

December 1st, 2021: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Deputy Mayor
Daniel Poellot, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Courtney Hills, Counsel
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Harold Kiehl, DPW
Ralph Lamson, Codes

Absent: Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Benjamin Bibik
Benjamin Rahrle
Richard Patterson

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the November 3rd, 2021 meeting. Ayes carried.

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the following transfers, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

Transfer of Appropriations

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GENERAL FUND

From: A590	Surplus	CHIP, PAVEN & EWR	11,500.00
A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	2,000.00
A9040.8	Employee Benefits	Workers' Comp	930.00
		TOTAL	14,430.00
To: A1440.4	Engineer	Contractual	2,000.00
A5112.2	Capital Improvements(CHIF	Capital Improvements	11,500.00
A9010.8	Employee Benefits	State Retirement	930.00

TOTAL

14,430.00

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to authorize the Village Clerk to publish the notice for the Annual Organization meeting for January 5th, 2022. All ayes carried.

Public Comment

Fire Chief Frank Speziale informed the Board that the Fire Commissioners would prefer to purchase the two (2) acres of land on the Banner farm rather than lease the land. The Chief will have one of the Commissioner contact a board member for discussion.

Friday, December 3rd, 2021 Santa will be at the Fire Station at 7pm. It will be a drive thru event.

The cannabis law (LL-1-2021) passed the Village by a thin margin. The State has not given any direction or guidance on how to proceed.

DPW

- Bush and leaves pick up is continuing as long as the weather holds
- Digester has been cleaned out
- Repairing of street signs
- Repairing of snow equipment
- Wall sensors for the lights are in, cannot replace some with LED lighting until the housings need to be replaced

Engineer:

- WWTP Controller Upgrade Project: We're in the process of developing the design submittals and their review continues. Presently, we are reviewing the very lengthy submittal which covers all aspects of the new equipment to be housed in the Control Panel... essentially the nuts and bolts of how the system will operate.
- Banner House Demolition: fully completed and closed out
- Water System Mapping: after additional field inspections to verify locations, I have drafted the basic system map showing all water mains, hydrants and some gate valves and it is now being drawn in a digital format. Once I have the initial product in hand, Harold and I will continue to develop the additions/corrections, and what additional information needs to be included on the map (hydrant numbering, installation dates, etc...)
- Miscellaneous Items: Flooding reimbursement: I'm working with Harold to prepare additional information requested by FEMA. Onondaga Street Drainage: met with Harold to develop approach to improve the drainage issues that continue to happen on the south side of Onondaga Street between State Street and the creek I will be preparing a budget estimate for the project. Warren Street Drainage: I looked at the discharge pipe and impact on the slope and property from the runoff that is release at a parcel directly opposite Skadden Terrace. I will provide a rough cost to make improvements.
- Plans for the Berry driveway are scheduled for the Spring.

Counsel:

Counsel sent a letter to 11 Elm Street regarding the state of the building. LL-1-2021 will be sent onto the State for filing.

New Business:

Clerk's office is still awaiting response from the assessor regarding changes that were requested by email on 6/8/2020. May have to consider contacting Onondaga County and having them correct the missed assessment charges on a number of properties.

Trustee Poellot and Oliver gave an update on the rewriting of the Employee Handbook. Some of the things they are looking into is vacation, overtime and comp time issues. It appears that this will be a long and involved process.

EV Station: Trustee Vernay reported on the possibility of installing an EV Station at the Municipal building. Trustee Vernay will ask the representative to come to the next meeting due to a number of questions that were brought up by the board members. There were numerous questions regarding cost, upkeep, repairs, maintenance, who would monitor sale tax, and usage. Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Deputy Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to send the remaining 6 National Grid bills to Clear Path Energy, a local community solar project, for a 10% reduction in the National Grid electricity bill for all 9 accounts. All ayes carried.

Trustee Vernay will order the same flowers as last year for the Spring baskets.

The railing at Cummings Park is partially fixed. Melissa Flint-Morgan was going to speak with the person who ran into it.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the charge of \$170.00 for Digital Towpath to "emailing archiving" for the year. All ayes carried.

CODES:

No report.

Public Comment

Audit Bills

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, it was unanimous to review and authorize the accountant to pay the bills, subject to audit.

Upon motion of Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer