

Town of Tully
August 8, 2018

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

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

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Steven Primo, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, County Legislator David Knapp, and residents Joe Pellettiere, David Franke, Deb & Scott Turner, Mary Thompson

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11TH MEETING.

Before the minutes were approved, Councilor Speziale had one correction. On page 2, third paragraph from the bottom, the sentence should read, "cancer bill to provide insurance mandated for career staff."

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 11TH WITH THE CORRECTION NOTED.
Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

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

RESOLUTION 39-2018

MOTION TO APPROVE JANIS HARTNETT'S REQUEST TO ATTEND THE COURT CLERKS' CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER, COST NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT.

Parks & Recreation

Ryan Dando reported on the following:

- Issues going on with the bathrooms at Green Lake, though the water has been good and the well has been good, but we're down to one restroom and one changing room because the toilets in the girls' bathroom are not working properly. Plumber has come in twice a month, and the well company has come in at least twice, and I'm not getting any answers. I have Rick Shaw coming in on Friday and hope to get some answers then. Brief discussion followed with questions and comments by board members.
- Councilor Snavlin raised an issue regarding the trail going down to the lake. Again, discussion followed with suggestions and comments.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month
- One minor repair
- Road repairs and improvements
- Started roadside mowing again
- Still have to get sand in for winter
- CHIPS forms filled out so reimbursements should be coming in September/October
- The new truck to be delivered next week

Ambulance

Captain Bryan Ramsay reported on ambulance activities:

- Number of EMS calls for July - 46.
- I attended the monthly Onondaga County EMS Directors Meeting at the NYS Fairgrounds where we reviewed the "surge activation procedures".

This procedure covers how EMS units will respond to the fairgrounds, and by way of mutual aid, into other response areas if a major incident were to occur.

- In past years there was the Labor Day Storm and Dollar Day incidents that caused units from the entire county to respond to a mutual aid area. The most recent incident was the Dollar Days at the fair with a very high outside temperature and very high humidity causing several fairgoers to have medical problems. We ended up doing calls in the City of Syracuse and East Syracuse area.
- Have noticed a surge in calls for street drugs
- Overtime pretty much used up, but we're trying to pull some money from other accounts so we don't go over budget with the overtime

Fire

Councilor Speziale spoke about volunteer firefighter cancer insurance. The plan for the coverage will be approximately \$250 per firefighter. Brief discussion followed.

Floor

David Franke spoke last month about his well running dry and came this evening to give the town board an update. He reported that he had talked to his neighbors on Tully Farms Road. His nearest neighbor has also lost water. His well has run dry. So Mr. Franke was not sure what the next step would be. Councilor Masters asked about the advice given to him by Steve Primo last month. And Mr. Franke reported that he had called the DEC and the Onondaga County Health Department, but had not heard back from either of them yet. Lengthy discussion followed with questions by board members and comments by Mr. Primo.

Next, Scott Turner spoke to the board as a resident who lives across from the mine. Mr. Turner was concerned about the hydraulic issue. The mine operates supposedly under NY State Environmental Law, and he felt there are a considerable number of noncompliance issues. There's a considerable amount of dust and noise. He didn't feel the noise abatement berms were working. So Mr. Primo suggested he go down to the DEC office on Erie Boulevard and ask to meet with someone there to have your questions answered. Steve also stated that there are noise provisions in the permit and that there should be an insurance policy in place. Further discussion ensued.

Councilor Speziale asked if Dependable is going to honor Feher's rates for the remainder of the year. Supervisor Lund responded in the negative. Brief discussion followed regarding recent trash issues occurring in the town such as some trash being picked up and some being left.

Southern Onondaga Trash District

Tom Chartrand spoke about the changes in the district with Dependable Disposal winning the bid for trash collection. SOTS has adopted one level for everybody up to 96 gallons. There will be both a trash bin and a recycling bin for each resident. There are approximately 6,000 properties in the trash district made up of the four towns of Fabius, Pompey, Lafayette and Tully. Tully has about 1500 of those properties. It will cost \$300 per year per resident. August 15th will be the first mailing out to residents to inform them of the changes. Lengthy discussion followed.

County Legislature Updates

Legislator David Knapp reported to the board on several topics including a delay in the balance of the \$35,000 to be used for the remainder of the AC installation and the paving of the walking path. David also talked about the snow plow contract which, seven or eight years ago, had been an issue between the towns and the county to the point where some towns had pulled out of it altogether. Several legislators got together with Chairman McMahan and developed a new contract, agreeable to all. So those issues have been resolved. And what we added specifically was a severity factor, so that for tough winters, it gave a bonus to the towns. Just a quick update on the big power line that comes down through the eastern side of town, the public service commission came to NYSEG and said, basically, to go back and redo the application and resubmit it. Brief discussion followed.

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reported on court fines which are close to budget; mortgage tax is almost \$8,000 down; ambulance recoveries are coming in strong. On the expense side, the highway abstract 7 is \$112,000 which looks quite high, but about \$65,000 of that is the CHIPS reimbursement which we should get in September.

RESOLUTION 40-2018

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2018.

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

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RESOLUTION 41-2018

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE OUR TOWN ATTORNEY TO DRAFT THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE LAW AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 7PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 42-2018

MOTION TO SET BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6PM AND OCTOBER 10TH AT 6PM. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Legal

Town attorney Steve Primo suggested that at the next meeting the board should adopt a sexual harassment policy. Brief discussion.

NYCLASS

Tom Chartrand explained to the board about a program that some municipalities around the state are taking advantage of. It's an intermunicipal agreement that allows funds to be pooled with other municipalities. The money is sent to the NYCLASS program. They invest in bonds, state bonds, etc. anything that we're allowed to invest in. We directly get the return on the investment from those bonds, so it's a considerably higher interest rate than what we're getting now from the banks. Discussion followed with questions and comments by board members. Mr. Chartrand suggested that if this program is something the board is interested in, they would need to make a motion authorizing him to enter into a contract with NYCLASS.

RESOLUTION 43-2018

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE OUR TOWN ACCOUNTANT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NYCLASS SUBJECT TO OUR ATTORNEY'S REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTS. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:10PM TO DISCUSS PROPOSED LITIGATION. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30PM. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk