

Town of Tully
April 10, 2019

**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

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Rec Board Member Gary Heymann, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay and Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13TH MEETING. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

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

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand started off with receipts and disbursements for March which he said were quiet this month. Court fines were actually better than last month. Tom reported that ambulance recoveries came in about where we would expect. As far as the main report, his only concern was with regard to the ambulance overtime. There was also a budget transfer sheet which Tom discussed briefly. It is in regard to **SOTS** revenues and is included below:

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

General	Townwide		Amount
From:			
A510	Estimated Revenues	SOTS Taxes	\$335,075.00
		Total	<u>\$335,075.00</u>
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To:			
A8160.4	Refuse and Garbage	Contractual	\$335,075.00
		Total	<u>\$335,075.00</u>
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RESOLUTION 26-19

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

(Continuing) Tom advised the board that he had spoken with our county legislator, Dave Knapp, who wanted him to mention "early voting" which will be eleven days prior to election. Brief discussion. Tom also mentioned the aid in maintenance to the towns (AIM) which will continue, but the funds will be coming from the county sales tax. In addition, Tom reported

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that **CHIPS** was renewed at nearly the same rate as last year. **PAVE NY** is going to continue as well, but the extreme winter severity program is gone as far as road repairs. The severity program for plowing hasn't been established yet. The check for snow plowing for November through April should be coming soon. That's just for half the year for now.

RESOLUTION 27-19

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019.

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

Agenda Item Number 4

RESOLUTION 28-19

MOTION THAT THE BOARD HAS SUFFICIENTLY AUDITED THE TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND VERIFIED THAT ALL MONIES COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER TOWN OFFICIALS. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Parks & Recreation

Gary Heymann reported this evening on Parks & Rec activities:

- Baseball and softball programs will begin the week after the Spring break if weather cooperates
- Registrations for summer camps will begin on May 1st; residents may use the online registration or the paper registration
- Moo Run is set for June 8th at the base of Song Mountain
- Plans for the lake are moving along. We're in good shape with the lifeguards, but we do need to increase the WSIs (Water Safety Instructors)
- Some work will be done on the bathrooms prior to the opening.
- We're going to open just for the weekend June 23rd. And then we're open full time June 29th and we begin our lessons after that. We're up to six levels of lessons at this point. Lessons begin in July for the first group and then the second group is at the end of July.
- We have a new program called **Music in the Park**, and we're looking to provide concerts on Sunday evenings between 6:30 and 8pm at Cornerstone Park; the Parks and Rec board met and decided to provide some startup money for this program in an amount not to exceed \$700.00. And if it works well, we will put it in our budget for next year.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Crew was out plowing and sanding 15 times in March
- Just had one major repair on the 2011 sander, a motor control; our repairs have been less thanks to Elmo and others; we've been doing a lot of repairs inhouse so cost is less
- Did some roof repairs on the salt shed, and the roof on the bathrooms out back here is complete
- Started sweeping and ditching
- Making preparations for summer work
- Turned on the water in the bathrooms out here and had to install a meter on the inlet, so Ryan had water for his baseball outing; the mayor and the village superintendent want another meter on that ball field. Discussion followed regarding monitoring the water usage only, and not charging for it, but the village is charging the town for water usage at Cornerstone Park.
- We still have some lawn repairs.
- Earth Day will be April 26th and 27th this year; the garage will be open from 9am to noon on Saturday only for dropoffs
- Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 11th, from 9am to 3pm. No TVs or yard waste.

RESOLUTION 29-19

MOTION TO DECLARE THE PICKUP TRUCK AS SURPLUS AND PUT A RESIDUAL VALUE OF \$4,000 ON IT INCLUDING THE PLOW. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 30-19

MOTION TO DECLARE THE 1985 CHAMPION GRADER SURPLUS AND PUT A RESIDUAL VALUE OF \$5,000 ON IT. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

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RESOLUTION 31-19

MOTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS THE TAMCO ROLLER AND PUT A RESIDUAL VALUE OF \$1,000 ON IT. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Ambulance

Captain Bryan Ramsay reported on the following:

- EMS calls for March is 30. We have noticed an increase in the ambulance billing income for the first two months of this year. In 2017, we billed 60 patients for a total of \$53,589.00 and this year we have billed 52 patients for a total of \$58,152.00. If you remember, the Board approved a rate increase in our billing effective 1/1/2019.
- We took delivery of the new iPad computer for completing our patient care reports, and it is working out very well.
- I interviewed Chris Cullen for a part-time paramedic position on March 21st. Chris is presently an employee and supervisor at Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corp (GBAC). He has accepted the position and will be starting this month. I also have another tentative employee that I will be interviewing within the next few weeks. This person is employed full time at AMR in the City of Syracuse. He is presently the only name on the civil service list.
- The Lafayette Ambulance has been reduced to a Basic Life Support ambulance effective April 4, 2019. The State of New York pulled their Advanced Life Support status due to their narcotics license being expired as of February of this year. They never sent in the renewal paperwork to continue using narcotics, and the health department has a requirement that if you do not carry narcotics, then you are a BLS ambulance. This not only hurts my plans of using Lafayette Ambulance to help cover some of our open shifts for ALS coverage, but we will be going to Lafayette to cover their ALS calls more frequently.
- I received notification of a relay race that will be taking place May 16, 2020. This relay race is called **Peak to Brew**, and it will start in Cortland County at Greek Peak in Virgil and go approximately 65 miles to the Empire Farm Brewery in Cazenovia. Because this is a relay race, each leg of the race will go 2 to 3 hours and be completed in about 12 hours. They will have 15 teams with a total of 50 runners. There will be no need for any road closures as the runners will be running against traffic and will be obeying all traffic and pedestrian rules and regulations. They have obtained all the appropriate DOT permits including Permit 33A which has been filed for the event. On Saturday, May 18, 2019 the director of the race will be trailing this course. I have a packet for Ryan as an FYI only.
- I would like the Board to approve the purchase of 3 modems and a data plan for each of our heart monitors. We have modems that stopped working last Fall, and we knew we would have to replace them because they were 3G, and Verizon shut down the 3G service last Fall. It has taken up until this month for Verizon to come up with a 4G modem that will work in our monitors. The Verizon data plan is an annual cost of \$209.00 per modem which is \$17.42 for unlimited data per month. And the AT&T data plan is \$314.00 per modem which is \$26.17 for unlimited data per month. The total cost is \$2,796.00 for everything. I have the cost covered in the 2019 Budget because we knew this was coming. The cost will come from the ambulance equipment line of the budget which the iPad will be charged to. Tonight's financial report shows \$7,911.00 in the account, but again, the iPad and accessories come to \$1,102.99, and the Board approved "not to exceed \$1,200.00" at the February meeting.

RESOLUTION 32-19

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE MODEMS WITH DATA PLANS AND DECLARING THEM A SOLE SOURCE DUE TO COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,796.00. Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Fire

Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley reported that they are looking to do some refinancing for the fire station. Brief discussion.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore advised the board that copies of a sexual harassment policy had been distributed by email. He stated it's a basic policy that the board should adopt with a resolution and then have all town employees read and sign off on it.

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RESOLUTION 33-19

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AFOREMENTIONED SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY . Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

(Continuing with Legal) Bob also mentioned that Supervisor Lund had asked him to do some research regarding Babcock Road. Bob cited Highway Law Section 205 which states that after 6 years, if a road is not used, it's abandoned. Bob referred to a copy of the tax map showing where Babcock Road ends. He said we could establish a line at the southerly end of the used portion of Babcock, and then abandon the road all the way down to Truxton Hill, and then residents on either side of the road would own the property. No need to establish deeds in this case. Further discussion ensued regarding the turnaround.

On another topic regarding block grants, Bob advised that Tully hasn't been eligible for a long time. Community Development and Onondaga County Planning are looking at adjusting the census tract maps so that Tully, possibly east of Rt. 81, might qualify. So Bob told the board he would keep them posted on any updates. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Lund mentioned one last thing: LED streetlights. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 34-19

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL GRID REGARDING THE LED STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT . Motion by Councilor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 35-19

MOTION AUTHORIZING COURT CLERK CINDY WOODFORD TO ATTEND CLERK TRAINING IN ALBANY AND FOR THE TOWN TO COVER THE HOTEL AND MILEAGE EXPENSE. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Masters, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk