

TOWN OF TULLY
August 12, 2015

7:30pm

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

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

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Town Attorney Steven Primo, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Parks & Recreation Director Jayne Morse, *The Tully News* Editor David Blatchley, Ambulance Captain Bryan Ramsay, Fire Commissioners Sonny Battle and Ed Wortley, Jr., and John McMahon, Michael Vaccaro and Sara Payne

Supervisor Lund called meeting to order and led in Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8TH TOWN BOARD MEETING.

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

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

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand reported on justice court fines which were good; the mortgage tax came in really strong; sale of the house on Route 11; and ambulance recoveries which continued to come in strong. On the expense side, Tom reported it had been pretty quiet, and there were no budget transfers.

RESOLUTION 50-15

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2015. Motion by Councilor Snavlin. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

(Continuing) The proceeds of the bond sale were delivered on July 29th. Our interest rate came in at 2.31% over the course of the bond. Tom reported that we had four bidders. Supervisor Lund offered a copy of the rate schedule to board members after which a brief discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 51-15

MOTION BY THE TULLY TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELIGIBLE SECURITIES AND ELIGIBLE LETTERS OF CREDIT AS COLLATERAL AS PLEDGED TO SECURE ITS DEPOSITS THAT EXCEED FDIC COVERAGE, AND AUTHORIZE ITS CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAN AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE ARRANGEMENT, AS REQUIRED UNDER NYS GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW. Motion was made by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Masters. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 naves.

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RESOLUTION 52-15

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER FOR TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS, SEPTEMBER 23RD AND SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 6PM, FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

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

RESOLUTION 53-15

MOTION TO DECLARE THE FAX MACHINE ORIGINALLY IN THE COURT OFFICE AND NOW IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AS SCRAP AND OF NOMINAL VALUE.

Motion was made by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 nays.

Parks & Recreation

Jayne Morse reported on the following activities:

- Beach is running well this summer; some periods of inclement weather so have had to close a couple of days; the closing date for the season will be Saturday, August 22nd
- Fall soccer registrations are coming in rapidly
- The Moo Run is set for September 12th in conjunction with the Community Days; all registrations have been sent out for that event
- Nancy Chawgo will be publishing an article in the Consumer News about Tully Parks & Rec which will include information about our Tully website and how easy it is to find and print all sports registrations right from our town's website

Proposal for Construction of New Baseball Field

Jayne then introduced Doug Clay, our varsity boys' baseball coach, and Don Mohat, a huge volunteer in our Parks & Rec program and a coach for the junior high baseball team, who have put together a proposal for a new baseball field. A lengthy presentation was given regarding moving the one varsity baseball field that we now have which is on school property to an area that is part of the town park next to the town hall. Some of the issues discussed were lack of maintenance on the current field, wayward balls going into neighboring yards, parking, and lack of restrooms. The intent with the new baseball field would be to enhance the park. The walking path would remain intact as well as the tree line. Doug's plan is to talk with the school officials and work with the horticulture classes and, as part of their curriculum, include plantings around the field, flowerbeds, et cetera. Total cost for the project would be under \$90,000. There were questions and comments by board members and residents, and a lengthy discussion ensued. The board agreed to support the project.

Break 8:45

Highway

John Herold reported on the highway department's activities:

- Ditching and mowing roadsides continues
- Hauling sand in for winter
- Looking to replace a cross-culvert on Long Road; discussion followed
- New Western Star ordered last Spring and should have by October 1st
- Need three quotes for the roof for the old town barn
- Like to purchase a unit for the 2009 truck which would help the sand spreader to work more efficiently; cost is \$5100

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RESOLUTION 54-15

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF MATERIALS FOR THE ROOF WHEN THEY ARRIVE ON SITE. Motion by Supervisor Lund. Second by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 nays.

(Continuing) There was a question regarding the I-81 bridge project over Route 80. It was scheduled to start in the Spring of 2015. Supervisor Lund has been assured by Assemblyman Al Stirpe's office that the work is to begin August 20th.

Ambulance

Captain Ramsay reported on the following:

- 49 EMS calls for June; YTD total is 338
- NYS Department of Health inspection conducted at the fire station; inspector was very complimentary
- Summer months bring an increase in motor vehicle crashes, personal injuries, etc. and the staff have provided state of the art emergency medical care
- New member Daniel Mulhern will have completed his probationary period as of August 13th
- All EMS providers are now required to use spinal collars instead of the backboards which were previously used
- Starting to put some preliminary figures together for the 2016 budget

Fire

No report.

Floor

No comments this evening.

Legal

Mr. Primo first addressed the appraisal contract with Thurston, Casale & Ryan LLC for the Aldi warehouse. The original contract price offered was \$6,000 for the summary appraisal and \$6,000 for the self-contained report. However, Steve discussed the pricing with Todd Thurston who has agreed to a price of \$4,000 for the summary preliminary appraisal. The trial (second) report would be \$8,000 if needed, but Steve explained that it may not even be necessary, depending on what the preliminary appraisal discloses. A brief discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 55-15

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN STEVEN J. PRIMO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THURSTON, CASALE & RYAN LLC AND TO PAY FOR THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ONCE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 nays.

Next, Steve informed the board that the site plan was approved for the Reed Doody wind turbine by the planning board. The site plan was approved with a couple of conditions: certification every 2 years that the maintenance plan for the tower is being complied with; and the second was reimbursement for the town's legal fees. Discussion followed.

Steve asked the board if they would be in favor of a moratorium on windmill applications. There was discussion regarding the issues involved in this first application. John McMahon suggested that future applicants should provide a computer-generated drawing so that residents could see what it would look like beforehand. Sonny Battle commented that the zoning needs to be changed so it's more direct as far as what needs to be done in these situations. Supervisor Lund asked if we need a public hearing before our next scheduled town

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board meeting to address the issue of a moratorium on these kinds of applications. Steve suggested a six-month moratorium. Further discussion followed after which the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 56-15

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 7PM ON A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2015 PROVIDING FOR A SIX-MONTH

MORATORIUM ON WIND TURBINE APPLICATIONS. Motion by Councilor Speziale.

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

Having no further business, a MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:45PM was made by Councilor Speziale. Second by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried 5 ayes (Lund, Snavlin, Chapman, Masters, Speziale) 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro