

November 1, 2023: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Daniel Ray, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Kevin Kwiatkowski, WWTP Operator

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel
Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor
Ralph Lamson, Codes
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
John Masters, Town Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Motion was made by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Ray to approve the minutes from the October 4th, 2023, meeting. Ayes carried.

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

Public Comment:

Reminder to the Public that there is NO Parking on the street from November 1st thru April. This is to aid in the removal of snow.

Some residents are not happy with the finishing of the sidewalk. The Village can only replace what was previously there, they cannot "upgrade" the aprons.

Chief Speziale checked with emergency management and they do not have a generator big enough if the WWTP should lose power for an extended period.

DPW:

Sidewalk project is almost completed. DPW will be doing “touch ups” in the spring.

Kevin received quote for the raw sewage pump, machinery and install \$23,850.00. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to approve the purchase thru Henderson pending confirmation of prevailing wage. All ayes carried.

Sludge pump-filter press pump:

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Ray the following passed unanimously.

After more than 6 months of attempting to acquire quotes from at least 4 vendors the Village has received only 2 qualifying quotes to date. Our WWTP operator has determined that the present pump may not be able to operate thru the current cycle even with the many repairs that have been done. Failure of the pump will cause the Village to be out of compliance with our operating permit. Due to these concerns the Board has decided that this is an emergency situation and will award the contract to Koester Associates for \$34,825.00 upon confirmation of prevailing wage compliance.

DPW is working on getting OT for weekend chores.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize Trustee Ray to be the coordinating agent to enroll the Village and Kevin Kwaitkowski in Source well. This will aid the Village with better pricing. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize Trustee Ray to purchase 2 speed signs to total \$6,546.00. All ayes carried.

Welcome signs are in progress and we hope to have them soon.

Report from Ken Teter:

On October 18th, Kevin, Mike and myself met with two representatives from B&L and John the Town Supervisor about their proposed water project along Route 11A. They have received bids for the first phase for replacing the existing piping and are awaiting word as to funding. They are also still very much interested in purchasing water from the Village (which should be no problem based on our system). The discussion also went into their desire to enter into an MOU with the Village as it pertains to ultimately entering into an agreement with the Village for our services for O&M on their new Town water district system. A wide variety of items were discussed and questions raised that gave everyone food for thought as

to how that arrangement might work and the specific items that will need to be sorted out. Overall it was a productive meeting and the intention is to periodically meet as this all moves forward.

Circle K Pump Station Upgrade: This is next on my list and I apologize for the delay.

Tractor Supply Store: no new information from their engineer but there has been earthwork going on at the site which I alerted Ralph to.

Honeywell: The Town reported that the infrastructure replacement on 11A hopes to start in December.

Trustee Ray has been looking into North Shore Solutions for the Village website, emails etc...

Codes:

No report.

Public Comment:

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

Upon motion of Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to proceed to Executive Session which will include Village Clerk, John Masters (Town Supervisor), and the full 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 8:01pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to close out of Executive Session at 8:26pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to dismiss the current Codes officer and hire Michael Decker at the same Village rate. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer