

November 7th, 2018 Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Melissa Flint-Morgan, Mayor
Erin Goodfellow, Deputy Mayor
Daniel Poellot, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Harold Kiehl, DPW
Courtney Hills, Counsel
Ken Teter, Engineer

Absent: Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Ralph Lamson, Codes

Visitors: Deb Webb
Janet McKnight
Theresa Flaherty
Robert Rothery
Perry Landehe
Ed Wortley, jr
Ed Wortley, sr.
Maureen Brophy
Martin Brophy
Sally Greene
Charlene Bell
Dennis Bell
Chuck Yonko
Frank Speziale
Cheryl Wayne
William Goodfellow
Sarah Goodfellow
Bill Lund
David Brown
Denis Edinger
Carrie Edinger

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Flint-Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Flint-Morgan requested the board go to executive session at 7:01 relating to proposed litigation relative to a current public works contract.

Upon motion by Trustee Goodfellow, 2nd by Mayor Flint-Morgan it was unanimous to close the executive session at 7:10 and invite the public to return to the room.

The public hearing for proposed LL-3-2018 was opened at 7:13pm.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to waive the reading of the public notice.

The floor was open for public comment. The Mayor asked people to limit their comments to 5 minutes.

Chuck Yonko, Onondaga Street, was the first to speak and was very opposed to the possibility of having large farm animals within the village limits. He expressed concerns about the smell, waste removal, fencing and housing of the animals.

Dennis Bell, 66 State Street, his neighbors had chickens, ducks and sheep and he did not like the results of having them nearby. He stressed that this was not the 1820's. The Mayor stated that the Village Board would review each application for a special permit on a case by case basis and apply reasonable conditions to address such concerns. There would be a charge for the permit and the Board was considering requiring the permit to be renewed every year or two.

Mr. Bell responded with he did not buy property within the village limits to have a farm near him.

Deb Webb, Clinton Street, stated that she is opposed to this LL.

Many residents expressed the feeling that they moved to the village to avoid farms, the animals and all the extra that go with housing and caring for them.

Theresa Flaherty, Lincoln Avenue, would be in favor of a LL as long as animals were managed properly.

Denis Edinger, 50 Melinda Lane, has 12 acres within the village. He would be in favor of the LL. Carrie Edinger, 50 Melinda Lane also stated that it would be a good learning situation for the Tully Ag program at the school.

David Brown, State Street, stated that if it is accepted it would need to be an individual basis, the Board would also need to carefully consider waste management of larger animals. He also expressed concerns over bees, suggesting number of hives to be limited and set back from property lines.

Janet Mcknight, Onondaga Street, very concerned about enforcement, she feels that the Board has not managed the enforcement of codes regarding Tully Ag, nor the dog and cat waste issues. Regarding the bees she wanted to remind the board that many people are allergic.

Charlene Bell, State Street, people already are lacking responsibility to clean up after their cats and dogs how would they manage with larger animals.

Mayor Flint-Morgan reminded the public the proposal on the table was not to permit the use an absolute right, but rather only permitted by the granting of a special permit. Applicants would need to apply for a special permit, and each case would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Board would also have authority to revoke any such permit should the property owner fail to comply with the regulations.

Sally Greene, Skadden Terrace, is opposed to the LL. She believes we should have a survey of village residents. Sally also mentioned that there is a goat on Warren Street and some other residents have also seen it, but no one would tell the board who owns it or the address. It is difficult for codes to enforce something if we don't know where it is.

Counsel stated that the proposed LL has been sent to the Onondaga County Planning Board for the required GML Section 239 review process.

Rob Rothery, Railroad Street, had concerns over the possibility that someone would be denied a permit and would then put the village thru a legal battle, incurring more village costs.

Dennis Bell remarked that animals cannot be controlled.

William Goodfellow, Elm Street, is in favor of the LL, expressing his belief that if people pay their taxes they should be able to do what they wish with their property. He also expressed that it is also a good educational opportunity for the community.

Carrie Edinger, Melinda Lane, it would be good to include the TCS Ag program.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to adjourn the public hearing to next month (December 5th), while the Board awaits the County's review and to permit further public comment.

Maureen & Martin Brophy pointed out that some properties near them have not been billed correctly in regards to water and sewer assessments. Harold Kiehl looked at the properties involved and determined that some may have been incorrectly billed. The clerk will notify the assessor's office for correction for the June 2019 taxes.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to approve the transfers recommend by the accountant subject to audit.

GENERAL FUND

From:

	A1490.1	Administration	personal services	2,000.00
	A5410.4	Sidewalks	Contractual	31,000.00
			TOTAL	33,000.00
To:	A7110.1	Parks	Personal Services	2,000.00
	A7110.2	Parks	Equipment	31,000.00
			TOTAL	33,000.00

Upon motion by Mayor Flint-Morgan, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit.

The accountant paid the SPEDES permit and left the informational sheet for the engineer to fill out.

Auditors for the USDA water project will need to do a full audit of all village records for years 2017 & 2018.

Upon motion by Trustee Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to approve the minutes from October 3rd, 2018.

DPW

Plowing: The village will send a letter, post on the website, and put in the Tully News a friendly reminder and the resulting consequences for pushing snow into the sidewalks and the right of way.

Dump Truck: a few things are missing, so we will withhold the check until all items are corrected.

CODES:

No report

Counsel:

Will follow up on cable agreement and the proposed LL has been sent to County

Engineer:

No report

New Business:

The village has two applicants for the position of fire commissioner. The Mayor will appoint at the next board meeting.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Goodfellow, it was approved to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised document with Comp Alliance.

We have done 3 out of the 4 requirements to get a \$5,000.00 grant. We now need a baseline for the energy usage by the Village buildings to finish the 4th requirement. Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Goodfellow it was unanimous to authorize the go ahead pending counsel review.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to send a letter of authorization allowing National Grid and the county to share village usage information.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Goodfellow it was unanimous to adopt the model the NYMIR has developed regarding sexual harassment in order to comply with the new State requirements, and to appoint the Deputy Mayor as the contact position.

TAG plans to have a fund raiser for \$3,000.00 to purchase speed limit flashing signs if the Village can match the amount.

Public Comment

Chuck Yonko mentioned that the concrete skirting is starting to fall apart, and that the crosswalk on Onondaga street is in an awful place. It will be brought up to the engineer.

Upon motion of Mayor Flint-Morgan, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer