

**Town of Tully**  
**April 14, 2021**

**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, Parks & Rec Director Ryan Dando, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Commissioner Ed Wortley, Jr., County Legislative Chairman David Knapp, and resident Rayley Wheatley

**7:30pm** Town Supervisor John Masters called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Masters asked Mr. Knapp if he wanted to speak first and give the board an update on happenings in the county. Mr. Knapp advised that the county was planning to invest fifteen million dollars into broadband expansion. They plan to launch a campaign April 30<sup>th</sup> through media outlets and town websites to get the word out to have people fill out a form and sign up for broadband indicating what they have and what they don't have. Discussion followed.

Mr. Knapp also indicated there would be more to follow regarding monies for the train station repairs and renovations.

And finally, regarding the formation of a water district on Rt. 11a, Mr. Knapp stated that there had been some confusion and miscommunication between OCWA and the towns of Tully and Lafayette, but at a meeting several weeks ago, it had been straightened out so that Mr. Knapp felt there would be some progress going forward. Brief discussion.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were made available via email and regular mail.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the minutes.

(Masters, Speziale, Goodwin, Chapman, Snavlin) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Vouchers**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to pay the audited bills out of the proper funds.

(Masters, Speziale, Goodwin, Chapman, Snavlin) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Financial Report**

Tom Chartrand reported on receipts and disbursements for the month of March:

- Court fines are picking up: close to \$11,000
- NYCLASS still not earning much interest
- The ambulance recoveries came in great; we're at 39% of the budget there.
- On the expenditure side, nothing out of the ordinary

Mr. Chartrand also referred to a transfer sheet which is included below. He explained the justice court transfer which involved some equipment for the storage room.

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Re: Budget Transfers

GENERAL	Townwide		
From:			
A599	Surplus	Ambulance Fund Bookkeeper	\$3,800.00
A1110.4	Justices	Contractual	750.00
A1310.4	Director of Finance	Contractual	15,300.00
A1340.4	Budget	Contractual	6,600.00
A1620.1	Buildings	Personal Services	3,800.00
		Total	\$30,250.00

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Budget Transfers (cont'd)

To:				
A1110.2	Justices	Equipment		\$750.00
A1310.1	Bookkeeper to the Supervisor	Personal Services	25,700.00	
A1620.4	Buildings	Contractual	3,800.00	
		Total		\$30,250.00

**RESOLUTION #32**

Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Chapman to approve the transfers as outlined by Mr. Chartrand.

(Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Goodwin, Speziale) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**RESOLUTION #33**

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Speziale to accept the March 2021 financial report.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Highway**

John Herold reported on the following:

- Good month; crew was out 9 times in March and 2 in April so far
- There were some minor repairs
- We're filling in potholes
- We've swept the roads twice so far and repaired some lawns
- Between myself and the engineer from Barton and LoGiudice, we've finalized the papers due to the State for the bridge; brief discussion with town attorney and Mr. Chartrand
- Earth Day is April 24<sup>th</sup> and Spring Cleanup Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>

**Ambulance**

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for March was 33.
2. Medic Car and A-2 had service work, repairs, and New York State Inspection.
3. Power load devices are here; still waiting for the correct stretcher upgrade parts to come in; once they do, they will be installed.
4. Chuck Iavarone will be resigning effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. I am currently obtaining the civil service list. Once I receive that, I will send out canvas letters and start scheduling interviews for interested applicants to fill the position.
5. LPL5 devices will be serviced in either May or June.
6. Part-time paramedics – I am currently asking the board to increase their rate of pay from \$18 to \$23/hr. to try to keep us competitive with other agencies in the region.

**RESOLUTION #34**

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to increase the rate of pay for part-time paramedics from \$18 to \$23/hr.

(Goodwin, Speziale, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Parks & Recreation**

Ryan Dando reported that thanks to John Herold and his crew the tennis court nets are up, and the courts are being used.

The open position on the rec board has been posted, and there are several interested parties, so they hope to have someone appointed by next month's board meeting.

Ryan advised the board that he had met with Martha Boulay regarding cleaning the restrooms and the kitchen in the concession stand and was quoted a price of \$135 a week to clean the bathrooms twice a week and the kitchen once a week. Brief discussion followed.

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(Parks & Rec report continued)

It was decided that further discussion would follow at next month's meeting as to how often the kitchen should be cleaned.

As far as Green Lake being opened, Ryan reported he would like to open it again with a similar format as last year, but he would like to add swim lessons. Discussion followed.

**Fire**

No report.

**Floor – Public Input**

No input this evening.

Supervisor Masters announced that with the untimely passing of Hans Christopherson, he had asked the joint planning board to convene a meeting and appoint a chairperson. They had done so and appointed Steve Bielecki.

Next, Mr. Masters read a short letter from our code enforcement officer, Ralph Lamson, informing the board that he has declared a house on Banner Road owned by the Village of Tully as unsafe, and which the village intends to demolish as soon as possible. Mr. Lamson advised in the letter that the board should pass a resolution stating that the structure is unsafe. Town attorney Robert DeMore suggested that the board wait until the next meeting to pass the resolution so he could have a chance to read the zoning regulations. Brief discussion followed.

Supervisor Masters next advised the board that the town needs to opt out of allowing businesses in Tully to sell marijuana if that's the general consensus of the board. Brief discussion followed after which it was decided to table the discussion for a future meeting.

John also advised the board that the town had obtained a permit to hire a trapper for nuisance beavers. Discussion ensued.

**Legal**

Supervisor Masters advised that there are two legal topics to discuss this evening, and asked Mr. DeMore to discuss the Rt. 11a water district and for an update on Tully Center Road. Bob mentioned some issues with OCWA, but felt if they changed their criteria, an agreement could be forthcoming and would be something we could afford. Brief discussion ensued.

The other issue involves the abandonment of what used to be called Tully Center Road. Bob showed the road on some old maps he brought to the meeting with him. There was discussion about abandonment of the road years ago, but it was argued that it was not formally abandoned. Bob added that if a road is not formally used for six years, it's considered abandoned. Mr. DeMore mentioned that a part of Babcock Road had been abandoned recently, and it was formally done and recorded in the minutes of the town board. But that was not the case here. Further discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

(Speziale, Chapman, Snavlin, Goodwin, Masters) Ayes 5 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk