

Town of Tully
November 8, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE 2018 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Lund declared the public hearing open at 7:25pm. After a brief explanation and no comments from the floor, there was the following motion:

RESOLUTION 70-17
MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:27PM ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2018. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

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

Absent: Councilor Christopher Chapman

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Steven Primo, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Chairperson Gary Heymann, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, Jerry Doolittle, Michael Vaccaro, Ed Wortley II, Ed Berkeley-Hitt (Tully Rotary), Terri Murray, Johanna McKenna (Rotary), Joyce Snavlin, Hal Brown (Rotary), Peter Cardamone (Rotary), Joseph Pellettiere

7:30pm Supervisor Lund called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11TH MEETING. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of October and reported on receipt of the NYMIR insurance recovery for the water damage in the town hall, sale of the 2008 stake rack truck for \$11,000. Expenses were quiet.

Tom reviewed a transfer sheet which is included below:

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

GENERAL	Townwide		
From:			
A599	Surplus	Insurance Recovery	4,100.00
A1620.2	Buildings	Equipment	400.00
A1910.4	Insurance	Contractual	2,000.00
A1950.4	Taxes	Contractual	300.00
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	2,500.00
A7320.1	Joint Youth Project	Personal Services	700.00
		Total	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
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To:				
A1620.4	Buildings	Contractual	4,100.00	
A1930.4	Judgments&Claims	Contractual	5,200.00	
A7320.4	Joint Youth Project	Contractual	700.00	
		Total	\$10,000.00	=====
HIGHWAY	Townwide			
From:				
DM599	Surplus	Sale of Equipment	\$6,000.00	
		Total	\$6,000.00	=====
To:				
DM5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$6,000.00	
		Total	\$6,000.00	=====
AMBULANCE				
From:				
SM9060.8	Employee Benefits	Health Insurance	5,500.00	
		Total	\$5,500.00	=====
To:				
SM4541.1	Ambulance(PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services	500.00	
SM4543.1	Ambulance(Overtime)	Personal Services	5,000.00	
		Total	\$5,500.00	=====

RESOLUTION 71-17

MOTION APPROVING THE TRANSFERS INCLUDED ABOVE. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 72-17

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Next on the agenda, approving the 2018 budget. Tom briefly discussed health insurance for which there was a handout. Brief discussion followed after which Tom was going to do some research and get back to the board. He asked that they continue the meeting and come back to him later.

Supervisor Lund suggested we skip to agenda item number 6 and asked for a motion to hold a public hearing for the proposed local law involving the cold war veterans exemption.

RESOLUTION 73-17

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 13TH AT 7:25 FOR THE LOCAL LAW INVOLVING THE COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Rotary Presentation

Hal Brown announced to the board that Tully Rotary has been working on a project which would involve putting up a digital sign. NYS DOT suggested a spot in front of the Best Western where a "Gateway Sign" could be erected. The sign would benefit the Town of Tully, the Village of Tully and the nonprofit organizations that have events.

Johanna McKenna spoke next regarding the number of municipalities that do have gateway signs. It is going to require funding and probably less than \$1,000 a year to maintain it.

The initial cost would be around \$42,000 for the sign and the site prep, the base and electrical hookup and the shell that goes around it.

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Hal Brown offered that the Village of Tully has agreed to handle the legal paperwork, the applications involved with the DOT, etc. It's the financial part of the project for which they would have to look elsewhere.

Peter Cardamone spoke about the number of community groups that have been approached and discussed erecting a gateway sign. The Tully Arts Council, the churches, the historical society have all been involved in the discussions and have an interest in this project.

Councilor Speziale asked several questions including who would actually own the sign and who would pay for repairs if something went wrong with the sign. Discussion followed.

Mr. Primo spoke about how Kinney's had. . . at the time their message board was approved by the planning board and at the time the sign went up, there was to be so much community messaging vs. private messaging. And in reality, it's probably been mostly private. I would think maybe if the town were to give Kinney's, and Nice N Easy as well, more latitude on their message boards and maybe even to increase their size, and in exchange, have them finance the acquisition cost of this gateway sign. They could be released from the obligation in their approval that hasn't really been enforced. Additional discussion followed after which Supervisor Lund asked Mr. Primo if he would speak with both businesses, and he agreed to do so.

(Continuing with Financial) Tom reported that he had researched the issue, and the 2018 budget would be the same as the preliminary budget. There was one minor change, but not enough to affect anything significantly, so they could go ahead and approve the budget.

RESOLUTION 74-17

MOTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WITH THE CHANGES NOTED FOR THE GENERAL FUND, INSURANCE AND THE APPROPRIATED SURPLUS IN THE HIGHWAY BUDGET AS THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2018. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 75-17

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE CNYSPCA FOR DOG CONTROL FOR THE SUM OF \$4900 A YEAR. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Agenda Item No. 7

Mr. Primo explained to the board the revisions he had made with regard to the proposed local law on small animals and fowl. He took a step back and went to more subjective provisions that deal with the effects of that kind of operation such as odor, noise, trespass and things like that and separated out four or five areas that would be regulated. Supervisor Lund then advised that it was his intent to then give it to the board, and if they were in agreement, get it on the website and call for any comments online. Then the public hearing could be scheduled for January. And Steve suggested having any comments in writing beforehand. All were in agreement on that.

Parks & Recreation

Gary Heymann reported this evening on Parks & Rec activities:

- We have an additional water testing requirement
- Estimate is close to \$9,000 and Ryan has all the quotes
- Rec basketball began this Monday and we have enough coaches
- The online registration that Ryan started is going really well and we've had a great response
- In January, we'd like to bring back the youth wrestling program
- We will have a recommendation for the board as to the open seat on our parks and rec board; that should be finalized at our December meeting

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Another good month; couple of significant repairs
- Replaced tires on the 2011 and 2014 stake rack pickups
- Winterized the bathrooms out back
- The tractor is at the fire barn with the snow blower on it
- Our equipment is ready for winter, and we may be using it for the first time on Friday
- We're back to a five-day workweek

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Ambulance

Bryan reported on ambulance activities:

- EMS calls for October were 33
- James LeMessurier has started his drivers training and is working both Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This is a great help to us as we are now able to staff two ambulances completely those days.
- In tonight's vouchers, we had repairs to A-2 which had a fuel leak, and the backup alarm was replaced. We are repairing only what is absolutely necessary on that ambulance until next year. There is no question that the ambulance is within compliance with the NYS Health Department Standards.
- I am an instructor with the National Safety Council, and in December, I will be teaching their course called Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO-4). I taught version 3 about 4 years ago, and now the National Safety Council has updated the course. This is a very important course that teaches all aspects of emergency driving and situations that the emergency driver may come in contact with. I have required all EMS drivers to complete the course. Upon completion, some private insurance companies have given a participant a discount on their private vehicle insurance.

Fire

Ed Wortley Jr. reported that the hole has been filled in. It was a venting problem. Brief discussion followed.

Ed also asked that the board give the commissioners notice when they have to pay money back for a settlement on an assessment. Brief discussion followed after which it was agreed that that would be done going forward.

Appointments

Supervisor Lund reported that there are two people interested in the fire commissioner position, Art Rienhardt and Jeff Rothery. I've asked John Masters and Chris Chapman to sit down, interview each candidate, and come back to the December meeting and make a recommendation.

RESOLUTION 76-17

MOTION TO APPOINT MIKE VACCARO TO THE ZBA FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, HANS CHRISTOPHERSON TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A SEVEN-YEAR TERM AND ROBERT HYNES TO THE GRIEVANCE BOARD FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Floor

Nothing this evening

Legal

Town attorney Steven Primo just wanted to remind the board about a priority use agreement, when we were dealing with the baseball group, which he is finalizing. It's going to come up when we talk about the issue of advertising on the fence. Brief discussion followed. It was agreed that any advertising monies from the sale of signage would have to be dedicated to maintenance and improvements. Further discussion will follow at a later time as Steve finishes the agreement.

John Herold had a question regarding the bond for the truck and the ambulance. Tom Chartrand reminded everyone that we're doing one bond for both vehicles. Steve suggested scanning the quotes to him so he can get the process started and then refer it to bond counsel.

Supervisor Lund advised we can have a meeting on November 21st if needed for any documents, etc. related to the bond.

With no one else wishing to comment, there came the following motion:

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Speziale) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro,
Town Clerk