

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor  
Benjamin Bibik, Deputy Mayor  
Daniel Ray, Trustee  
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee  
Ruth Van Buskirk, Clerk/Treasurer  
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant  
Benjamin Vincent, Codes

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel (available by phone)  
Ken Teter, Engineer  
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee

Visitors: Frank Speziale  
Michael Hoke, Labor Crew Leader  
Dan Jean, Koester  
James Butkus,  
Mike Hoke, Laborer  
MRB Representative

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 Ray to approve the minutes from the September 4<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, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Butkus expressed concerns about the blasting at the Tractor Supply site. Pictures on the wall are shaking and there have been reports of a kitchen counter top shifting. Ben Vincent, Codes, said that the company has been continually conducting seismic testing. The site is also being monitored by DEC and the Department of Labor. The codes officer will have the lead blasting person contact Mr. Butkus and any other concerned citizens about the blasting.

### **DPW**

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to have DPW dispose of the old gas meter, which was declared as scrap. All ayes carried.

Verizon Land line: This is still an issue and Verizon is still trying to correct it.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow, it was unanimous to approve the quote from North Country for \$11,580.00 for the repair and replacement of one (1) hydrant and a leak in the same area. This has been declared an emergency due to leakage that has been

increasing with each subsequent reading. DPW was only able to obtain two (2) quotes. Adhan: \$12,000.00 and North Country for \$11,580.00. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay the Village Board has authorized the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$87,486.91 to go toward the sidewalk repair project. Ayes were recorded from Mayor Goodfellow, Trustee Ray, and Trustee Vernay. Trustee Bibik abstained. Trustee Oliver was absent. Motion was carried.

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay, Mayor Goodfellow was authorized to enter into a contract with EPS for \$104,715.00 for sidewalk repair on Railroad and Lincoln. This is all under Onondaga County contract. Ayes were recorded from Mayor Goodfellow, Trustee Vernay, and Trustee Ray. Trustee Bibik abstained and Trustee Oliver was absent. Motion carried per transfers following:

**GENERAL FUND**

From: A688	other liabilities	ARPA revenue replacer	87,486.91
	TOTAL	TOTAL	87,486.91

To: A4089	federal aid other	revenue(sidewalks)	87,486.91
	TOTAL	TOTAL	87,486.91

**GENERAL FUND**

From: A599	surplus	ARPA revenue replacer	87,486.91
	TOTAL	TOTAL	87,486.91

To: A5410.4	sidewalks	contractual	87,486.91
	TOTAL	TOTAL	87,486.91

A concerned resident requested that the sidewalk company make sure that surveyor's stakes are returned to their original positions.

Lead, copper, galvanized steel pipes:

- Paperwork must be submitted by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Letters to residents who have not submitted the type of pipes that they have must be mailed by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Upon motion by Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with MRB for engineering services totaling \$35,100.00 to replace valves at the WWTP. All Ayes carried.

Village has received a letter from EFC approving a Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) for project # 131164 for \$56,500.00. this project will be completed by MRB.

Village should start charging water usage fees and assessments for fire water lines.

**COUNSEL:**

No report

**CODES:**

C of O's have been issued for the Café and Mediterranean restaurants in the Village.

Work has started at Tully Library. Library hopes to be back on State Street in January.

## **ENGINEER:**

Attached is the report from Ken Teter



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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The following resolution was made by Trustee Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay to go with GTCMHIC and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. All ayes carried.

## **RESOLUTION AND SIGNATURE DOCUMENT TO APPROVE MCA**

### **Approval of the 2025 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement for the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium**

WHEREAS, the Village of Tully (municipality) is a Participant in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"; effective date of October 1, 2010), and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "Insurance Law") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Financial Services set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives that offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans that requires any amendments or restatements thereto, shall be subject to Board review and upon acceptance of any new Participant hereafter, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Cooperative Agreement requires that amendments to the agreement be presented to each participant for review and adopted by a majority vote by its municipal board, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tully (municipality) is in receipt of the proposed amended Agreement and has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the Amended Municipal Cooperative Agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that upon receipt and review of the amended Agreement, the Village of Tully (municipality) approves at a meeting of the governing body held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the **2025** Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative

Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

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2025 Municipal Cooperative Agreement Signature

**In Witness Whereof**, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors and subsequently adopted by the Municipal Corporation named below.

Village of Tully  
Municipal Corporation

Erin C. Goodfellow     Mayor

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Printed Name of Chief Elected Official or Chief Officer Title

Erin C. Goodfellow

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Signature

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
Date

Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Goodfellow it was unanimous to appoint Trustee Roxanne Oliver as the Medical Claims Administator. All ayes carried.

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

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

Upon motion of Trustee Bibik, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth C. Van Buskirk  
Clerk/Treasurer