

February 3rd, 2010: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 at 7:30pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Elizabeth Greenwood, Mayor
Theresa Flaherty, Deputy Mayor
Charles Yonko, Jr., Trustee
Daniel Poellot, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Kevin Gilligan, Counsel
Harold Kiehl, DPW Superintendent
Kenneth Teter Engineer
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Ronald Ryan, Code Enforcement
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant

Absent: None

Visitors: Rick Easterly
Lee Bodah
Lyle Bodah
Matt Napierala
William Coffin
Lydia Aris
Frank Speziale
Mike Hoke

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Greenwood led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Upon motion of Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Yonko it was unanimous to approve the minutes for the January 6th, 2010 meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.

Upon motion of Trustee Yonko, 2nd by Trustee Flaherty, it was unanimous to authorize accountant Thomas Chartrand to carry out transfers.

The Board hopes to change the Route 80 Bond into a long term BAN with possible payment date in June or July.

Mr. Chartrand also wanted to know how the Board would like the budget broken down. It was decided to keep it as is until next year.

Upon motion of Trustee Yonko, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to sign the form for the Board of Elections for the use of a voting machine for the March 16th, 2010 election.

The Board brought up the possibility of changing future Village Elections to the month of June.

Public Comment

DPW

The Board gave Harold authorization for the hanging baskets, since it is already in this year's budget. The Board will look at not having them in the future.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Yonko, it was unanimous to approve the purchase of surge protection equipment for the plant for \$707.50.

Harold reported that Grove Street had their second water main break this year.

In regards to the F450 Truck Ford stopped production on the 2010 model. Ford stated that they would honor the 2010 state bid pricing for the 2011 model.

Counsel

Counsel will look at long term interest rates for the Route 80 Project.

Code Enforcement

In regards to the Firehouse as soon as Ken Teter gives his ok the Board should be able to approve the site plan at the March meeting.

Upon motion of Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Yonko it was unanimous to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a building permit for a Veterinary Hospital to be located in the old Ford garage.

Engineer

Montrose water extension has been accepted with the understanding that the landscaping will be completed once the weather improves.

Old Business

In the process of updating the Village records it has come to our attention that some of our water &/or sewer users were paying less than their correct assessment. The sewer assessment, for one unit, based on last year's budget was \$216.89/year. The water assessment, for one unit, based on last year's budget was \$107.14/year. A single family residence would have one unit for both

water and sewer assessment. All other properties are billed water and sewer assessments based on the number of sewer units billed. Outside users of just water will be responsible for one unit of water assessment. The next billing cycles are April 1st, 2010 and October 1st, 2010. Village property taxes are sent out June 1st, 2010. Please do not hesitate to call the Village office: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-3pm, or Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6-8pm at 696-5041. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Upon motion by Trustee Yonko, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to waive additional \$150.00 late charge on person who paid current water and sewer bill but has an outstanding spring bill.

Harold is still reviewing the Employee handbook.
The Mayor is still going through the files in regards to small claims court.

New Business

Upon motion by Trustee Flaherty, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to declare the Mayor's old computer as surplus. The Town of Tully donated their old one to the Mayor.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to send a letter to the Governor and DEC requesting a moratorium on hydrofracking until the environmental impact of this process is better understood.

Upon motion by Trustee Flaherty, 2nd by Trustee Yonko, it was unanimous to grant permission for Trustee Vernay to apply for membership to Waste Wise, provided there is no cost to the Village. The Village would need to be a member of Waste Wise to apply for grant monies to have a community compost pile.

The County Legislature is discussing keeping all the sales tax monies that are collected. The sales tax money is 1/3 of our General Fund budget. This would adversely affect our budget. If anyone would like to notify their County Legislator, Mayor Greenwood has the number.

Upon motion by Trustee Flaherty, 2nd by Trustee Poellot, it was unanimous to allow the assessor, Marshall Taylor, to go ahead with the assessment of the land for the Tully Housing, and for the assessor to put assessments on for water and sewer commencing immediately.

It was decided to terminate the year old applications by Lamont and Badman.

Public Comment

Audit Bills

Upon motion of Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Flaherty it was unanimous to adjourn at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer