

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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  
Kevin Kwiatkowski, WWTPO  
Ralph Lamson, Codes

Absent: Ken Teter, Engineer  
Courtney Hills, Counsel

Visitors: Frank Speziale  
Eric Galvin  
Dan Johnston  
Larrian Johnston  
Charles Bibik  
Chris Hayes

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 Oliver to approve the minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. Ayes carried.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the clerk to place a legal notice in the paper stating that the Annual Financial report has been filed for the fiscal year ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and that if you wish to review the report it is available during normal office hours.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to appointment Chris Hayes to the Village ZBA for a 5 year term.

**Public Comment**

**DPW**

Kevin has been following up with various contractors for a variety of projects. He spoke with Barton & Laguidice about zoning ideas, grant monies would be needed to move forward with this.

43 Elm Street the driveway is washing into the street, the DPW crew has been cleaning it up until a more permanent solution is found.

Kevin has found a company that will supply a free pump for the lift station. They would wish to monitor the activity, which would be agreeable with the Village.

New lines are being installed for internet access for the WWTP.

The sidewalk project has been tentatively scheduled for mid to late August.

Kevin is working on quotes for a couple more benches. The Village hopes to add "Welcome" signs to the north and on Grove Street.

### **Counsel:**

No report

### **Codes:**

There are concerns about the amount of garbage and debris on homes on Warren Street.

Codes will look into what can be done.

### **Engineer:**

#### WWTP Controller Upgrade Project

No change on this.....We have reviewed and commented on the O&M Manual and are awaiting the revisions, as well as the final documentation and closeout documents. Once we review all and approve them, we will be able to close the entire project out.

EFC Planning Grant for WWTP Improvements Engineering Report In conjunction with Barton & Loguidice Engineers in Syracuse (who prepared the actual application), a grant has been submitted for assistance to prepare an engineering report on the various upgrades and improvements that remain at the WWTP. The grant covers 80% of the costs of the report so the local share is comparatively small. The application requested \$50,000 in grant funds meaning the Village share will be \$10,000. Having this report completed will enable the Village to apply for any and all future funding opportunities as they continue to become available. Essentially, you cannot apply for funding without the report completed..... all agencies require it. I work with Chris Lawton of B&L in other communities and will partner with them on this report if the grant application is successful. FYI... He is the lead engineer on the possible Route 11A Town of Tully water project so he is familiar with the Village.

Circle K Pump Station Upgrade Kevin, myself and two representatives of Gartner Equipment (the outfit that did the last upgrade), met at the pump station and plant to discuss and gather information about the proposed project. Gartner subsequently prepared a brief memo regarding aspects of the work. I also spoke with Kevin Noble of Northeast Specialty (he's done a lot with me on previous WWTP projects) to get his input. The volume capacity of the existing structure is very large in comparison to what is pumped so consequently the need for increasing the pumps rate capacity is not necessarily that critical. I think the key issue is the type of pump to be used to prevent the clogging issue. We're looking at those options and should have a game plan soon.

Tractor Supply Store I was contacted and spoke with the engineer working on preliminary "concept plans" for the possible new store behind the hotel/pharmacy/gas station at Route 11/80. The conversation focused on the storm water management and compliance challenges with the SWPPP regulations. We spoke in general and also looked at the remaining green space near

Route 80 that is presently identified as a Village utility easement area. They will see what creative ideas they can develop that might work. I suggested that they go a little further in the design process to get a handle on quantities, etc., so they can make some early assessments of what they may need. I explained that I am willing to listen and look at what they might propose.

**Climate Smart:**

The contract is in the process of validation at NYSERTA.

**Old & New Business:**

Jean Vulcano will be reinstated as the crossing guard as soon as the Village office receives a release from her doctor.

**Public Comment:**

The Johnstons expressed concerns over the wooden railing that is at the front of FD properties. Codes will contact the owner of FD properties and hopefully the situation will be corrected in a timely manner.

**Audit Bills**

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

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous that the Village Board has audited the treasurer's records for the fiscal year ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Upon motion of Trustee Oliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Mayor Bibik it was unanimous to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk  
Clerk/Treasurer