

May 4th, 2022: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Benjamin Bibik, 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
Michael Hoke
Amanda Mazzoni
Sachi Segan
Richard Patterson
Adam Perry
Zachary Greschler
Patrick Kenny
Josh Cousins

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 Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the April 6th, 2022 meeting. Ayes carried.

ESF students presented their preliminary findings regarding GHG emission in the Village of Tully. The data presented inferred that optimizing/reducing water use in the Village and improving the efficiency of their fleet's transportation would be advantageous in reaching sustainability goals. A more detailed report will be forthcoming.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to make any necessary end of the year budget transfers. Ayes carried.

The accountant asked if the Masonic Lodge repairs have been completed so that the Village can be reimbursed for monies spent. The Mayor will look into it.

Public Comment

none

DPW:

Auction results: Village is waiting on final payment for tires, benches and flail mower.

Ed Wortley: There is an issue with the state route with potholes and crumbling curbing in front of Ed Wortley’s house. This is a state road. The clerk will compose a letter and have Mayor Goodfellow sign it and we will forward a copy to State DOT, Stirpe’s office and Ed Wortley asking the State to rectify this issue as soon as possible.

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| <u>Tree quote for 43 Warren:</u> | \$5,400.00 | Stumpbusters |
| | \$4,780.00 | Michael Grimm |
| | \$2,600.00 | treelanders |

Harold has one more quote expected in. Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept treelanders bid of \$2,600.00 if the 4th bid comes in over \$2,600.00.

Ayes carried.

Sidewalk grant (Warren): Harold will contact the County to look it over and estimate the cost to the Village.

Melinda Lane Curbing/WWTP lagoon asphalt repair: Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize the engineer to send the job out to bid. Ayes carried. Hopefully we will have the results for the June meeting. Combining both jobs will hopefully result in monies better allocated.

DEC comments:

If acceptable to the Grade 3A Chief Operator and Village at the Village of Tully’s Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), a designated uncertified Trainee may be entered into the operator rotation to provide operation and maintenance at the WPCP. Although the Trainee may work independently at the WPCP, in a capacity approved by the Chief Operator or Assistant Operator (or other designated certified operator) shall be at all times be reachable, by phone or by other means, to provide guidance to the Trainee on WPCP operation or maintenance issues that may arise when the Trainee is working at the WPCP. The work of the Trainee at the WPCP does not relieve the responsibility for plant operation and maintenance issues that may arise when the Trainee is working at the WPCP. The work of the Trainee at the WPCP does not relieve the responsibility for plant operation and maintenance and recommended operator coverage, as discussed below from the Chief Operator and Village. As per Jennifer L. Smith (DEC)

Thursday May 5, 2022 at 2:40pm a committee of Trustees Bibik and Oliver will meet with the DPW crew to discuss and rectify the scheduling issues.

DPW supervisor and clerk will get together to put in a job listing for a 3A Chief Operator for the Village of Tully DPW.

CODES:

Codes attended an energy class, which earned the village points toward a \$10,000.00 grant once Clear Path goes online.

COUNSEL:

No Report

Engineer:

WWTP controller upgrade

We're in the final stages of sorting out remaining details and discrepancies. It appears likely that we will have one more change order and we're working through that now. I will bring the item to the June meeting and I am not concerned as to the additional cost since we are well within the project budget. Presently, the contractor is looking a beginning the installation process either later this month or early June.

FEMA flood damage reimbursement

We had another conference call and it appears that we have successfully submitted the required details and forms. I am awaiting final guidance for the submission of some sort of "Recipient Certification" and hopefully that should conclude the bulk of our work.

Melinda Lane curbing/WWTP lagoon repair

The design work for the Melinda Lane/Berry Driveway project is complete and following a discussion with Harold about another project at the WWTP (lagoon asphalt repair), we agreed that it would likely be more cost effective to combine both projects into one bidding document so that there is more interest and competition, i.e., net cost savings. The WWTP project is straightforward and I have begun preparing the drawings and specs to cover both projects in one bid. The bid form will be structured so that the cost for each project can be identified separately.

New & old business:

Handbook

Trustee Oliver and Poellot submitted suggested changes to the handbook. The board will look it over and there will be more discussion.

Climate task force

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A RECYCLING POLICY IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
WHEREAS, the Village of Tully adopted the NYS Climate Smart Communities Pledge by Resolution on 5/4/2022 and

WHEREAS, decreasing resource use and waste reduces greenhouse gas emissions and costs to the Village and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Village policy on recycling serves to support employee efforts in these measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board has recognized that people are more likely to recycle when it is easy and convenient; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Village of Tully hereby establishes a policy that requires the placement of properly marked and distinguishable recycling bins next to all trash receptacles in municipal offices; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Village of Tully will provide clear signage with recycling guidelines to educate employees on the types of items that are recyclable.

All ayes carried.

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Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter requesting the estimated figures for retirement sick day enhancement. The clerk will mail the letter 5/5/2022. All ayes carried.

Regarding health insurance changes to medicare supplemental Trustee Oliver gave Harold a resource and the clerk will attempt to contact Excellus for more information.

Public Comment

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Poellot, 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 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer