

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Michael Hoke, Labor Crew Leader  
Benjamin Vincent, Codes  
Dan Jean, Koester  
Maureen Bibik, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel (available by phone)  
Bill Davis, MRB-Engineer  
Ken Teter, Engineer

Visitors: Frank Speziale

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 Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Oliver to approve the minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting. Ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report ending for August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the bank reconciliation completed by the Accountant and Trustees. All ayes carried

Mayor and Ben Vincent will reach out to tractor supply to notify them that the escrow account is nearly depleted.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **DPW**

The landline and alarm phone lines at WWTP are suffering from spotty reception, after several attempts at repairing the lines. Trustee Bibik will investigate upgrades and solutions.

Warren Street tree removal has been completed. Stump removal is in progress.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to approve the purchase of a snow push blade from ZMI for \$3,500.00. All ayes carried. The following were the quotes we received: ZMI : \$3,500.00 and Clinton : \$3,975.00.

The schedule for dump day, October 12<sup>th</sup>, is one employee will work the whole day and one will be part time.

Pumphouse Roof leak: Mike will get quotes for repair.

Gas detention meters are in service.

DPW is working on quotes for sidewalks on the east side of Railroad Street and east side of Lincoln Avenue.

CES lab services are working out well after the Life Sciences Labs were closed. The mayor will contact the attorney about a refund for tests not finished by Life Sciences.

Tully met with other WWTP operators in Onondaga County. This included Minoa, Marcellus, Skaneateles, and others.

WWTP project each employee is working on getting 20 hours/week in WWT.

The clarifier is up and running.

The gear box is operating currently.

Inflow pump: Dan Jean will work with MRB to purchase 3 identical pumps due to special circumstances. They must all work in concert.

The lead, copper, galvanized steel pipe survey will be sent out again. The report has been requested by the government to be finished in October. Unfortunately, the government has given very little guidance on the matter. The accountant suggested contacting other municipalities for additional information.

The land application permit is in the works.

Trustee Bibik is working on a new computer for WWTP.

Regarding the Route 11A water district the Village would only supply water. The Village would have no responsibilities for maintenance, reading meters, repairs, etc.

### **COUNSEL:**

No report

### **CODES:**

Tractor Supply has blasted a couple of times. There have been no reports of problems. Shortly the truck traffic will increase due to the removal of debris from the blasting. Please be aware and be cautious.

The library will be under construction soon. The library will be up and running until sometime in January at the Tully United Community Church.

The Mediterranean restaurant has completed work and hopefully will open soon.

### **ENGINEER:**

TO: Mayor & Village Trustees

FROM: Kenneth Teter, P.E.

RE: Project Status Updates

DATE: Board Meeting – September 4, 2024

**Route 11A Town of Tully Water Project**

We had another meeting with Town officials and their engineers for an update on the project. They have secured some grant money and continue to pursue more. No action by the Village is needed at this time.

### **Circle K Pump Station Upgrade**

With my stepping out of my role as the Village Engineer and with MRB becoming very involved in the sewer system of Tully, it is logical for them to continue with this project.

### **Tractor Supply Store**

This project is now underway with the contractor now on-site. I have inspected the initial work to date and have met with the blasters to confirm the placement of the seismographs and overall plan. The plan is that the first round of blasting will take place late this morning (9/4/24). There is also a Pre-Construction Conference meeting this afternoon that Mike will attend since I have a conflict. The entire construction team is very experienced and has been fully cooperative.

### **Water System and Pump Station Backup Generators**

The generator for the Circle K pump station has been ordered but we do not have a delivery date yet.

### **New & old business:**

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to declare the office computer screen as scrap.

Trustee Bibik has contacted DOT regarding missing school signs. NYSDOT is working on it. Tompkins County Health Consortium is voting on the Villages' membership on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Open enrollment will be sometime in January. Trustee Oliver is working with them.

### **Public Comment**

Frank Speziale mentioned the 150- year birthday of the Village. Trustees Oliver and Ray will use Nancy Chawgo as a source. The fire department will hopefully also assist.

### **Audit Bills**

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

Upon motion of Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk  
Clerk/Treasurer