

January 4th, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

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

Absent: Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Eric Galvin
Mike Hoke

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. New Board of Trustee member, Daniel Ray was administered the oath of office by the clerk. Motion was made by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the December 7th, 2022. Ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve resolutions #1 - #24 as corrected. All ayes carried.

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

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the amounts from the pilot program as follows: County: \$385.13 Town: \$2,915.02 Village: \$6,203.58 which totals : \$9,503.73. All ayes carried

Public Comment

DPW

Lead & copper ruling: Government has mandated that by October 2024 the first phase of the efforts to get rid of lead piping needs to be completed. This would require a photo of the pipe that leads into the meter at each resident/building.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Consultant Agreement with Polisse Forest Management Services. All ayes carried.

We are still awaiting inspection report from Aquastore regarding the water tank. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize the purchase of a new small fridge for chemicals at the WWTP and scrap the old one. All ayes carried.

The issue of Harold's cell phone was discussed. Clerk will contact Verizon Wireless for an upgrade. The Village will keep the same #. The village may have the "on call" person carry the cell phone for the interim period.

Trustee Bibik will work on getting off site access to DPW's emails. Trustee Vernay is setting up a new system to track and verify orders, receiving of orders, vouchers and signing orders for DPW.

Trustee Vernay was appointed by the Mayor to the WWTP Liaison position. She will have temporary authority to sign and authorize vouchers, submit time sheets, track vacation and sick time.

Harold Kiehl will be retiring at the end of January after 46 years of dedicated service to the Village residents. February 25th at 1pm there will be a gathering for Harold in the large meeting room at the Municipal Building. The party will be open to the public, if you wish to stop in and wish Harold well in his future endeavors.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to schedule a short village meeting for budget prep work, and any other business brought before the village at that time, for 12:30pm on Saturday, February 25th to be followed by a party for Harold. The public is invited to attend both. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Town and Barton & Loguidice regarding the comprehensive plan and the village would contribute \$3,000.00 to the project. All ayes carried.

Counsel:

No report

Codes:

Government has mandated that all those who have grease traps must have documentation of a cleaning services schedule.

Codes will look into excessive debris behind the old Pizza shop.

Engineer:

VILLAGE OF TULLY: UPDATE FOR BOARD MEETING

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

DATE: Board Meeting – January 4th, 2023

WWTP Controller Upgrade Project

We are still awaiting the final word and schedule for the full replacement of the sludge flow meter by the manufacturer. With the holiday season there was apparently little headway made.

Melinda Lane Curbing/WWTP Lagoon Asphalt Repair

This project is fully completed and I have approved the contractor's final Pay applications for the remaining 5% of each contract amount. These totals are as follows: WWTP Lagoon Asphalt - \$1,745.00 and Melinda Lane Asphalt - \$1,350.00. Tom has the completed and approved paperwork and I recommend that the Village Board pass resolutions to accept these applications and approve payment for each as noted.

Creek Cleaning Permit Application

No survey work has been completed for this application and as before, if the Board wants to move ahead with this I can contact my local surveyor to provide a price for completing this same work so that the application process can be initiated.

Route 11A Town Water District

I have not received any further information about the project and the final numbers as to their anticipated usage.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Online Auction (Auctions International) and appoint Trustee Ray as the contact person. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to approve payment for \$1,745.00 for the Lagoon. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to approve payment of \$1,350.00 for the Melinda Lane project. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to have engineer Ken Teter present a quote for the creek cleaning. All ayes carried.

Climate Smart Task Force:

Trustee Vernay reports that the Village is now eligible for a \$10,000.00 grant from NYSERDA. Grant paperwork has been submitted and accepted. Notification of payment is expected in a few weeks. Use of this money is limited to items which reduce greenhouse gases, such as an air-source heat pump for the WWTP office, and insulation for the chemical storage.

No new applicants for the WWTP.

It was decided to table the 1st responders tax break at this time.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to proceed to Executive Session which will include Village clerk, Accountant, Laborer Mike Hoke and the Board. The Executive session relative to "the medical, financial, credit or employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation" at 8:41pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to close out of executive session at 9:43pm. All ayes carried.

The Mayor is authorize to create a new position of "Labor Crew Leader". This position would be for \$53,900.00/yr. They would be required to submit all reports that they are qualified to sign and submit, they would be the "holder" of the cell phone and respond to all calls accordingly. WWTP Liaison will determine any other additional duties and or requirements for this position.

Public Comment

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Audit Bills

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 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 Ray it was unanimous to adjourn at 9:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer