

April 3rd, 2024: budget meeting @ 6:30pm with regular meeting to follow

There was a public hearing for budget 2024 - 2025 @ 6:30pm with a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully to follow in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor (arrived by 6:45pm)
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Benjamin Vincent, Codes
Kevin Kwiatkowski, WWTP Operator

Absent: Daniel Ray, Trustee
Ken Teter, Engineer
Courtney Hills, Counsel (available by phone)

Visitors: Frank Speziale

Mayor Goodfellow opened the public hearing for the 2024 – 2025 budget at 6:31pm.
Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to close the public hearing at 6:45pm.
Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to move the preliminary budget to adopted budget with changes discussed. All ayes carried.

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Motion was made by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the March 6th, 2024 meeting. Ayes carried.
Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the treasurer’s report, subject to audit.
Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the transfers, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

Transfer of Appropriations

GENERAL FUND

From	A5142.1	snow removal	personal services	2,000.00
			TOTAL	2,000.00

To	A5130.1	machinery	personal services	2,000.00
			TOTAL	2,000.00

WATER FUND

From	F8340.1	trans&distrib	personal services	1,500.00
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			TOTAL	1,500.00
To	F8320.1	source of supply	personal services	1,500.00
			TOTAL	1,500.00
SEWER FUND				
From	G8130.1	ww treatment	personal services	2,000.00
			TOTAL	2,000.00
To	G8120.1	sanitary sewer	personal services	2,000.00
			TOTAL	2,000.00

Public Comment

DPW/ENGINEER

Update from Engineer Ken Teter:

Route 11A Town of Tully Water project:

Discussions continue with Town engineers and personnel concerning the potential O&M role the village staff would undertake. Another meeting is scheduled for May 14th with Kevin, Mike and myself along with the 2 representatives from B&L and John the town supervisor about the overall water project. This coming meeting will also include Shawn Rush, PE the Onondaga County Health Dept. engineer. She will hopefully clarify the exact needs for testing, inspections. Etc...

Circle K pump station upgrade

This design work has now resumed and I expect to have the bid documents prepared within the next 2 weeks.

Tractor Supply store

This project is on-going with the required SEQR Lead Agency notices being prepared and mailed. The next focus will be the more detailed review of the Site Plan and the storm water design (SWPPP) so that the Board can have all my input prior to the next meeting.

Water system and pump station backup generators

Having discussed and looked into the alternative propane fuel source for the well house generator, we (both Kevin's (Noble & Kwiatkowski) and myself), feel we can provide adequate additional protection and safeguards to the refueling process (diesel) so that we can use a more standard generator. It will be less costly and does not bring to the table other issues that a propane tank does (tank ownership and size, siting location, more specialized maintenance, cold and hot temperature functionality, etc...). Unless there is uncertainty and concerns expressed to Kevin or myself as to going with a diesel generator, that will be our intention and I will prepare the suitable formal proposals to secure bids and select the equipment we want. Similarly we will go forward with the other generators for the other locations.

VV retaining wall

This has lingered for years, often overlooked/forgotten by me and it originated with Harold. I will consult with Kevin and then decide just what approach we want to take.

As a refresher for some and perhaps new info for others, when we did the cleaning of the creek along the open stretch adjacent to the WWTP we did not need a permit since we were able to complete the debris/sediment removal from the creek bank with no machinery in the actual ditch. Unfortunately upstream from the RR bridge at the WWTP, we don't have that opportunity and for those areas, the property is privately owned. I'm confident we can secure the temporary construction easements from the owners since the cleaning of the creek protects their property. As to working in the creek itself, that requires a DEC/ACOE permit. To apply we will need to have a survey of the creek itself (centerline elevations, typical cross sections, etc.) and we had hoped to work with the Town DPW Supt. for their assistance to do so since they have the equipment to do it in a rudimentary manner. That never came to pass and the alternative was to hire a local surveyor which carries a cost. That too never was enacted so the whole project has sat for the past couple of years.

I think that's an accurate summary of this issue and I can certainly look into it again to see what possibilities exist today. Hope this helps.

This is a late addition/correction from Engineer Ken Teter.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize Kevin/Ken to go ahead with the diesel generator. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize the Engineer to go ahead with the bid document for the Circle K pump station upgrade. All ayes carried.

Kevin reported that woodchips/infield mix will be in the next couple of weeks.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to approve the following transfer:

From A1990.4 To A7110.4 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the playground. All ayes carried.

Kevin reported that influent pump #2 is not in good shape. The sludge pump is installed and working properly. Kevin is working on the bid project for "screening".

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize Kevin to get quotes on pump #1 to send the info to the Board so that procurement policies have been met, Board response will be by email polling, so that the work can start before the next month's meeting. All ayes carried.

Kevin will work with Suit Kote to move forward on crack sealings. The float is broken at the water tower. Kevin is working on how to fix this.

Counsel:

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork to retain William Marquardt as counsel. All ayes carried.

Codes:

Special permit was issued for Michele Bowen for dog grooming at her apartment.
New house broke ground on Village View.
Tractor supply hearing is scheduled for April 17th,
Dix residence is lacking a certificate of compliance.

OLD Business:

Radar sign on Route 80 is not working.

Public Comment

The creek bed from the Onondaga street bridge to the WWTP has a lot of debris in it.
Help/suggestions to deal with the issue would be helpful. The Village cannot work on private property and they cannot work from the creek bed itself.

Audit Bills

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

Upon motion of Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Bibik it was unanimous to adjourn at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer