

July 3rd, 2024: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024 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, WWTP Operator

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel (available by phone)
Benjamin Vincent, Codes
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Mary Thompson
Mike Hoke, Laborer
Alan Sickmon
Ed Wortley
Maureen Bibik
William Davis, MBR

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Motion was made by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the June 5th, 2024 meeting. Ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report for May 31st, 2024, subject to audit.

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report for June 30th, 2024, subject to audit.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to authorize the following transfers for June 2024, subject to audit.

May 31st, 2024

Transfer of Appropriations

GENERAL FUND

To:

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| A1440.4 | Engineer | Contractual | 3,300.00 |
| A1490.1 | Administration | personal services | 2,700.00 |
| A1620.4 | Buildings | contractual | 1,200.00 |
| A3120.1 | Crossing guards | personal services | 300.00 |

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| A5110.1 | street maintenance | personal services | 1,700.00 |
| A5130.1 | Machinery | personal services | 2,100.00 |
| A7110.1 | Parks | personal services | 1,300.00 |
| A8170.1 | Street Cleaning | personal services | 3,600.00 |
| A9060.8 | employee benefits | hospital&med. Insurance | 400.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 16,600.00 |

From:

| | | | |
|---------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| A1325.4 | treasurer | contractual | 1,100.00 |
| A1420.4 | Attorney | contractual | 5,000.00 |
| A1990.4 | contingent | contractual | 10,500.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 16,600.00 |

WATER FUND

To:

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|---------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| F8340.4 | trans & distribution | contractual | 3,300.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 3,300.00 |

From:

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|---------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| F8320.1 | source of supply | personal services | 2,000.00 |
| F8330.4 | purification | contractual | 1,300.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 3,300.00 |

July 3rd, 2024

Transfer of Appropriations

GENERAL FUND

From:

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|---------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| A510 | estimated revenues | CHIPS, EWR,POP,PAV | 10,858.00 |
| A1990.4 | contingent | contractual | 1,250.00 |
| | | | 3,500.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 15,608.00 |

To:

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|---------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| A1325.1 | treasurer | personal services | 3,500.00 |
| A5112.2 | Cap. Improv | CHIF cap improv | 10,858.00 |
| A8010.1 | zoning | personal services | 1,250.00 |
| | | TOTAL | 15,608.00 |

Public Comment

Mary Thompson came to report to the Village Board that all the Kurdish people have left Tully for more hospitable areas. They have been told to use segregated bathrooms when they worked at Aldi. They have been refused service and treated with disdain by the community. Mary will also be leaving the area due to the disrespect that the community has for others.

Ed Wortley has read that a lot of surrounding communities have been getting grants and wanted to know if the Village is receiving any of these monies. The Mayor responded that we have been using the Main Street Grant for improvements such as park benches, dog stations, radar signs and some businesses have made use of these monies also.

Alan Sickmon has concerns about several foxes roam the Melinda Street area. Deputy Mayor Bibik will contact DEC and a trapper in Fabius.

Accountant

Trustees Ray and Oliver have audited the treasurer's records for 2023 – 2024.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the following motion. All ayes carried. The Annual Financial Report has been filed with the State and the clerk has been authorize to publish the notice in the paper. The public may view the report at the Village office during normal hours.

DPW

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Curtis Power Solutions for a generator at Circle K pump station. The cost is to be no more than \$5,316.00. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay the board authorized the Mayor to sign application of membership to Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium. All ayes carried

WHEREAS, the Village of Tully has performed due diligence for the responsibility it accepts with the membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium(GTCMHIC), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Tully Board hereby directs its officers and appointees to take the following Consortium membership applicant steps:

1. Submit as soon as practicable, but no later than August 1st, 2024, a board resolution authorizing application for membership along with the GTCMHIC "New Group Member Application" completed which states the GTCMHIC Health Benefit Insurance Plan or plans the Municipal Corporation's employees and retirees will be participating in upon the effective date of participation in GTCMHIC.
2. As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1st, submit the Municipal Corporation's 2 most recent years of State Comptroller AUD reports,
3. As soon as practicable, but no later than August 1st, submit the Municipal Corporation's most recent monthly premium billing statements from all health insurance carriers providing benefits to all active employees and retirees.

Said premium billing statement should include the name of the Municipal corporation and the month for which the billing is related. In addition said premium bills must include the number of contracts (employee+spouse, employee+child (children), and family) and the monthly premium rate for each plan of benefit.

Further RESOLVED, if the Consortium Board accepts this Village's application, the Village will comply with the following action steps:

4. By October 1st, notify the GTCMHIC of the name and contact information for the person within your organization for benefit administration, and who will attend a new member orientation.

5. Sign the municipal cooperative agreement of the GTCMHIC upon notification that the GTCMHIC Board of Directors has approved the Municipal Corporation's application to become a participant in the GTCMHIC by October 15th.
6. Confirm by October 15th, the names of all employees, retirees, and dependents to be covered in which Consortium's Health insurance plans. (Note: a list of those enrolled will be sent to the Municipal Corporation by the Medical Claims Administrator by no later than November 15th for verification purposes.).

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to send Trustee Oliver to orientation. All ayes carried.

Due to circumstances beyond our control WWTP Operator Kevin Kwiatkowski has moved on to bigger and better things. The Village Board deeply appreciates his service and wishes all good things in his future endeavors.

COUNSEL:

No report

CODES:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Ken Teter is stepping back as Village engineer.

Ken's July report

No recent updates on Route 11A water project

Circle K pump station upgrade is on pause at this time.

Re: tractor supply Ken will make a report for the August meeting about all questions and concerns.

William Davis from MBR Group gave a presentation to the board.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to have the MBR firm work on the planning grant all ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver the board authorized Trustee Vernay to send a plan to DEC regarding the adjustments, requirements and plans to proceed without a WWTP Operator in house. All ayes carried.

Public Comment

Audit Bills

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

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to proceed to Executive Session which will include the Village Clerk, Accountant, and the full Board. The Executive Session relative to "the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 8:35pm. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to leave executive session at 9:34pm.

The Mayor appointed Maureen Bibik as Village Deputy Clerk at \$18.00/hr. Trustee Bibik abstained. All others agreed to the appointment.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to hire laborer Bobbie Jo Brissette for \$52,500.00/yearly. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to set the salary for laborer crew leader at \$60,000.00/yearly for filling in the administrations and operational responsibilities due to a vacant WWTP Operator. Increase in salary to be started July 8th, 2024. Overtime of more than the approve 4 hours each weekend needs to be approved by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. All ayes carried.

Upon motion of Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to adjourn at 9:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk
Clerk/Treasurer