

Town of Tully
February 8, 2017

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 Christopher Chapman
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor John Masters

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Courtney Hills,
Parks & Rec Board Member Gary Heymann, Highway Superintendent John Herold,
Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, The Tully News Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley,
and John McMahon, Trudy Krewson and Terry Murray

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN.
Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters,
Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

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

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand reviewed the December 2016 report including the fund balance recaps on page 4,
the bonding on page 5, the highway fund on page 8, and the ambulance fund on page 10.
Tom also reviewed the transfer sheet dated February 8th which is included below.

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To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

HIGHWAY Outside Village

From:
DR599 Surplus 2016 Closing Balance \$53,000.00

Total \$53,000.00

To:
DR5110.4 General Repairs Construction \$53,000.00

Total \$53,000.00

AMBULANCE

From:
SM599 Surplus Insurance Recovery \$5,200.00
SM599 Surplus 2016 Closing Balance 4,000.00

Total \$9,200.00

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| To: | | | |
| SM4544.4 | Repair Equipment | Contractual | 5,200.00 |
| SM9950.9 | Transfer to Reserve | Intrafund Transfer | 4,000.00 |
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| | | Total | \$9,200.00 |
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RESOLUTION 4-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 REPORT. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Tom reviewed the January report for which, he reported, there was not a lot going on.

RESOLUTION 5-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2017 REPORT. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 6-2017

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFERS DATED FEBRUARY 8TH. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Parks and Recreation

Gary Heymann reported on the following activities in the absence of Ryan Dando:

- + Indoor baseball program
- + Rec basketball has gone well
- + Wrestling is ongoing
- + As far as plans for the summer, parks and rec is planning a games camp for the elementary kids
- + We'd also like to restart an arts program which ran for awhile in past summers

Highway

John Herold reviewed highway activities as follows:

- + Been out plowing 24 times in January
- + Had a few repairs to deal with
- + Prepared the 284 agreement with the County and handed it to Mr. Lund
- + John also reported that the County had replaced windows in the shop, and that three overhead doors are scheduled to be replaced this Friday
- + The Ice Fest is scheduled for February 18th
- + John advised that he would like to replace the old stake rack truck. Brief discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 7-2017

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JOHN HEROLD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY TO SPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 284 AGREEMENT. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 8-2017

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JOHN HEROLD TO PURCHASE A NEW STAKE RACK TRUCK. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Ambulance

Captain Bryan Ramsay gave an ambulance report on the following:

- + EMS calls for January were 32
- + There was a recall on the cardiac monitor/defibrillator for a software update.
- + On November 14, 2016 Governor Cuomo signed into law a bill that takes effect in March that requires the department to check the sex offender registry when first responders apply for membership with the ambulance.

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- ✦ Bryan reported that A-1 is scheduled to go to Northside Collision on February 21, 2017 for body work as a result of the collision he had previously reported on.
- ✦ EMS agencies of all types are struggling across New York State in the face of tremendous change. Some are beginning to doubt the sustainability of EMS service . . . in some communities like the Town of Otisco. A study has found that most New Yorkers are largely unaware of this struggle . . . Last year in New York State, 25 ambulance services went out of business, 2 of which are in the Central New York region.
- ✦ EMS is not an essential service in NYS. Communities want EMS service, but don't want to pay for it.
- ✦ Some challenges for EMS in this state are: aging population, chronic illness, end of life care at home, Alzheimer's and Dementia in the elderly . . . and obesity.
- ✦ EMS workforce is aging -- both volunteer and paid - average age is over 40 in New York State.
- ✦ Bureau of EMS training and support activities severely limited by cash ceiling budget constraints.
- ✦ As the number of paid agencies expands, they are all competing for the same pool of responders, i.e. Lafayette Ambulance District.

Fire

Ed Wortley advised the board that Steve Shahan is still the fire chief. Additionally, the department is applying for a grant for a fire hose in order to be in compliance. Brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Lund asked that before we get to the "Floor" portion of the meeting that the resolution for the justice court records audit be made.

RESOLUTION 9-2017

Motion was made by Councilor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin that in compliance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, the Town Board has reviewed the justice court records for fiscal year 2016 and the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Town as required by law. This motion was made at a meeting of the Town Board on the 8th day of February, 2017, all councilmen and supervisor voting in favor.

Floor

Resident Terry Murray spoke of the Tully community and its many resources. She has also become a member of the Tully Action Group. She mentioned to the board that there has been some talk about an electronic sign being placed at one of the intersections in Tully to promote some of the happenings going on in the community. Another thing that's been discovered is this website that hosts community calendars, and you can choose the calendars that you want to interact with. Terry also advised the board that if realtors who sell in this area are aware of this tool, they can direct anyone to this website who is looking to buy a home in this area or start a business who then can key in the zip code which will bring up everything that is on this Tully community webpage. T.A.G. is looking for some support from the community on this. Brief discussion followed with questions by board members.

Terry also suggested Airbnb as a way to bring people in and to discover the areas of Tully and its many resources. There were comments by board members and Courtney Hills as far as the possible legal aspects and whether there were any local laws regulating such uses in the town. Terry mentioned she had been in contact with someone from Honeywell regarding their property on Tully Farms Road and the several waterfalls and possible hiking trails in the vicinity. Resident John McMahon mentioned that the Honeywell property had been the subject of discussions with the Comprehensive Plan committee several years ago. Discussion followed after which Mr. Lund suggested that perhaps he could get the contact phone number and try approaching Honeywell again as far as obtaining some of the property for recreational use by Tully residents.

Legal

Courtney had nothing to report this evening.

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Supervisor Lund raised the issue of the I-81 resolution as towns in Onondaga County were asked to give an opinion regarding whether the highway should remain in the existing alignment or be changed to a street level thoroughfare through the City of Syracuse. Mr. Lund asked for the feelings of the board members. There was a brief discussion after which the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 10-2017

The intent of the Town of Tully Board regarding the need to maintain the existing alignment of Interstate 81 through Syracuse follows:

- 1) For the last 50 years Interstate Rt. 81 has served as a vital backbone for the economy and welfare of Central New York
- 2) Interstate Rt. 81 provides necessary links to downtown Syracuse, our Hospitals, Syracuse University, Destiny U.S.A., Hancock Airport and our many neighbors to the North
- 3) Removing the Highway (Rt.81) as it exists today would create an adverse condition to the quality of life in the immediate area and access as it is today to the above mentioned locations

Resolved that the Town of Tully Board keep the existing configuration of Highway Rt. 81, remain an Interstate and keep the same alignment through the City of Syracuse
Motion by Councilor Speziale. Seconded by Councilor Masters.

W. Lund - Yes
Chris Chapman - Yes
John Snavlin - Yes
Frank Speziale - Yes
John Masters -- Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25PM. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro,
Town Clerk