

Town of Tully
October 11, 2017

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
&
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

6:00PM

Members Present: Supervisor William A. Lund, Jr.
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman

Others present: Town Attorney Steven Primo, Financial Officer Tom Chartrand

Supervisor Lund opened the meeting. Councilor Speziale had a question regarding grant money that was to be used for new heating system upgrades for the town hall. He also commented that the train station is going to need some renovations in the future. Brief discussion followed.

Next, health insurance was discussed. Dave Edwards will be retiring from the town highway department effective January 1st, 2018. The town will be required to pay 80% of a single policy for Dave. John Herold has offered to give up his insurance for this year and maybe look at it again next year. Tom recommended that we put it into the "transfer to reserve" and start rebuilding that reserve, especially if we don't get our grant money. Otherwise, he suggested we use it to reduce taxes the following year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lund indicated that Frank Speziale had spoken to Laura Holt who advised that she would be willing to take a reduction in pay for 2018. This prompted discussion regarding using the SPCA for dog control services which would not only be a significant savings for the town, but also have the town participating in additional shared services. Lengthy discussion followed.

In conclusion, Mr. Chartrand advised that we are \$45,000 over the tax cap so we do need the tax cap override legislation in place.

RESOLUTION 60-17

MOTION TO MOVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET TO PRELIMINARY WITH THE CHANGES DISCUSSED DURING THE WORKSHOPS. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2017
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

7:00PM

Notice of this Public Hearing was published in the Post Standard on October 5, 2017 with same being posted at the Town Hall and on the sign board at the Tully Post Office.
Supervisor Lund called for questions or comments.

With no one wishing to comment, the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 61-17

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2017 REGARDING AN OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
LOCAL LAW NO. FOUR (4) OF THE YEAR 2017
REGARDING THE KEEPING OF SMALL FARM ANIMALS/FOWL**

7:10PM

Members Present: Supervisor William A. Lund, Jr.
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman

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Others present: Town Attorney Steven Primo, Nick & Gail Brennan, Brandon Finton, Linda Bayne, Jerry Doolittle, John McMahon, Todd Moss, Jenifer Moss, Mary Fenlon, Sarah Brown-Paul, Devin Shay, Sarah Panzarella, Nancy Hatch, C. Hackett, Will Hackett, Ed Wortley Jr., Richard Lipsky, Laura Holt, Erin Hull, Michael Vaccaro

Supervisor Lund declared the public hearing open at 7:10pm. Notice of the original public hearing on this proposed law was published in the Post Standard on September 10, 2017. Notice of the continued public hearing on the keeping of farm animals was posted on the sign boards in the town hall on September 14, 2017.

Mr. Primo addressed the meeting and responded to questions that Sarah Panzarella had sent in an email. He went on to explain that this proposed law does not affect any rights on property that's zoned agricultural. It's supposed to address the keeping of fowl in residential districts. Chickens generally are considered compatible in residential settings.

Question by resident: "So there were no hygiene-related complaints?"
Councilor Masters answered: "Oh, yes, there were." Discussion followed.

Supervisor Lund advised that the board was basically saying, "If you want chickens, keep them on your property."

Jennifer Moss introduced herself, and said that she has chickens and a rooster. . . . She asked the board to be cautious about how far reaching this law may be since it might affect many residents in the community.

John McMahon asked about an acreage limitation. Mr. Lund advised that that had been eliminated.

Todd Moss addressed the board regarding some inconsistencies in the proposed law. He also expressed his concerns about structures and how they align with current zoning, sanitary requirements, etc. . . . Discussion followed.

Gail Brennen spoke up and explained that it was her and her husband who had complained about their neighbors. She spoke at length of the issues they have had over time, about calling the Sheriff's Department, calling the Department of Health and environmental agencies about their neighbor's chickens.

Erin Luchsinger spoke up and said it's basically about being a good neighbor, which everyone agreed was the responsibility of the chicken owner.

John McMahon referred to the dog control law which basically outlines what you can and cannot do including having the dog under your control when they're off the property, and he suggested there should be something in the law that says animals in general need to be kept on your property.

Mr. Primo suggested making it a performance-based local law, addressing such issues as trespassing, picking up excrement, those kinds of things. He asked that he be given about two weeks to revise his rough draft of the law and address the issues discussed this evening. He hoped to be able to have it on the town website at that time. Discussion followed after which there was the following motion:

RESOLUTION 62-17

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW
REGARDING SMALL FARM ANIMALS TO THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 7:00PM.

Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 nays.

8:00PM

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

Members Present: Supervisor William A. Lund, Jr.
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Steven Primo, Highway Superintendent John Herold, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, John McMahon, Michael Vaccaro, Laura Holt, Ed Wortley Jr., Cheryl Wayne

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH & SEPTEMBER 27TH. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand advised the board they needed to make a motion to set a public hearing for November 8th at 7:25pm to adopt the budget.

RESOLUTION 63-17

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 8TH AT 7:25PM ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF TULLY FOR THE YEAR 2018. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Mr. Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of September and reported on town clerk fees, court fines and ambulance recoveries. Expenses were quiet.

Tom mentioned a transfer sheet which is included below:

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To: Town Board
From: Tom Chartrand
Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL	Townwide		
From:			
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	500.00
		Total	\$500.00
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To:			
A1410.4	Town Clerk	Contractual	500.00
		Total	\$500.00
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HIGHWAY	Outside Village		
From:			
DE599	Surplus	PAVE NY & EWR Programs	\$19,218.00
		Total	\$19,218.00
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To:			
DE5150.2	Improvements	Construction	\$19,218.00

	Total	\$19,218.00
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AMBULANCE		
From:		
SM4540.1	Ambulance(FF/EMT)	Personal Services 771.00
SM4542.1	Ambulance(PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services 1,300.00
SM9950.9	Transfer to Reserve	Intrafund Transfer 1,929.00
	Total	\$4,000.00
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To:		
SM4543.1	Ambulance(Overtime)	Personal Services 4,000.00
	Total	\$4,000.00
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RESOLUTION 64-17
MOTION APPROVING THE TRANSFERS INCLUDED ABOVE. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 65-17
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Parks & Recreation

Ryan advised the board that he was trying to move forward with the well issue at Green Lake with a new UV system and a new well onsite totaling \$10,840. Tom advised that you would need three quotes subject to prevailing wage and all the insurance requirements. Brief discussion followed.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; some minor breakdowns
- Continuing with roadwork, ditching and some brush work
- All salt and sand has been delivered and is onsite
- We will be closing up the bathrooms on October 21st and winterizing
- John mentioned that the picnic tables had been moved. Ryan informed everyone that he had an Eagle Scout who was required to do a project and so was interested in refinishing the picnic tables and the benches along the walking path.
- Continuing with his report, John mentioned that Cleanup Day went well; brief discussion
- John also talked to someone about a roofing quote for the shop on Lincoln
- The '08 F-350 that went to auction – received \$11,140 for it
- Like to put the 2009 International with a plow online and surplus it and get it auctioned off; brief discussion

RESOLUTION 66-17
MOTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL WITH THE PLOW AND AUTHORIZING JOHN TO PUT IT UP FOR AUCTION AND SET A RESERVE OF \$25,000. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Next, Supervisor Lund spoke briefly about requests for stop signs on several roads in the town. Brief discussion followed after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 67-17
MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST FROM ALL AGENCIES HAVING JURISDICTION THAT STOP SIGNS BE PUT UP ON A CROSS SECTION OF WETMORE ROAD. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Mr. Lund also asked the board members for some input on a request from Randy Lovesky that the speed limit on Rt. 281 at the Nice N Easy to the Cortland County line be reduced from 55 to 45 miles per hour. John McMahon suggested that when residents on Strong Road requested a speed limit reduction, a petition was signed by residents which may have had a bit more of an impact with respect to the DOT's decision to ultimately reduce the speed limit. Mr. Lund agreed and will make that suggestion to Mr. Lovesky.

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Ambulance

Bryan reported on ambulance activities:

- EMS calls for September were 44
- The second CPR/AED training course was held today for 15 people including Tully library staff and some staff from Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer who were unable to attend the first session
- I think that the Onondaga County Personnel Department has contacted our part time staffers who have not been available for shifts. We had one work last weekend and another is working on the 21st of this month.
- I recently had conversation with Tom about the current budget expenditures. I will be looking at our expenditures both for supplies and payroll on a weekly basis to assure that we stay within the current budget.
- The career staff held our annual muscular dystrophy association's "Firefighter Fill the Boot" drive this past weekend and collected \$3,421.00 which brings our four-year total to \$15,352.00. This is an excellent amount for such a small community and says a lot about the people we serve. We would like to put an article in the Town paper advising of the amounts and thanking everyone who participated.

Fire

Ed Wortley Jr. reported that they had not sold the truck as was previously discussed. He also reported that the sewer line was being dug up again. Brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Lund reported that anyone interested in any of the open positions on the various boards should submit their resume by October 31st.

Mr. Lund also reported on plans for dog control services for the upcoming year. In our present budget we approved tonight, we're going to align ourselves with the CNY SPCA, and it's partially because of cost cutting, and it falls in line with shared services that our governor and county executive are pushing for.

Floor

John McMahon reported that there was an article in *Towns & Topics* involving the Constitutional Convention which happens to be a proposition on the ballot in November. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 68-17

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE, LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2017. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

(The complete text of the law is included at the end of these minutes.)

Legal

Town attorney Steven Primo advised the board they needed to adopt a law involving the cold war veterans' exemption which would be proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2017. Mr. Primo and Mr. Chartrand explained that there was a sunset provision which provided for it to expire in ten years. So proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2017 would be to remove the exemption restriction of ten years and continue the exemption for the cold war veterans under Real Property Tax Law 458-B. Discussion followed after which came the following motion:

RESOLUTION 69-17

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 ON THE COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION AT 7:20PM ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 2017. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Next, Mr. Primo explained to the board that Mr. Greenwood, who was a member of the grievance board of assessment review, could no longer be on that board without residency in Tully. Mr. Primo said he would contact Mike Greenwood and let him know.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro,
Town Clerk