

October 5, 2022: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor (phone)
Daniel Poellot, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Courtney Hills, Counsel
Harold Kiehl, DPW Superintendent

Absent: Ralph Lamson, Codes
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Chris Hayes
Mike Hoke, Laborer
Ken Scherrieble, Camden Group
Emily White

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Motion was made by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Poellot to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022, meeting. Ayes carried. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit.

The Camden Group gave a presentation by Ken Scherrieble regarding their ability to supervise and train personnel to run the WWTP. Options range from stopping in a few times a week to complete control of the WWTP. The Board will weigh the pros and cons and decide soon.

Public Comment

The fire department will burn the farmhouse about 9-9:30 am November 12th.

The fire department will continue to hand out candy at the 4 corners and at the firehouse on Halloween night.

A resident at 43 Clinton St. inquired about noise ordinances concerning dogs barking, dirt bikes and loud music from one of their neighbors. The neighbor has been uncooperative and unresponsive to complaints from various neighbors. Counsel will look at what regulations other municipalities have on their books.

DPW

Woodchipper: The Town of Spafford has expressed an interest in purchasing it. The Town of Tully owns half of it, therefore town Council member Speziale will bring it up at the next town meeting.

Someone else is taking down the dead tree at Key Bank at no expense to the Village.

The DPW will take down the pole barn at the Potter farm and possibly burn it with the old barn.

The DPW supervisor brought up the request for more monies due to the leaving of a laborer that has moved on to a better atmosphere.

Counsel:

Counsel is working on the handbook and has sent out a rough draft.

Codes:

No report at this time. The Clerk will leave the codes officer a note concerning Clinton Street noises.

Engineer:

VILLAGE OF TULLY: UPDATE FOR BOARD MEETING

TO: Mayor & Village Trustees FROM: Kenneth Teter, P.E. RE: Project Status Updates

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WWTP Controller Upgrade Project

This project continues to linger due to an equipment issue that has baffled everyone thus far. It appears to be related to the impulse signals related to obtaining accurate flow data from the sludge flowmeter. The Contractor has not shied away from this issue and continues to attempt various approaches to getting it resolved. We will get it resolved but the timing is still uncertain. Once done, the project will be closed out shortly thereafter with final training, as-builts, operating manuals and final payment.

FEMA Flood Damage Reimbursement

We have closed out this process and our efforts are now complete.

Melinda Lane Curbing/WWTP Lagoon Asphalt Repair

· As you know, we did not obtain any bids back in June and were waiting to see if something changed in the public works climate. Recently, however, Harold spoke with a paving contractor who was available this fall, and they offered a separate price for each aspect (Melinda and the lagoon). Both figures were over budget, and I have not been able to converse with Courtney about the options of even considering these new numbers. Obviously, it would also require the Board to commit to how they would fund one or both. I suspect this will and should be discussed at the meeting to see if there is an option at this point. Harold fully understands what we are looking into.

Creek Cleaning Permit Application

Harold and I have discussed this and are attempting to have the Town assist us in gathering the required topographic survey information we need to include in the submittal. I am also proceeding on other aspects of the process but this survey is something we need to complete before the weather gets too severe.

Route 11A Town Water District

Erin and I met with John and Chris Lawton about the project, and they are moving forward but need input and info from the Village. Erin can describe this in more detail at the meeting.

Attached is the letter from Ken Teter, engineer regarding the stream cleaning project and permit. The town attorney is working on a memorandum of understanding between the town and the village regarding water supply from Rt 80 to the Rt 11A wellhouse.

Melinda Lane/Lagoon: various contractors were contacted regarding Melinda Lane and the lagoon project. There were no responses returned. The DPW could only find one bidder for the lagoon project.

Because the village put the projects out to bid and received no response, contacted county contract and none were available, and that the DEC wants to have it done due to possible soil contamination, a motion was made by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$35,900.00. All ayes carried. The DPW will supply names of the contractors that did not respond.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to authorize the expenditure of \$27,000.00 for the Melinda Lane project. The DPW superintendent contacted county contractors, but no one is available. The project needs to be completed as soon as possible due to flooding issues.

The DPW will supply contractors' names that would not respond and the contractor that finally agreed to both jobs.

FEMA flood damage reimbursement has not come in yet.

WWTP controller upgrade is in the final stages.

Climate Smart Task Force:

Tree planting at the WWTP will be held October 15th, between 10am – 2pm. They will be using the easement through the Chimene property. Volunteers are needed. The Task Force is working on a grant for compost containers (bins). Kathy Vernay is also researching a food scrap composting collecting point at the WWTP. The energy audit was completed and the results should be available in about 3 weeks.

Public Comment

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to proceed to executive session to include the accountant and the board members (Trustee Bibik by phone).

The Executive Session is relative to “the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 8:25pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Poellot, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to leave executive session at 9:11pm.

Regular meeting is back in session, door was opened for the clerk and the DPW Superintendent and a laborer.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to make the following decision: Due to the fact that we have a vacant position in the DPW, this requires the Village to compensate our existing employees for the additional weekend hours which were covered by the vacant employee. Therefore, the board has authorized up to 4 hours for the weekends that were previously covered by the 3rd laborer. All other overtime or emergency time shall be authorized by the mayor, or in her absence, by the Deputy Mayor. This resolution shall remain in effect until a 3rd qualified laborer can fill the weekend shifts. Four (4) hours will be compensated by the overtime rates of \$59.68 for the Superintendent of Public Works and \$35.96 for the laborer.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to enter executive session for the same reasons listed above at 9:30pm.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to exit executive session at 9:43pm.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to authorize the following: Upon review of the current handbook former employee Richard Patterson is entitled to be paid 240 hours of vacation time. In addition, he will be paid for 75 days of sick leave at \$25.00/day.

Audit Bills

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

Upon motion of Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Poellot it was unanimous to adjourn at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer