

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

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

Absent

Visitors: Charles Bibik  
Dan Cooter  
Gary Malone  
Frank Speziale  
Christian Hill  
Neal Zinsmeyer  
Richard Patterson

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Erin Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Motion was made by Trustee Poellot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik to approve the minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> & February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meetings. Ayes carried. Trustee Oliver abstained from the 2/2/2022 vote on the minutes.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to accept the following transfers, subject to audit.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to allow the clerk to publish the need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> budget workshop to be scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Municipal Building.

Transfer of Appropriations

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GENERAL FUND

From: A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	4,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

To:	A1440.4	Engineer	Contractual	2,000.00
	A1490.1	Administration	Personal Services	2,000.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

**Public Comment**

Fire Chief (Frank Speziale) and Fire Commissioner (Gary Malone) would like to purchase 2 acres of the Banner property for a fire training area. The Board was receptive to the idea. Frank and Gary will attend the April meeting with a more detailed proposal.

**ENGINEER:**

The mapping of the water system is complete and copies will be made for the Village’s use.

PLC: assembling of the devices is moving forward.

Creek Cleaning: Working on getting easements to rid the creek of excess debris.

Mirabito: They would like to build a 4,800 square foot building across from Burger King. The site would include a convenience store, tractor trailer parking, diesel fuel & gas pumps. Mirabito would like to install 6” water mains and 2” sewer mains and hook into the Village’s water/sewer system. The Engineer recommends a 8” water main. The area would also have a fire hydrant and charging stations. The Town would need to be approached because the property is in the town. A water/sewer district would need to be established and the Village would need to determine if they could handle the extra stress to the system.

**DPW:**

Tree on Warren/Skaddan: According to DPW the tree is still in good shape, DPW periodically goes through the Village and removes dead branches and cuts back limbs that hang over the sidewalks. Harold will get a quote because we hope to do the sidewalks in that area and would need to remove the tree.

Weekends: DPW Supervisor Harold Kiehl and Laborer Michael Hoke feel that they need another employee that could share weekend work. Laborer Richard Patterson was taken off rotation due to inability to obtain written permission from DEC that Laborer Patterson could conduct sewer work without 2a certification.

**CODES:**

There has been interest shown in 11 Elm Street. Anyone interested in the amount of back taxes should look at [www.ongov.net](http://www.ongov.net) or call the Onondaga County Finance Department at 315-435-2426.

**COUNSEL:**

No report by Counsel. Counsel will work on the tax cap paperwork for the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Trustees Poellot and Oliver will work on an evaluation panel that will be conducted every year to evaluate employees.

March 24<sup>th</sup> there is a Harassment and Discrimination Annual training webinar at 10:00am. To register go to [www.nymir.org](http://www.nymir.org) this training is required of all employees.

Trustee Vernay presented quotes for insulation of the ceiling at the WWTP.

\$9,990.00 Home Energy

\$7,835.00 Upstate foam

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the bid from Upstate Foam for \$7,835.00 subject to the receipt of the grant monies.

The Village is on line to receive a \$10,000.00 grant if the Codes Officer takes a course, supported by Clean Energy. The Codes officer indicated he did not intend to do that.

Upon resolution by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik a resolution to implement a climate smart community task force and appoint a climate smart community coordinator

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Tully adopted the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge by Resolution on 10/16/2019 and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wishes to obtain Certification under the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program by taking proactive steps towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, a Climate Smart Community Task Force serves as a central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate change mitigation and adaption strategies within the community and will act as an advisory group to the municipality on any community issues related to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSC Tasks Force will meet at least twice a year and maintain meeting minutes and attendance records for each meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the CSC Task Force will consist of community members, municipal representatives, and other relevant stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, a CSC Coordinator is responsible for convening and managing the task force as Chair, serving as liaison between the CSC task force and the chief executive officer and other officials, and interfacing with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on the CSC program as needed.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that a Climate Smart Community Task Force be initiated with the initial membership list below; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village of Tully appoints Kathryn Vernay, Village Trustee, as the Climate Smart Coordinator.

Initial Membership list for CSC Task Force:

Peter Huntinton	Tully Action Group
Suzanne Drumm	Tully Rotary/Interact
Melissa Flint-Morgan	Bloomin' Cup Café
Beth Tucker	Tully High School Environmental Science Teacher
Kim Cameron	Scholar's Ink
Charles Bibik	Community at large/ Fire Department

All ayes carried on the above resolution.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to contract with Cadmus for a level one energy audit for zero cost to the Village.

**Public Comment**

March 19<sup>th</sup> the fire department will burn down the Banner Farm subject to weather. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to waive the permit fee for the demo of the Banner Farm.

**Audit Bills**

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik, it was unanimous to review and authorize the accountant to pay the bills, subject to audit.

8:45 the Board entered into a budget workshop. No final decisions were reached.

Upon motion of Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Oliver Vernay it was unanimous to adjourn at 10:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk  
Clerk/Treasurer