

**Town of Tully**  
**November 13, 2019**

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF TULLY  
TOWN HALL  
5833 MEETING HOUSE RD TULLY NY**

Members Present: Newly Elected Town Supervisor John Masters  
Councilor Frank Speziale  
Re-elected Councilor John Snavlin  
Absent: Councilor Christopher Chapman

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., Cheryl Wayne, Catherine Goodwin, Elizabeth Weinstein, Pam Teeter, Joe Pellettiere

7:30pm Newly Elected Town Supervisor John Masters called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

Before starting the meeting, Supervisor Masters wanted to make everyone aware, in the interest of transparency, at the budget meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>, they had worked with Bryan Ramsay regarding the transfer of his unused sick time to the retirement system, which would be a benefit to him and to the town. So they had agreed to do that. They also paid him for his unused vacation time. Also, not all his sick time could be transferred, so they extended his medical coverage to the end of the year which John felt was the right thing to do.

**RESOLUTION 83-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

**Floor – Public Input**

Cathy Goodwin wanted to let the board know that although she ran unopposed, it was an honor to have been elected, and she looks forward to working with each of the board members as well as serving the Tully community.

Cathy also asked the board to approve her attendance at the Newly Elected Officials training school in Albany sponsored by the Association of Towns on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> including the cost of mileage.

**RESOLUTION 84-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CATHERINE GOODWIN'S ATTENDANCE AT NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING SCHOOL IN ALBANY INCLUDING COST OF MILEAGE.**

**Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

Resident Joe Pellettiere asked about the status of abandoning Babcock Road. It was determined that it had been discussed last summer, maybe July, during the legal portion of the meeting. Mr. DeMore said it had to do with a turnaround for the bus and then abandoning a portion of the road. Brief discussion followed and John Herold said he would follow up with the owner of the property.

Next, Supervisor Masters advised the board that he had been asked to petition the DOT for a speed limit reduction around the lakes.

**RESOLUTION 85-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR WRITING A LETTER TO THE DOT ASKING FOR A REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH ON LONG ROAD, LAKE ROAD, GATEHOUSE AND WETMORE ROADS.**

**Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

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**Agenda Item 4 – Resignation of Tax Receiver**

**RESOLUTION 86-2019**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE TOWN TAX RECEIVER, AURELIA PELLETTIERE.**

**Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

Next, Supervisor Masters advised that he had had discussions in the past few months with regard to the Honeywell land, particularly, Fellows Falls and some of the more scenic areas. Honeywell is donating much of the land they hold in the Tully area to “not-for-profit” organizations. Some citizens have shown some interest in having the Town obtain the Fellows Falls area for preservation and potential public access for the future. John also indicated that he had had a brief conversation with a representative of the Central New York Land Trust who suggested a potential partnership. More info to follow in the Town newsletter.

**RESOLUTION 87-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**Financial Report**

Tom Chartrand reported that it had been a fairly quiet month. However, we did receive a refund from Worker’s Comp Alliance in the amount of \$1261; a NYMIR refund of \$112.71; and a very good month for ambulance recoveries, almost \$13,000. On the expenditure side, pretty quiet month although Tom did have some items to include on a transfer sheet which is included below:

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To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

AMBULANCE

From:

SM9060.8 Employee Benefits Health Insurance \$6,000.00

Total \$6,000.00  
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To:

SM4543.1 Ambulance (Overtime) Personal Services \$6,000.00

Total \$6,000.00  
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HIGHWAY Outside village

From:

DR511.4 Repairs Contractual \$340.00

Total \$340.00  
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To:

DR5110.1 Repairs Personal Services \$340.00

Total \$340.00  
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**RESOLUTION 88-2019**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT.** Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

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**RESOLUTION 89-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFERS.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**RESOLUTION 90-2019**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AN EARLY PAYROLL DATE OF 11/27 FOR DECEMBER'S PAYROLL.**

**Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

Supervisor Masters announced that we had received the host community fee from Cranesville Bloc of \$25,000.

**RESOLUTION 91-2019**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR THE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER MEETING.**

**Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.**

**Parks & Recreation**

Ryan Dando reported that the Cornfield Classic was held recently on the town fields, and it was a nice weekend for it so the fields were left in good shape. The basketball program is starting this week and the registration numbers are better than what they've been in the past. The games will be based out of Cortland this year, so a little different format. Other than that, it's been quiet.

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month
- We had a few repairs and had to put tires on the 6-wheeler
- We've been out seven times this year so far to clear snow on the roads
- Completed winterizing the bathrooms out back by the pavilion
- Cleanup Day went fairly well; still some abuse of it, but thought maybe we could come up with some ideas over the next few months to change it up a bit
- The heaters in the old garage are shot; three quotes received though Tom stated only two quotes were needed; John asked the board to authorize him to spend \$6670.00 to have the heaters replaced.

**NAME OF BIDDER**

**Address**

Holbrook Heating, Inc.  
J.Map Services

PO Box 555, Pompey, NY 13138  
PO Box 333, Pompey, NY 13138

**RESOLUTION 92-2019**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEND \$6670 FOR NEW HEATERS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE OLD HIGHWAY BUILDING BY**

**J.MAP SERVICES.** Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**Ambulance**

Newly appointed Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for October was 39.
2. Since my appointment, Bryan has come in a few times to help with the vouchers, paperwork and reports. This has been a great help with learning the job. He stated that anytime I have a question or I need him to come in and show me something, he is more than willing.
3. I have filled my previous position. The new firefighter/paramedic's name is Charles Iavarone. He started training on 11/11/2019, and will fall into rotation on 11/15/2019.
4. We have hired 2 additional part-time paramedics: Janelle Grant, who started on 11/7/2019, and Scott Spinner, who started on 11/4/2019.

**Fire**

Ed Wortley, Jr. reported that the fire commissioners interviewed four candidates for the open seat on the fire commission. They're having a meeting shortly and will decide on a candidate for the position. Brief discussion followed.

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**Legal**

Town Attorney Robert DeMore reported that the Town had been approached by Tetra Tech for three possible locations for solar panels in Tully, two on Route 11 and one on North Road. They're requesting an informal public information session for our December meeting. Brief discussion ensued after which Mr. DeMore suggested holding a public hearing that evening for proposed Local Law No. 1 which would be entitled, "A Local Law Imposing a Seven-Month Moratorium on all activities related to Commercial Solar Energy Systems within the Town of Tully, New York." Mr. DeMore suggested that this would give us time to analyze the laws Regional Planning is working on and perhaps change them to fit our situation in Tully. Brief discussion.

**RESOLUTION 93-2019**

**MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 IMPOSING A SEVEN-MONTH MORATORIUM ON ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF TULLY.** Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Continuing with legal, and the status of the Cranesville Bloc mine site and reclamation, Mr. DeMore stated that the insurance policy is being reviewed. Supervisor Masters stated that the original agreement called for the formation of a citizens committee which was not done. So he'd like to put some information in the newsletter about that and see if there's some interest in the community to do that.

Next, Mr. DeMore talked about the Deferred Compensation Plan for the town's municipal employees which is run by Statewide Insurance. He now has the contact information for the plan's administrator and will do some research as far as how to implement the plan for our town employees and get back to the board in December.

Next topic, Bob handed out sample copies of fee schedules for new housing and general construction for the Town of Tully. After a brief discussion, Bob said he would come up with a fee schedule for Tully in line with other towns' fees.

Mr. DeMore had done some research on the issues with the Village bridge and determined that it was the Town's responsibility. Highway Superintendent John Herold asked the board if it was possible to get a structural engineer or inspector to take a look at it and determine whether it's structurally sound. Mr. Chartrand stated there was \$1,000 in the engineering budget if needed. Mr. Masters asked about putting up some fencing. Brief discussion ensued after which Mr. Herold agreed to talk with the Village Superintendent, do some research and report to the board next month.

**RESOLUTION 94-2019**

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JOHN HEROLD TO SPEND UP TO \$1,000 ON ENGINEERING FEES TO ASSESS THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE BRIDGE.** Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**RESOLUTION 95-2019**

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20PM TO DISCUSS SOME PERSONNEL MATTERS, THE RESIGNATION OF OUR TAX COLLECTOR AND APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT.** Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**RESOLUTION 96-2019**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:38PM.** Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Supervisor Masters. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**RESOLUTION 97-2019**

**MOTION TO CREATE A POSITION OF DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES & ASSESSMENT.** Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

**RESOLUTION 98-2019**

**MOTION TO APPOINT CHERYL BRUNET AS DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES & ASSESSMENT STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020 AT A SALARY OF \$10,570.** Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

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**RESOLUTION 99-2019**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05PM. Motion by Supervisor Masters.  
Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0  
nays.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk