

Town of Tully
February 12, 2020

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

Members Present: Town Supervisor John Masters
Councilor Frank Speziale
Councilor John Snavlin
Councilor Christopher Chapman
Councilor Catherine Goodwin

Town Clerk Susan Vaccaro

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Robert S. DeMore, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., Codes Enforcement Officer Ralph Lamson, Cheryl Wayne, John Sidd, Amanda Postma – Renovus Solar, Jon McNamara – Renovus Solar, Greg Hering – NB Development, Chris Weiler, Leah Hackett

7:30PM Town Supervisor John Masters called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 6-2020

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING. Motion by Councilor Chapman. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Speziale, Chapman, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 7-2020

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; plows were out 36 times in January and 11 times so far in February; we've dealt with a lot of ice this year so we're using up material although we still have plenty left
- We had a few minor repairs
- Jon Mapstone finished installing the heaters in our building last week
- John had a legal question about the Babcock road turnaround. Mr. DeMore answered that he had sent a legal description to the bank to do a partial release and was just waiting for a response. Brief discussion.

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for January was 44.
2. Multi-Med will be here in March to provide training for EMS billing and data collection.
3. A-2 had a flat tire which was repaired.
4. Two new tires were put on the medic car.
5. We purchased a new smart battery system for the Stryker Power Pro Ambulance Stretcher; this should give us a lot more longevity with the batteries.
6. We received a donation from the Patterson family in memory of their father.
7. Notification from NYS DOH regarding 2019-nCoV "Wuhan Coronaviris." I have attached a policy that has been implemented, and all providers are now following. Ambulances have been stocked with appropriate masks and gowns, etc. We will be educating the fire personnel as well.

Parks & Recreation

In the absence of Ryan Dando, Supervisor John Masters read a brief report on activities:

- The Moo Run is scheduled for June 6th
- May 16th will be a pitch, hit and run baseball/softball competition
- Ongoing dialog on the dog park idea
- An arts and crafts program in partnership with the Arts Council is planned for the summer
- Green Lake dock is in need of repairs; looking for estimates

Fire

Nothing to report this evening.

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Financial Report

Tom Chartrand referred the board to his December report and page 1, our general fund spending, which he reviewed. Further down on the page, he reviewed the zoning and planning budget.

Next page is the revenue page for the general fund; recreation charges were short; our court fines were down; and our mortgage tax was less than estimated.

Page three, no large capital projects going on currently. Page four is the trial balances. Those were reviewed. Tom reported that overall, the town is in very good shape in the general fund. Page five is a current recap of our current bonding which Tom reviewed.

Page six is the highway expenditures which were reviewed as well. Page seven is the revenues, and overall, between all the funds, we were up about \$109,000.

Tom reviewed pages eight, nine and ten and reported that overall, it's a very good picture of where we are and are definitely ahead of where we were at the beginning of the year last year. Tom also referred to a transfer sheet for the end of last year which is included below:

TOWN OF TULLY

December 31, 2019

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

AMBULANCE

From:

SM4541.1	Ambulance (PT/FF/EMT)	Personal Services	\$3,400.00
SM4544.4	Repair Equipment	Contractual	\$6,000.00
SM9060.8	Employee Benefits	Health Insurance	\$2,500.00

Total-

\$11,900.00

To:

SM4543.1	Ambulance (Overtime)	Personal Services	\$3,800.00
SM4540.2	Ambulance	Equipment	\$6,200.00
SM9030.8	Employee Benefits	Social Security	\$1,700.00
SM9785.6	Debt Service Principle	Install.Purch.Debt	200.00

Total-

\$11,900.00

GENERAL

Town wide

From:

A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	\$1,800.00
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To:

A8160.4	Refuse and Garbage	Contractual	\$1,800.00
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Total- \$1,800.00

From that, Tom proceeded to the January report and reviewed taxes received, and in particular, he reviewed the transfer sheet which is dated February 12, 2020, and discussed the surplus at the close of 2019 in the amount of \$52,000 which he and John Herold had discussed. They agreed that it should be used toward the purchase of new equipment. Also on that transfer sheet is a surplus of \$5,000 which, as previously discussed, there had been some confusion about, but should be used for the historical property in the town, not the train station. The train station is a separate line item. The aforementioned transfer sheet is included on the next page.

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February 12, 2020

To: Town Board

From: Tom Chartrand

Re: Budget Transfers

HIGHWAY	Townwide		
From:			
DM599	Surplus	Close 2019	\$52,000.00

Total	\$52,000.00
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To:			
DM5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$52,000.00
20,000.00			

Total	\$52,000.00
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GENERAL	Townwide		
From:			
A599	Surplus	Close 2019	\$5,000.00

Total	\$5,000.00
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To:			
A7520.4	Historical Property	Contractual	\$5,000.00

Total	\$5,000.00
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After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 8-2020

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS PER THE TRANSFER SHEET. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 9-2020

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 31, 2019 REPORT. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 10-2020

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

RESOLUTION 11-2020

MOTION TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT SECURITY MANAGER FROM WILLIAM LUND TO JOHN MASTERS FOR THE NYS RETIREMENT SYSTEM. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Goodwin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 12-2020

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JOHN MASTERS TO SIGN OFF ON THE FINAL RATES FOR EXCELLUS FOR THE AMBULANCE STAFF. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Next, Supervisor Masters had asked Cathy Goodwin and Chris Chapman to interview candidates for the open position on the joint planning board. He asked for their recommendation at this point. Councilor Cathy Goodwin offered that on January 23rd she and Chris had interviewed three candidates, all with impressive resumes and experience that would be useful on the

planning board, and decided that they would recommend William Hackett be appointed to the joint planning board.

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RESOLUTION 13-2020

MOTION TO APPOINT WILLIAM HACKETT TO THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Speziale. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 14-2020

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR SNAVLIN, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CHAPMAN 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 2019 AND THE FINES THEREIN COLLECTED HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN AS REQUIRED BY LAW. Motion carried unanimously 5 ayes (Masters, Chapman, Snavlin, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Agenda Item No. 9

RESOLUTION 15-2020

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SPEND UP TO \$1600 FOR PLUMBING ISSUES IN BOTH BATHROOMS IN THE TOWN HALL. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Goodwin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

RESOLUTION 16-2020

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXPEND APPROXIMATELY \$300 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW CODE BOOKS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TOTAL COST TO BE SPLIT WITH THE VILLAGE. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 naves.

Floor - Public Input

John read a letter from Paul Whitney regarding the proposed dog park in Tully. It is included here.

To John Masters, Tully Town Board and supporting members:

Thank you for allowing me to present the idea of a dog park at your last meeting.

Having learned County Legislator Dave Knapp mentioned that Lafayette was going to be getting a dog park, I contacted the Lafayette Town Supervisor to gather information about their project and evaluate whether a Tully dog park should be pursued or not.

Supervisor Fitzpatrick informed me that their project will be located at the North end of Optimist Park. Upon visiting the site, it became evident their project would be located right next to Rt. 81.

Upon visiting their location, it was immediately evident that this location was not very relaxing with the constant stream of loud vehicles being so close. Also, it is my thought that dogs would be a lot harder to be kept control of if owners would need to yell over the traffic noise to get their dogs attention.

Additionally, in further conversations with Tully locals, virtually every dog owner expressed that they would rather bring their dog to a dog park in Tully vs traveling to Lafayette.

So, during the past month, my work schedule has been quite rigorous. But my last work date at the Syracuse Fire Department is February 12, the day of this reading. As a result, work toward a possible dog park can proceed in earnest. And here is the game plan.

A team of about 10 members will be assembled to research and address the concerns voiced by the council last month. By the March Town Board meeting, we expect to show a detailed project plan complete with visual display, material list, estimated cost of project and timeframe to complete the work once begun. We will also present a plan for ongoing maintenance, give the Board an idea of how much community interest in the project exists, and provide information on how other dog parks have addressed legal concerns.

If the Tully Town board gives us the "go ahead" for the project, we expect to form a 501(c)3 corporation to assist with fund raising and ongoing maintenance. We will make every attempt to get as much information to Board Members before the March Meeting so members can have a chance to review what we have and ask for further information. Thank you again for considering this project. I look forward to seeing you next month.

Sincerely,

Paul Whitney

Next, representatives from Renovus Solar Jon McNamara and Amanda Postma gave a presentation on the solar project planned for the Riehlman, Shafer & Shafer property. There were questions and comments by board members clarifying where the actual site would be and whether or not it could be moved back towards Route 81. Renovus representatives are meeting with the planning board again on February 26th hoping for a final decision by that board.

Legal

Town Attorney Bob DeMore advised the board they needed to make a motion to send the Renovus application to County Planning.

RESOLUTION 17-2020

MOTION TO SEND THE RENOVUS APPLICATION TO COUNTY PLANNING FOR THEIR REVIEW. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

Next, Mr. DeMore spoke to the board regarding the new solar law which, he said, replaces the one that was deleted several years ago. It divides the systems into three different types: Tier 1, which is residential and is decided by the codes officer; tier 2, which is commercial and is for onsite consumption and decided by the planning board; tier 3, which is a solar farm project that the planning board would review and then make a report to the town board who would make the final decision. So the board would need a motion to schedule a public hearing on February 27th at 7PM on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020.

RESOLUTION 18-2020

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 27TH AT 7PM ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1, A NY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM LAW. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Goodwin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

RESOLUTION 19-2020

MOTION THAT THE TULLY TOWN BOARD APPOINTS ITSELF AS LEAD AGENCY. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Supervisor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

RESOLUTION 20-2020

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40PM TO DISCUSS THE COMPENSATION OF A PARTICULAR CONTRACTOR. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 21-2020

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:55PM. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Goodwin, Speziale) 0 nays

RESOLUTION 22-2020

MOTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR OUR TOWN ATTORNEY ROBERT DEMORE, SPECIFICALLY, \$2500 IN SUPPORT OF THE ZBA AND \$2500 IN SUPPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD. Motion by Supervisor Masters. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Goodwin, Speziale) 0 nays

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02PM. Motion by Councilor Speziale. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Masters, Snavlin, Chapman, Speziale, Goodwin) 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk