February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor

Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor

Daniel Ray, Trustee Kathryn Vernay, Trustee

Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer Thomas Chartrand, Accountant

Ralph Lamson, Codes

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel

Roxanne Oliver, Trustee Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale

Ken Scherrieble Mike Hoke, Laborer Daniel Poellot Kyle Polisse

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 Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik to approve the minutes from the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Ayes carried.

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

The Board has asked Counsel to set up the tax cap override law for the next meeting. Trustee Vernay, WWTP Liaison, & the accountant Thomas Chartrand reviewed budget items that are still pending for 2023.

#### **Public Comment**

The Fire Department has scheduled the burn for the Banner Farm for February 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **DPW**

Ken Scherrieble, (Camden Corp), gave the report on the WWTP. All things are running smoothly.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to initiate the termination of the excellent service of the Camden Corp effective 90 days from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Roll Vote:

Trustee Bibik yes

Mayor Goodfellow yes
Trustee Ray yes
Trustee Vernay yes
Trustee Oliver absent

All ayes carried.

Trustee Vernay, WWTP Liaison, reported on the running of the WWTP.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the timber harvest people to let Estey property use the right of way thru the Banner Farm property. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the Deputy Mayor, Benjamin Bibik, to sign the Polisse contract for timber harvesting including the 2 (two) right of ways. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to approve Granger as the sole source for the hot box heater at \$1,281.13. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to create a position known as Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator (Type A Plant). It would be non-competitive. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to hire Kevin Kwiatkowski as Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator at \$60,000.00/year. All ayes carried. Employee reviews have been completed by Trustee Vernay. Mike Hoke has the choice of using comp time or overtime until all 3 employees are hired. Comp time may only be accumulated for a quarter and then it is lost.

The culvert at the McKnight property needs repair. The homeowner is required to purchase the pipe, within the Village specs, and the Village will install and pay for the gravel.

The Board will ask Counsel to look into a Driveway Permit Resolution.

W2O has recommended for the  $2^{nd}$  time that the issues with the backflow at the Municipal Building be corrected. The Municipal Building is the property of the Town.

The flow coming from Kinneys that goes into the pump station needs to be fixed. DPW will work with Camden and Northrup Septic to correct the problem.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize Engineer, Ken Teter, to look into specs and bids for a replacement blower. All ayes carried. Laborer Hoke will sign up for a course that would give him a "D water certification". Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to approve the cost of the course. All ayes carried.

# **COUNSEL:**

No report at this time

# **CODES:**

The debris has been cleared from the old pizza place.

# **ENGINEER:**

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Engineer with the increase in hourly charge. All ayes carried.

# **Climate Smart Task Force:**

Trustee Vernay has updated the Fleet inventory policy. Trustee Vernay has been notified that the Village will be receiving a \$10,000.00 grant to be used for electric vehicles, charging stations, solar installations, or installing insulation or heat pumps. She has already asked for quotes on installing a heat pump at the WWTP office. Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fleet inventory policy. All ayes carried. Trustee Vernay will research how best to spend the grant monies.

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Barton & Loguidice will start public hearings in March to get ideas and recommendations from the Village and Town residents for the future of Tully.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to ratify the email poll on the new purchase of the Samsung Galaxy S22 for DPW. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the appointment of Mike Hoke to Labor Crew Leader. All ayes carried.

Trustees Bibik and Ray will look into and find the best option for our emails etc....

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Syracuse Haulers. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to proceed into Executive Session which will include the Village Clerk, Accountant, and the Board. The Executive Session 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 8:49pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to leave executive session at 8:53pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve and authorize accrued time of 162 days of sick time for the 41(j) and 400 hours of vacation pay for retiring DPW Superintendent Harold Kiehl. All ayes carried.

#### **Public Comment**

Insurance will need to be looked into further.

### **Audit Bills**

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

Upon motion of Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk Clerk/Treasurer