

May 3rd, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor
Daniel Ray, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Courtney Hills, Counsel (by phone)
Kevin Kwiatkowski, WWTP Operator
Ralph Lamson, Codes

Absent: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Sally Greene
Mike Hoke, Laborer
Trudy Krewson

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Bibik led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Motion was made by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the April 5th, 2023, meeting. Ayes carried.

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

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize Mayor Goodfellow to make any necessary budget transfers for the end of the year. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to schedule a public hearing for 6:30pm on June 7th, 2023 at the Municipal Building on 5833 Meetinghouse Road to review and discuss LL-1-2023. All ayes carried.

Public Comment

Sally Greene and Trudy Krewson expressed their sadness at the mess of debris that is on the lawns of several homes on Warren Street and one on State Street. They presented the board with several pictures of the front and back lawns of several homes piled with garbage, abandoned furniture, appliances, and vehicles. Codes officer Ralph Lamson will look into this and issue letters with the possibility of legal actions.

Trudy Krewson also wanted to know which fund was the monies from the lumber harvest going into. The original plan was to put it into the general fund for fixing the baseball field at Cummings Park, but the Board will discuss further options.

DPW

Aldi had a major water leak. Aldi requested that the Village fill their fire suppression tank back to full. Due to the amount needed the Village had to do it in stages. Aldi will be charged for the excessive usage.

Woodchipper: Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to declare the old chipper surplus subject to the town's decision, setting the residual value at \$8,000.00. All ayes carried.

Clean up day: scheduled for May 13th. Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to schedule Kevin to be paid overtime for the morning hours, Scott will be paid overtime for the whole day. All ayes carried.

Storm Drains: Kevin is working on pricing for the cleaning of storm drains.

Suit-Kote: The DPW is looking at paving various areas in the Village (Skadden/Melinda/Village View etc...). The Board will look into the amount of monies available and determine which areas can be done first.

Dog Waste Bins: The Village has had trouble finding volunteers to empty the dog waste bins. The DPW crew will handle it for now. Residents have asked that one be put at the cemetery. Village would need to look at cost and availability. The previous ones were purchased under a grant.

Sludge Pump: A new pump is needed, Kevin will look into pricing and report back to the board.

Circle K Pump Station: A new pump is needed at the Circle K Pump Station due to the abuse that the three users have put it through. Kevin will report back with pricing.

Raw Sewage Pump: Replacement is needed, DPW will report back with pricing

Sidewalk on Warren: Due to the elevation changes and possible changes to driveway aprons this is a very expensive project. Kevin, WWTP Operator and Ken Teter, Engineer will be consulted. The Village will attempt to apply for a grant to aid in the repairs and changes to elevation.

Power Washer: Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for a new one. All ayes carried.

Lab equipment: Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize up to \$3,000.00 for a ph meter 2 quotes will be attached to the voucher. All ayes carried.

Muffle furnace: Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize up to \$6,000.00 for a new muffle furnace providing 3 quotes are attached to the vouchers. All ayes carried.

Blower Replacement: Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize Engineer, Ken Teter to looking into the specs for aeration blower replacement if over \$35,000.00. All ayes carried.

Stop sign at Grove and Douglas has been repaired.

Counsel:

No report at this time

Codes:

Codes will look into parking issues at Melinda/Rt 80 and Skadden/Village View, some vehicles are unlicensed. Ralph will also check out garbage and debris outside homes on Warren Street and State Street. He will also check with the sewer abuse at Circle K pumping station.

Engineer:

VILLAGE OF TULLY: UPDATE FOR BOARD MEETING

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

DATE: Board Meeting – May 3rd, 2023 October 5, 2022

WWTP Controller Upgrade Project

As before, all of the installation and training work is now completed but we are still awaiting the final documentation (manuals, etc...) and closeout documents. Once we review and approve them, we will be able to close the entire project out. The \$75,000.00 grant monies arrived from the county to help cover the cost of the project.

Climate Smart Task Force:

Bronze certification plaques will be attached to the large flower boxes at the 4 corners.

Comprehensive Plan update:

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the town to set the date, and time for the public hearing and to cover the cost of the public notice. All ayes carried.

Public Comment

Trustee Ray will look into cost of another dog station for the cemetery. The possibility of having Pride flags for the month of June was discussed.

The town is looking at replacing the phone system at the municipal building.

The Board will contact the Sheriffs' department in hopes of having a Sheriff on the 4 corners due to the danger of children crossing the street, motorists ignoring the crossing guards and the traffic light.

Audit Bills

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

Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to adjourn at 9:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer