

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin Goodfellow, Mayor  
Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor  
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee  
Courtney Hills, Counsel  
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer  
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant  
Ralph Lamson, Codes  
Harold Kiehl, DPW

Absent: Ken Teter, Engineer  
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee  
Daniel Poellot, Trustee

Visitors: Frank Speziale  
Peggy Farewell  
Sharon Shaw  
Cathy Prindle

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Motion was made by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik to approve the minutes from the July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Ayes carried.

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

The Annual Financial Report has been filed with the Comptroller's office.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay the clerk is directed to publish in the local paper that the Report is filed with the Comptroller and that the public may view it during normal business hours at the Clerk's office. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to audit the permanent record of the treasurer's reports from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and payroll records from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to accept the increase recommended by the IRS that the rate for mileage be increased to .625. All ayes carried.

### **Public Comment**

The Fire district's attorney is working with the Village attorney to iron out the sale of 2 acres of the Banner Farm. The burning of the barn will be held off until the end of September due to the lack of rain.

## **DPW**

**1 Clinton Street:** There was a grease blockage in the sewer main on Clinton Street which backed up into the old Marine Midland Bank. The owner's insurance refuses to pay and the Village insurance may not either. The Mayor is working with the Village's insurance people.

**Tree @ Warren/Skadden:** The company the Village originally went with (Tree landers), refused to be responsible for any damage that resulted from the tree removal. Therefore upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to use Michael Grimm for \$4,780.00. All ayes carried.

**Spray foam:** Insulation for the ceiling at the WWTP is done. The contractor will finish the framing once the weather turns cooler.

**Park Beavers:** Four beavers have been trapped and removed from Cummings park. Parts of the dam have been destroyed but the beavers are rebuilding. Traps will be kept there for awhile.

## **COUNSEL:**

The Mayor asked Counsel to look into updating and rewriting the Employee Handbook.

## **CODES:**

Letter was sent to State Street resident regarding parking issues. Counsel will look into a rental inspection policy.

## **Engineer:**

### **WWTP Controller Upgrade Project**

The status of the project is as follows. The contractor now has all the final items. He will shortly complete the installation (1-2 days) and coordinate these final items with Harold. Following that, they will conduct final training with Harold and we (Kevin and I) will conduct the final review for any remaining items to be completed.

### **FEMA Flood Damage Reimbursement:**

We have clarified and submitted the final reimbursement information as requested. I just found out from Harold that we have received the payment from FEMA for the initial two requests totaling over \$12,000.00. It appears we have now done our final request item and hopefully we'll hear a response within the next month or so on that aspect.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to clarify that if one works 4/10hr days then a 10hr holiday is paid. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to direct the clerk to have the job posting listed with Syracuse.com and the Post Standard. The village would go with the pro active plan at \$525.00.

### **Task Force update:**

Tree plantings near the WWTP will start this fall. The Village will need to supply 3 yards of 1" minus crusher run. DPW would also need to pickup/ deliver the stone. DPW says they have it available. DPW also has a place to store items such as tree tubes and stakes. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to spend \$90.00 to have 3 tables set

up at the Community Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>). The tables would illustrate OCRRA recycling training, reducing food waste, and one for the Task Force. The Board also approved the initial stages of writing a Food Waste Reduction Grant. The village would need to supply 25% with monies or in kind contributions.

## **Public Comment**

### **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.

Upon motion of Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk  
Clerk/Treasurer