

February 5th, 2025: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Daniel Ray, Deputy Mayor
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Maureen Bibik, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Mike Hoke, DPW Supervisor
Benjamin Vincent, Codes
Ken Teter, Engineer

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel (Available by phone)

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Kaula Pisano
Eric Galvin

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order

Mayor Goodfellow led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodwin, 2nd by Trustee Ray it was unanimous to approve the minutes from the January 8rd, 2025 meeting. All ayes carried.

Treasurer's Report

General: We're staying pretty even with NYCLASS and NBT interest, hanging around 4%. Mortgage taxes exceeded our budget by \$1000.00. Main Street Grant is finally closed out, and the funds were moved back into the General funds to cover the Villages costs. Tully Housing Authority PILOT went through more than expected, by \$7,500.00. Went back and made sure everything was correct, and even refunded Two Plus Four for over payment.

Spending: Across the board, it is up due to insurances and a bond payment that was paid off.

Main Report: General spending is at 18% with Revenues are at 90%, Sewer Spending is at 24% with Revenues at 67%, Water Spending is at 27% with Revenues at 67%. Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Oliver it was unanimous to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes carried.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay it was unanimous to approve the following transfers:

Transfer of Appropriations
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GENERAL FUND

From: A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	500.00
A8170.1	Street Cleaning	Personal Service	2,000.00
TOTAL			2,500.00

To: A1490.1	Administration	Personal Services	2,000.00
A1950.4	Taxes and Assessments	Contractual	200.00
A4289.4	Drug Testing	Contractual	100.00
A9060.8	Employee Benefits	Hospital & Medical Insurance	200.00
TOTAL			2,500.00

SEWER FUND

From: G8130.2	Waste Water Treatment	Equipment	20,000.00
TOTAL			20,000.00

To: G8130.4	Waste Waters Treatment	Contractual Expense	20,000.00
TOTAL			20,000.00

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Ray that the Bank Reconciliation be approved.
All ayes carried.

Public Comment

DPW:

Water Report: For the month of January, the water treated and produced were as follow:

3.521 million gallons treated at WWTP

2.274 million gallons produced at the wells

Pump Project: Pre-construction meeting is on Wednesday February 12th, 2025 at 1PM. This meeting is for the contractors, engineers, the Village Mayor and the DPW supervisor to gather and discuss expectations and pre-planning before the construction begins.

Waste Management Plant: Doing a lot of maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

Snow Removal: There's concern with parking and snow removal on the side street in front of the houses of 23 and 25 Elm Street. Residents are parking on the sidewalks, preventing the removal of the snow, and allowing the snow banks to keep piling up. Lately, the plow hasn't been able to plow at all because there are anywhere from 2-6 cars blocking the way in a day. Huge concern that it can end up being a safety issue. Ben Vincent did send out notices on

December 11th, 2024, warning residents not to park where the snow plows need to come through. Ben Vincent suggests that the Village starts issuing tickets to those who are blocking the path for the plows. This allows the DPW staff to issue citations, besides Ben Vincent. It's a \$25 citation. Some debate as to if the citation fee should go up, but with it being \$25 every time, it will add up. There was discussion if after so many citations, if the vehicle should just be towed at the expense of the owner. Ben Vincent suggested the Village talks to Courtney, the Village Lawyer, about writing up a liability letter and issuing it to the residents who live on that side street.

Back Flow: Since the Annual inspection of the Department of Health recently, Onondaga county has mandated that all commercial customers have to have a Backflow Preventor in the Village of Tully. Some businesses in the Village already have the backflow preventor installed i.e.: the waste water plant has 3, the school has 6, Tully Hill has 2, Aldi has 2, the Vet has 1, and the laundry mat has 1. The report says the Village will be held accountable if not every single commercial building has a backflow preventor. Supervisor Hoke believes that the county and the Village needs to discuss exactly what a commercial customer is, and to start a program to issue these violations to the commercial customers. Ben Vincent says we need to introduce a new local law to put the backflow preventor on every commercial building, and there is no Grandfathering of any old buildings, and the penalties and fees for violating the mandate would be on the commercial owner, and not directly on the Village. It is at the expense of the commercial owner to install the backflow preventors, and to pay the annual inspection on said backflow preventors. Mayor Goodfellow wondered if it was the responsibility of the commercial renter, or the owner of the building renting that space to install the backflow preventor. Supervisor Hoke said it was the responsibility of the owner of the building. Installing the backflow preventors is not going to be cheap of the commercial owners. The backflow preventor has to be installed in the beginning where the water line is about to reach the building, so any water line entering the building needs a backflow preventor of a commercial building. That is why there are 6 preventors on the school, because there are 6 water lines entering the entire campus. Supervisor Hoke estimates that it will cost the businesses \$1000.00 to install, and \$300 for the annual inspection. If a business has more then one preventor going into the building, the county will do a slight discount. Discussions of contacting Courtney to get the Local Law written up 2 weeks prior to the public hearing in April 2025.

Sludge: The fab 5 (that is what the DPW crew is calling themselves) toured the Minoa water plant. Since Metro is causing some difficulties with taking the Village sludge, they will work with Minoa, and hopefully be able to send the sludge to them.

Counsel:

None

Codes:

Circle K: Circle K is planning on changing out some diesel canopies. Since it's so close to rte. 81 and 281, the plans have to go to the county planning board for a 239 referral. The plans show a change in the curbing, which might affect the culvert at the edge of the property which could affect that area during a storm, and fears of not so good traffic flow could become a nightmare for the residents. Unsure how they plan on maneuvering extra canopies with such a limited area, there could be stacking issues.

Ski Shop: A realtor called Ben Vincent about the ski shop, wondering if they could turn it into a daycare center with an outside fenced area for the kids to play. Fears of kids getting hit by vehicles is a concern.

Tractor Supply: Due to the weather that Tully has had, it has delayed the continued construction of Tractor Supply for a bit, but it's trudging along.

5 Elm: Ben has stopped by 5 Elm St to check it out. There is a buzz about a Deli/bodega going into that space. Code enforcement and the tenant at 5 Elm St. are still working details regarding the New York State uniform, fire prevention, and building code.

Permit Fees: Since the Town of Tully increased its permit fees by \$25.00, the Village needs to decide if it too will increase the fees by \$25.00. Compared to other towns and villages, Tully's still low on a new construction builds permit. Upon Motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Ray, the Village of Tully will increase the permit fees by \$25.00. All ayes carried.

Engineer:

Tractor Supply: Still going back and forth with Tractor Supply about the safety of the slope, the stability of the rocks since it's shale, the grade of the slope. Engineer Teter won't drop the issues with Tractor Supply about maybe putting warning signs up, or reducing the slope since it is dangerous, and could potentially harm someone if they decide to climb it. Tractor Supply is taking their time with the Villages' concerns.

Award for the Well House Generator Project: The Well House Generator Project is underway. The original estimate for a new generator for the well house, from the original report done by Kevin Noble and Ken Teter, was \$43,000.00. Only one Bid came in, and it was for \$38,806.00, from Curtis Power Solutions, whom the Village has worked with in the past, so Engineer Teter feels confident that they are up to the task. Upon Motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, to Accept and to Award Curtis Power Solutions as the winning Bid for the Well House Generator Project. All ayes carried.

There were 20 people that did look at the advertisement, but only one submitted a bid.

Public Comment:

Vacant Board Seats: Since Trustee Bibik resigned in January 2025, there is a bit of a rush to fill his seat. Upon Motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, to have former Zoning Board member Eric Galvin to take that seat. All ayes carried.

Trustee Vernay is hoping that Kaula Pisano takes her seat when Trustee Vernay decides to leave the board. There is no definite time when Trustee Vernay will resign from the board, but it will be before the end of this year.

Budget Workshop Hearings: Upon motion by Trustee Vernay, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow, it was unanimous to set the budget workshops for 5:30pm on March 5th, 2025 with the regular meeting to follow, and March 12th, 2025 at 5:30pm. All ayes carried. Upon Motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, permission for the clerk to publish this in the paper was granted. All ayes carried.

DOT Undertaking: Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, giving Mayor Goodfellow permission to sign the undertaking with the DOT. All ayes carried. 5-0

Health Consortium: Upon Motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, Mayor Goodfellow is to sign the consortium agreement form again. All ayes carried. 5-0

Aldi: Clerk Bibik requested some help on how to address Aldi's concerns about September 2024's water/sewer bill, and how it almost quadrupled. Clerk Bibik's fear was that the outside

water charge was increased too much to try and make the budget, but Supervisor Hoke stated that they had a huge leak that lasted 3 days, which was found on Father's Day 2024 along the fire line. Because it was the fire line that broke, the water that was leaked could have been as much as 600 gallons/minute. There is 7.84 gallons in a cubic foot. From Supervisor Hoke's records the water usage for Aldi from September 2023 to March 2024 they consumed 500 cubic feet of water. From March 2024 to September 2024 the water consumption was 26,500 cubic feet, so the leak caused 26,000 cubic feet of water to be wasted. Clerk Bibik feels relieved and thanked Supervisor Hoke for his help.

!50th Anniversary: Mayor Goodfellow is asking for any suggestions, volunteers, recommendations, or any idea on how the community can celebrate this anniversary. It will be on the same day as Community Day.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Ray, 2nd by Trustee Oliver, it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Maureen Bibik
Clerk/Treasurer