

April 5th, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, April 5th, 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
Courtney Hills, Counsel (by phone)
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Kevin Kwiatkowski, WWTP

Absent: Ralph Lamson, Codes
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Michael Hoke
Eric Galvin

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to open the budget hearing for 2023-2024 at 7:01pm.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to close the budget hearing at 7:06pm. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to adopt preliminary as final budget. All ayes carried.

Clerk will send a copy of the budget to Eastern Shores so they may review and revise costs to the Village.

Motion was made by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Ray to approve the minutes from the March 1st, 2023 meeting. Ayes carried.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to accept transfers as modified. All ayes carried.

Transfers of Appropriations
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GENERAL FUND

From: A5110.1	street maintenance	personal services P/S	4,000.00
A1990.4	contingent	contractual	2,000.00
A7110.1	parks	personal services	1,000.00
		TOTAL	7,000.00

To:	A5110.4	street maintenance	contractual	6,000.00
	A5142.1	snow removal	personal services	1,000.00
			TOTAL	7,000.00
WATER FUND				
From:	F8340.1	Transm. & Distrib.	Personal services	1,000.00
			TOTAL	1,000.00
To:	F8320.1	Source of Supply	personal services	1,000.00
			TOTAL	1,000.00
SEWER FUND				
From:	G8130.1	WW Treatment	personal services	5,000.00
			TOTAL	5,000.00
To:	G8130.4	WW Treatment	contractual expense	5,000.00
			TOTAL	5,000.00

Clerk will work on filing the budget for the America Rescue Plan Fund.

Public Comment

Mayor will contact Counsel in regards to a 10% drop in assessments for active firemen who have been in service for 5 years or longer.

Engineer

WWTP Controller Upgrade Project: All of the installation and training work is now completed. As such, I am recommending approval and payment of Pay Appl #4 for \$18,813.48. Both Ruth and Tom have the electronic copies and the approved hard copies are in the mail for signature by Erin once they arrive. If you could please pass a resolution to approve the Pay App #4, that would be great. We are now awaiting the final documentation (manuals, etc.) and closeout documents and once we review and approve them, we will be recommending payment of the remaining 5% retainage (approximately \$5,500.00).

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to approve Pay App #4 for \$18,813.48 for the WWTP controller upgrade. All ayes carried.

Counsel:

No report

DPW:

The board has authorized Kevin to obtain 3 quotes for a “chopper pump” for the remote lift station. This is due to the Circle K, Kinneys and the Hotel of throwing unauthorize substances into the sewer system. This has resulted in major expenses to the Village in the way of overtime, renting of extra equipment and excessive time spent on the issue during normal business hours.

Chipper: The chopper has just been delivered. Training will being next week. The invoice will be submitted to the board for payment once training is complete.

Blower: Kevin has received quotes but one does not include info on prevailing wages. He will contact them again or obtain a quote from another vendor.

Flags: quotes for replacement American Flags \$587.00 Display Sales
And \$663.44 Carrot top

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to go with Display Sales for \$587.00.

Fire Extinguishers: replacement extinguishers quotes: Jerome \$1,016.28 Riverside \$1,659.95. Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to go with Jerome for \$1,016.28.

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize Suit-Kote to apply cracked sealing as needed through the Village for up to \$4,000.00. All ayes carried.

The street sweeper is up and running. Maintenance continues on other machinery.

Mike is taking a course at W2O to obtain D certification.

Trustee Vernay has quotes from W2O and Camden. W2O \$750.00 Camden \$1,000.00 plus \$95.00/trip Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with W2O for \$750.00 to cover the WWTP until Mike receives his certification class D in water.

CODES:

The Village will start with Ralph, in regards to the issues with Circle K, Kinney, and the Hotel. The Mayor will also have Courtney write a letter stating our concerns over the abuse of the sewer system.

There are also garbage issues at 42 Elm Street. The Board will have Ralph write a letter and visit them.

Climate Smart Update:

The Village has reached the level of Bronze Climate Smart Community through its upgrades. The \$10,000.00 grant received with this honor will be applied to installation of a heat pump in the WWTP office plus some electric lawnmowing machinery. The Village is only 300 points away from earning a Clean Energy Community grant. The options for earning that grant include having a community campaign for electric vehicles and one for heat pump installations.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

Barton & Logidice presented their plan to the public. The public was allowed to make comments, recommendations and preferences. There will be another meeting in May. Please contact the Town or Village office for date and time.

Public Comment

The Village will install a new Stop sign at Grove Street at their earliest opportunity.

Eric Galvin from the ZBA is requesting training. Mayor will contact Courtney about coming and conducting a class for zoning and planning board members.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the village to spend up to \$900.00 to set up email and hosting for the Village.

Audit Bills

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, 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 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer