

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
2023 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

7:15pm Supervisor John Masters started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Financial Officer Thomas Chartrand, Highway Superintendent John Herold, Fire Captain Chad Wakula, Parks & Rec Director Sarah Panzarella, *The Tully News* Editor Ben Bibik, Fire Commissioner Dan Cooter, Chris Lawton & Jonathan Dilmore from Barton & Loguidice, Don Mohat, Terri Murray, Billy Lund

Resolution 84-22

Supervisor Masters called for a motion to open the public hearing on the preliminary budget. Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Masters called for any comments regarding the preliminary budget. Councilor Goodwin reported that the committee on the planning board had had their first meeting regarding the update of the comprehensive plan. They met virtually with a consultant and discussed what it would cost for his services. The village would also bear some of the cost. Councilor Goodwin advised that they were also reaching out to other firms to compare pricing. Mr. Chartrand discussed with the board how the cost for this service could be included in the budget over time. Brief discussion followed.

Resolution 85-22

Motion to close the public hearing. Motion made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

7:30pm REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
IN TOWN HALL
5833 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD
TULLY NEW YORK

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 12th, 2022 meeting were made available via email. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to approve the minutes.

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

Vouchers

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

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

Financial Report

Mr. Chartrand discussed receipts and disbursements for the month of October and reported on town clerk receipts which were over \$6,000, much of which included Parks & Rec receipts; NYCLASS interest is over 3% now; court fines were very strong; received a small refund of \$1300 from our Workers Comp carrier; received a rebate check from American Power and Gas; we also received the host community fee from Cranesville Bloc of \$25,000. On the highway fund, we received the rest of the state aid for the improvements that John did on the roads for a total of \$98,969.00. Ambulance recoveries had another banner month. Captain Wakula offered that they had received health care worker bonuses. On the expenditure side, quiet month.

Resolution 86-22

Motion was made by Councilor Chapman and seconded by Councilor Speziale to approve the financial report for October. Motion carried.

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

Next, Mr. Chartrand reviewed the transfers which are included below and then asked the board to approve them.

Town of Tully

November 9, 2022

GENERAL	Townwide		
From:			
A1440.4	Engineering	Contractual	\$4,900.00
		Total	=====
To:			
A1420.4	Legal	Contractual	\$4,900.00
		Total	=====
HIGHWAY	Outside Village		
From:			
DR5110.4	General Repairs	Contractual	\$1,320.00
			=====
To:			
DR5110.1	General Repairs	Personal Services	\$1,280.00
DR9030.8	Social Security	Employee Benefits	40.00

		Total	\$1,320.00
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AMBULANCE			
From:			
SM599	Surplus	State Grant	\$10,500.00
			=====
To:			
SM4542.1	Ambulance (State Bonus)	Personal Services	\$10,500.00
		Total	=====

Resolution 87-22

Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the transfers as outlined above. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 88-22

Motion was made by Councilor Goodwin and seconded by Councilor Snavlin to approve the bank reconciliation. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 89-22

Motion to adopt the preliminary budget with the changes discussed during the public hearing. Motion was made by Councilor Snavlin and seconded by Supervisor Masters. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 90-22

Motion to adopt the Tully Ambulance District budget. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 91-22

Motion to adopt the Southern Onondaga Trash System (SOTS) budget with the increase to \$350 per unit for the year. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Goodwin. Motion carried.

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

Resolution 92-22

Motion to authorize the town board to pay the general monthly payroll at the December meeting. Motion was made by Supervisor Masters and seconded by Councilor Snavlin. Motion carried.

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

Barton & Loguidice presentation

Chris Lawton addressed the board with a brief update on the water district. His firm has done a lot of design work, a lot of environmental work culminating in meetings with Honeywell to know where the new water line is going, what easements should be asked for. Their plan is to get the plans to the health department for approval. There have been several DOT requirements which he explained briefly. Construction mode should be in the spring. They would need local DOH and DOT approvals, and hopefully be online by September. He added that they may need another SEQR review. Brief discussion followed.

Don Mohat – Presentation on Baseball Field

Mr. Mohat explained to the board that he and Supervisor Lund started putting together the plans for the field in 2017, did some fundraising, but realized they needed additional funding so applied for a state grant which was awarded in February of 2019. Then COVID hit and plans were delayed. In 2021, the grant funds for \$150,000 were made available and construction began. It was a long, slow process as Mr. Mohat explained. The final stage of this project is the batting cage which is being built now and with the last of the monies from the grant, \$38,000, which will be used for the roof construction. Mr. Mohat emphasized that he wanted to minimize the impact of the batting cage on the environment and so consulted with Steve Breitzka, our planning board chairperson who is also an engineer. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Mohat ended by saying that he had met hundreds of people through this project and was thankful for Bill Lund's vision.

Billy Lund, Supervisor Lund's son, also spoke to the board about the project which he said from day one, no taxpayer money was spent on the ballfield. He is part of the Diamond Club which is the booster club for Tully Baseball. He advised the board that his organization would like to purchase a pitching machine. They have fundraised and have the means to purchase it. Brief discussion followed after which came the following motion:

Resolution 93-22

Supervisor Masters made a motion acknowledging support of the purchase and installation of the pitching machine to be connected to the utility shed. Motion was seconded by Councilor Chapman. Motion carried.

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

Highway

John Herold reported on the following highway activities:

- Good month; minor repairs
- Finished up getting last truck ready for winter
- There was discussion involving the printing of the newsletter and the path it takes to get from BOCES in Cortland to the Tully Post Office. Supervisor Masters said he would follow up on that.
- Mr. Herold asked that Article 1219 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law be added to the newsletter again this month to remind residents not to push snow and other materials into the roadways

Ambulance

Fire Captain Chad Wakula reported on the following ambulance activities:

1. Number of EMS calls for October was 68
2. Hired one part-time EMT basic; his name is Daniel Levitskiy
3. Dan Holbert has resigned from his full-time position and has transitioned to a part-time paramedic. I have canvassed the Civil Service list and will be setting up interviews next week
4. Town-owned AED batteries have been ordered and replaced

Parks & Recreation

Sarah Panzarella reported on the following activities:

- Gearing up for basketball; practices start next week; we do have a sponsor for that – Cook’s Recreation Arctic Cat; still working out the details of that
- We will sponsor Music in the Park again this year
- We will be purchasing soccer goals this year
- Have had a few repairs in the bathrooms at the concession stand. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Herold suggested that those toilets are household toilets and perhaps we should think about buying commercial grade toilets at some point in the future which may solve the problem.
- It was suggested to Sarah that Parks & Rec sponsor a “Trunk or Treat” activity for Halloween next year, perhaps having it in the parking lot here behind the town hall.

Fire

Commissioner Dan Cooter reported that they had had their budget meeting and it did pass.

Information from Supervisor

Mr. Masters reported that we finally got our alarms for the court, and they should be functional as of today. John also contacted a locksmith concerning WiFi locks, and he is waiting for a quote on that. We’re also going to proceed with the security lights. As far as a map from Honeywell, John reported he had gone to a meeting with Honeywell, but the correct map was not available, so he is still waiting for that.

Public input from the Floor

Terri Murray thanked Parks & Rec and the town board for supporting the music programs at Cornerstone Park. Terri also announced that she would be stepping down from her position and that new members would be taking her place to continue with the programs she has supported. She also invited everyone to come to the Symphoria concert on Friday, November 18th. And she thanked everyone for bringing art and music to the community.

Ben Bibik reported on the issues with BOCES and the newsletter. Brief discussion. Ben also asked about the solar farms with wires hanging on the ground. Supervisor Masters explained that they are ready to connect, but National Grid had a fatality where they were restricted on projects until they improve safety. Brief discussion ensued.

Next, Councilor Goodwin reminded everyone about the projects at the town hall, programmable thermostats and insulation in the attic area. Ms. Goodwin advised that she had gotten quotes for the two projects but would need an extension to submit the grant to NYSERDA. Brief discussion.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilor Speziale and seconded by Councilor Goodwin to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Vaccaro, Town Clerk