parks & Rec. 315-696-4693 x21

Town Clerk 315-696-4693 x10
Town Supervisor 315-696-4693 x12
Tax Collector 315-696-4693 x11
Town Historian 315-696-4681
Trash & Garbage 315 472-7455
Village of Tully 315-696-5041

LINKS

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We Are Not Alone

Communities Across New York State Are Raising the Same Concerns

Across New York State, communities are increasingly speaking out about the rapid expansion of large-scale energy infrastructure. Industrial wind turbines, utility-scale solar facilities, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and the transmission lines required to connect these projects are being proposed in towns and cities alike. From densely populated urban neighborhoods to rural farming communities, residents are discovering that while the projects differ in scale and location, the impacts and concerns are strikingly similar.

What is happening in our community is not unique. It is part of a statewide pattern.

Industrial Energy Projects Are Affecting Communities Statewide

Large energy projects bring permanent changes to the places where people live. Industrial wind turbines can exceed 600 feet in height and require extensive construction, access roads, and concrete foundations. Utility-scale solar projects often cover hundreds of acres of farmland or open space, removing land from agricultural use and altering drainage, ecosystems, and rural character. Battery Energy Storage Systems introduce new safety concerns, particularly related to fire risk, emergency response capacity, and proximity to homes, schools, and businesses.

These projects are frequently paired with new or expanded power lines and substations. Transmission infrastructure requires wide cleared corridors, long-term easements, and ongoing maintenance. While transmission lines are often discussed less publicly than generation projects, they can have equally significant and permanent impacts on landscapes, property values, and local planning.

The Impact Has Been Divisive and Often Negative

Across New York, communities report increased division among neighbors, strained relationships between residents and local officials, and growing distrust of the permitting process. Volunteer fire departments and emergency responders are asked to prepare for new risks without adequate funding or training. Farmers and landowners face uncertainty about long-term land use, while municipalities struggle with projects that do not align with local zoning or comprehensive plans.

Many residents are not opposed to renewable energy in principle. Instead, they object to the scale, siting, and speed of development, especially when it occurs without meaningful local input or adequate safeguards. Communities are asking reasonable questions about safety, environmental impacts, property values, and long-term responsibility once construction is complete.

This Is a Bipartisan Issue Across New York State

Opposition to poorly sited or oversized energy projects does not fall along party lines. In New York City neighborhoods, residents have raised concerns about BESS facilities near homes and schools. In suburban and rural areas, communities across the political spectrum have pushed back against wind turbines, solar fields, and transmission corridors.

From traditionally blue urban districts to deeply red rural counties, the message is consistent. People want a voice in decisions that affect their health, safety, property, and quality of life. This is not about ideology. It is about fairness, transparency, and respect for local communities.

Local Voices Have Been Weakened

A recurring concern across the state is the erosion of local control. New York's centralized siting framework allows state agencies to override local zoning laws for large-scale energy projects. While public comment periods exist, many residents feel the process is procedural rather than participatory, with outcomes largely decided before communities are heard.

Towns and counties that will live with these projects for decades often have limited authority to shape them. This has left many communities feeling disenfranchised, regardless of political affiliation.

A Shared Struggle and a Shared Responsibility

The challenges we face are shared by communities across New York State. Whether the project is wind, solar, battery storage, or transmission infrastructure, residents are asking the same fundamental questions. Who decides where these projects go. Who bears the risks. And why do local voices matter so little in the process.

We are not alone in raising these concerns. By standing together across regions and political lines, communities can continue to advocate for responsible energy planning that values safety, transparency, and local self determination.

News from Tully Free Library

We have some fun craft programs for youth at the end of March! Students in grades five through eight can join us on Monday, March 30 at noon for our kite making workshop, and teens in grades six through twelve can decorate light switch covers on Tuesday, March 31 at noon. Please register in advance so we have enough supplies for everyone.

The library will be closed on Wednesday, April 1st for a Staff Development Day. If you need to return materials that day, please use our book drop. Online resources are always open as well.

The Upstate Mobile Mammography Van returns to the library parking lot on Thursday, April 2nd, from 10 AM to 4 PM. You can call Upstate directly at 315-464-588 for an appointment.

Our Seed Library is open! We have a limited quantity of vegetable, fruit, flower and herb seeds. Households can take up to three packets of seeds this season. If you are someone who collects seeds, we would love to have you support our seed library with your leftovers!

Our New Books section is getting packed! Come check out what we have in adult fiction and non-fiction! We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Chicken BBQ

To Support

The Tully Hose Company

April 28th

11am till GONE!

\$11—Half

\$15—for Dinner