

Town of Tully
August 14, 2019

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

Members Present: Acting Supervisor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor John Snavlin

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, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., Village Mayor Melissa Flint-Morgan, David Knapp – Chairman of the County Legislature, and residents Catherine Goodwin, Erin Goodfellow, Marianne Ralbovsky and Terri Murray

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

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10TH MEETING. Motion by Councilor Chapman. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Floor

Marianne Ralbovsky spoke on behalf of the Tully Council for the Arts, and asked the board if they would consider being a municipal partner in a grant application. She explained that this is a place-making grant, so it's about doing something artistic that is specifically in an area designated as an art district, which the village is. The area around the traffic light has been designated as such. All that it requires is that the board say they are in favor of this project. Various partners in the district as well as outside the district are having banners designed for the businesses. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. DeMore asked for a copy of the grant application and Mrs. Ralbovsky agreed to do that.

RESOLUTION 51-19

MOTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE TULLY ARTS COUNCIL ON THIS PROJECT, THE "OUR TOWN FISCAL YEAR 2020 GRANT APPLICATION." Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

Terri Murray spoke next on behalf of Partners in Motion, the group that sponsored the Music in the Park concerts. Terri reported that the group is already working on a schedule for next year which is coming along nicely. There was discussion regarding the vouchers that are submitted for the musicians that perform. Terri also talked about working on communication, getting the word out for events and things going on in Tully, and she suggested that Google works pretty well for that purpose. Acting Supervisor John Masters also mentioned *The Tully News* is a useful tool for getting the word out to the community, though there have been some snafus recently, but hopefully they have been resolved. Since there were no further questions or comments, Terri concluded her presentation.

Next, David Knapp, Chairman of the County Legislature, spoke to the board regarding the good news on some grants that had been applied for. First, a \$9,000 grant for three digital speed signs in the Village had been approved. Brief discussion followed.

The second grant is for the repair and renovation of the tennis courts in Tully Park for which \$30,000 was approved. More info to follow from Ryan Dando, Parks & Rec Director.

A \$10,000 grant for a thermal camera for the ambulance was approved.

Finally, another grant that was approved and doesn't affect this group so much, but does affect the community is \$14,000 for the FFA students at the school for ag education to buy some learning equipment and teaching aids. Tully's is the last FFA ag education program in the County.

Mr. Knapp also asked the town supervisor to send him a letter regarding money for a flagpole for Cornerstone Park. Brief discussion.

Councilor Snavlin asked Dave if he had heard anything about the Honeywell property.

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Dave responded by giving a brief narrative in which he explained that Solvay Process started shipping brine out of the Tully Valley since the 1800's, and by the late 1800's, they were using mostly wooden pipes which eventually leaked, and so for the folks on Solvay Road and in the Hamlet of Cardiff, they had pretty much wiped out their wells. Most had brine in the water. So what Solvay Process did at the time was to put a little public water system in for Cardiff and for Solvay Rd. And the agreement was that Solvay would provide clean drinkable water, basically in perpetuity.

Fast forward to 2019, now it's owned by Honeywell. And to this day they're still paying for water for Solvay Road and for Cardiff. But, of course, they'd like to get out of this agreement, if possible. So they called me about a month ago, and I told them they need to get this issue, among others, resolved. And also, I run the Apple Festival which is the last customer on the line in Cardiff. So, long story short, what they want to do is to drill everyone a well and put in a treatment system and they'll pay for treatment systems, for the actual treatment for two years to make sure everyone is happy. Well, residents were not happy with this.

Dave reported that he had the Lafayette Town Clerk check to see if there were any records regarding court proceedings relating to this. Councilor Snavlin offered that perhaps Sandy Haynes had a copy of the agreement. So Dave said he would follow up on that.

The other piece of this was the State Health Department is involved with this because they oversee public water systems. When they heard about Honeywell's proposal to drill wells, they were not in favor of it at all. The Cardiff system is in good shape, relatively new, replaced a lot of the pipes and the treatment system. Not sure about the Solvay Road system.

Alternatively, Dave offered that they would create a water district for both Solvay Road and the Cardiff area. Brief discussion followed and it was agreed that that might be a good solution for all concerned.

Next, Acting Supervisor Masters announced that next month the town would be offering a class on email awareness and internet safety, and Ben Bibik, our IT expert for the town and village, graciously offered to be the presenter along with his son, Charles. So that will be on August 28th at 7pm in the town hall large meeting room.

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

Financial Report

Tom Chartrand reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of July as follows: good month for town clerk fees, over \$5,000; court fines still pretty slow; mortgage tax came in \$3,000 lower than we'd expect halfway through the year; received county funds for old highway garage; received National Grid LED light refund; highway fund, interest coming in; ambulance recoveries are about 48% which is where we should be this time of year. On the expenditure side, Tom reported nothing out of the ordinary although there is a transfer sheet which is included below:

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To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

AMBULANCE

From:

SM9060.8	Employee Benefits	Health Insurance	\$2,500.00
SM599	Surplus	Donations	1,400.00

Total \$3,900.00

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To:

SM4542.4	Training	Contractual	\$1,400.00
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SM9040.8	Employee Benefits	Workers Comp.	2,500.00

		Total	\$3,900.00
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RESOLUTION 52-19

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

RESOLUTION 53-19

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

(Continuing with the Financial Report) Tom advised that it is budget season. The budget summaries will be going out by the end of the month, and he will be asking for them to be returned to him by September 13th. Usually, the first budget workshop is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the first workshop on September 25th at 6pm. The second one would be on October 9th at 6pm prior to our regular board meeting at 7:30.

RESOLUTION 54-19

MOTION TO HOLD THE BUDGET WORKSHOPS ON SEPTEMBER 25TH AND OCTOBER 9TH, BOTH AT 6PM. Motion by Acting Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 naves.

And finally, Tom asked that the board be thinking about a public hearing for either Wednesday, November 6th or Thursday, November 7th. Tom advised that it cannot be set this evening because it can't be done until the budget is moved to preliminary.

Next, Mr. Masters asked about declaring surplus a printer that used to be in the code enforcement office and he would like to move into his office. Tom advised that there was no need for a motion to declare it surplus since it was owned by the town and just being moved from one department to another.

John also asked about the back doors to the building probably needing replacement. The one on the west side of the building is rusting through. So, John asked about how many quotes he would need depending on the cost. Tom advised that \$3000 is discretionary if we have the funds in the budget which we do at this point. Between \$3000 and \$10,000 would be two quotes. Brief discussion.

John also advised there have been several cases of rabies in Onondaga County. We received an email regarding that and have put some of those flyers on the table at the back of the room if you need more information.

Parks & Recreation

In Ryan's absence, Gary Heymann reported on Parks & Rec activities:

- Rec soccer program is going to start the last week in August; registrations are going well.
- Trying to bring back a program that worked well for a few years and then participation slowed down, and that is a defensive driving class; so Ryan is working on that.
- Previously, both Ryan and I had talked about getting some benches for the walking trail and thought we might have them by this summer, but it didn't work out. However, the Girls of Summer Lacrosse league headed by Mark McNerney has graciously offered to donate funding for that, so we'll have three new park benches.
- Green Lake will be closing officially for the season on August 22nd, and things have gone well this year.
- As far as the tennis courts, I believe Ryan reported last month what's going on with the quotes. Brief discussion.

Tom advised that the board should make it official when they make the motion to accept the quote from Nagle that the board is satisfied that Ryan has attempted to contact other vendors to no avail, and they feel that there's no other way to get quotes, just so when we submit it to the county, they understand how hard we tried. And Ryan did document his attempts.

John asked if we have that quote now, and if so, could we make the motion at this time. Tom said he does have the quote. The company is called Nagle Athletic Surfaces in East Syracuse, Proposal P-003040-4 and the amount is \$34,828.00. Brief discussion.

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RESOLUTION 55-19

MOTION TO ACCEPT NAGLE'S PROPOSAL CONTINGENT ON RECEIVING A LETTER OF COMMITMENT WITH A NOTATION THAT RYAN'S EMAIL INDICATED THAT SEVERAL VENDORS WERE ATTEMPTED TO BE CONTACTED AND THIS WAS THE ONLY VIABLE VENDOR IN THE AREA. Motion by Acting Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 nays.

RESOLUTION 56-19

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY GRANT FOR THE TENNIS COURTS. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 nays.

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Decent month again; only one repair this month
- Did some tracking on the budget reports and we're really ahead on repairs this year
- On schedule on our road repairs; it's been a decent year for that, weather cooperating
- The back side of Strong Road, the seasonal part, got a few phone calls about the hill being a little hazardous, so we boxed out the sides with runner crush and are going to put oil and stone on the shoulders, so it should be a little safer; and we've gotten some great feedback from residents up there
- Roadside mowing should be one more time this season
- Auctions International sent us a check for \$18,000 for equipment we sold
- CHIPS money: we should be getting reimbursed in a few months

At this time, Terri Murray asked if there was any schedule for repairing any of the roads in and around Tully. Brief discussion followed. Village Mayor Melissa Flint-Morgan had a question regarding the Onondaga Street bridge in the village and whether it had been inspected, and if so, when did that take place. Discussion followed after which Mr. DeMore said he would check the state highway law.

Ambulance

Captain Bryan Ramsay read the ambulance report:

1. Number of EMS calls for July was 42.
2. The civil service test for the Captain position was held June 22, 2019. There are three staff members that took the test. I have been told that the test results may take longer than first thought which was late August or early September.
3. I have accepted a new volunteer for the ambulance. His name is Joel Sanders. Joel was a Tully member many years ago. Joel is currently certified as an EMT-CC (Medic). He will be filling in as EMT-CC/Driver for our Saturday night shifts. Joel is a psychologist and has a substance abuse company in Syracuse.
4. Not a lot going on as many of the government offices we deal with have the person we work with on vacation.
5. I have been working with the three staff members that took the civil service test as far as introducing them to some of the items they would be responsible for if they were to receive the position of Fire Captain. It has been somewhat of an eye opener to some.
6. I will be on vacation for the next two weeks returning the week of Labor Day. I will not be leaving the area and have advised the staff to contact me with any questions that may arise.

Call Type for July 2019

Assist Citizen - 2	Sick person - 6
Traumatic Injury - 1	CVA (Stroke) - 2
Assault - 3	Heat Exposure - 1
MVC - 6	Allergic Reaction - 2
Breathing Problems - 2	Seizures - 1
Chest Pain (Cardiac) - 5	Medical Alarms - 2
Abdomen Pain - 1	
Overdose/Unconscious - 4	
Falls - 4	

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Fire

Ed Wortley, Jr. reported that they are starting the budget process. They are looking into getting some grant money for a thermal camera. Mr. Wortley asked the board how that process would work. Mr. Chartrand reported that the grant money had been approved last week by the county legislature. So, the ambulance district would have to purchase the camera and then be reimbursed. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION 57-19

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A THERMAL CAMERA FOR THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman) 1 abstention (Councilor Speziale) 0 nays

RESOLUTION 58-19

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE COUNTY GRANT FOR THE THERMAL CAMERA. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 3 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman) 1 abstention (Councilor Speziale) 0 nays.

Legal

Town Attorney Robert DeMore reported that we've been discussing how to handle the unused sick leave. He explained that if you make this resolution for 341j, when someone retires, the sick leave, instead of paying them out, would go onto their retirement benefits. So it would increase their retirement. Mr. Masters asked if the people involved in this were in favor of it. It was agreed they were. It's a win for the town and a win for the retirees. John called for a motion to proceed with the resolution.

Mr. DeMore read the resolution into the minutes as follows:

RESOLUTION 59-19

"BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Tully does hereby elect to provide the pension benefit of Section 341(j) of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the effective date of such shall be the 1st day of September, 2019."

All members of the Town Board voted in favor of the Resolution.

Next, there was a brief discussion initiated by Councilor Speziale involving trash collection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 4 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale) 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk