

June 4th, 2025: Regular Meeting

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tully on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Present: Erin C. Goodfellow, Mayor
Daniel Ray, Deputy Mayor
Eric Galvin, Trustee
Roxanne Oliver, Trustee
Kathryn Vernay, Trustee
Maureen Bibik, Clerk/Treasurer
Thomas Chartrand, Accountant
Benjamin Vincent, Codes
Mike Hoke, WWTP
Dan Jean, Koesters

Absent: Courtney Hills, Counsel (available by phone)

Visitors: Frank Speziale
Ben Bibik
Kirk Marinich

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 Deputy Mayor Ray, 2nd by Mayor Goodfellow, to approve the minutes from the May 7th, 2025 meeting. Ayes carried.

Treasurer's Report

Report will be light since Accountant Chartrand will be doing year end closing of the books for the 2024-2025 budget this month.

Interest rates are sticking around 4.12% and 4.13%.

Franchise fees have been going down through the years. The Village received \$1,560 less than last year.

Sewer and Water: The water use bills looks like it will be \$9,000 short then was budgeted (even with increasing water fees). The sewer billing looks like it will be \$7,000 short then was budgeted. Accountant Chartrand will have a better understanding after speaking with Clerk Bibik and seeing what is still outstanding from the April billing.

Upon motion by Mayor Goodfellow, 2nd by Trustee Galvin, it was unanimous to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

Upon Motion made by Trustee Oliver, and 2nd by Deputy Mayor Ray, to approve the bank reconciliations, subject to audit. All ayes carried.

Upon Motion made by Trustee Galvin, and 2nd by Trustee Oliver, to approve the appointed officials' salaries for the 2025-2026 Budget. All ayes carried.

Public Comment

A resident contested the water/sewer assessment on his taxes for his vacant land, arguing that it should not be assessed since he believes that it is unbuildable. The resident questioned why some buildable vacant properties are not charged the same fee. The Board needs to research the matter, consult their lawyer, and inspect the other properties mentioned before deciding, which may take at least two months. They will inform the residents of any findings that does not require a Board decision as soon as they are able to, that will affect his claim for equal rights.

DPW

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

5.637 million gallons treated at WWTP, daily average 182,000 gallons per day

2.403 million gallons produced at the wells, daily average 78,000 gallons per day

The Circle K lift station is having clogging issues from either Quality Inn or Kinney's again. The pump was clogged with what looked like a towel or linen of some form. The Village will once again send letters out to the 3 offenders, reminding them that only waste products should be flushed down the toilet. Since the installation of the pump in the 1980's, it is at the point where the Village replaces the pump with a rebuild that average around \$8,000-\$12,000, vs adding chopper pumps that costs up to \$80,000.

DPW Crew will be focusing on maintenance, cleaning, and repair of the aeration tank, clarifier, digester, and lagoon. Due to the importance of doing these maintenance services, the DPW will prioritize their time to focus on the plant vs other Village duties. The Board must expect the reduction of mowed lawns and brush pick up around the Village due to lack of DPW personnel available for plant maintenance and lawn mowing. Due to Liability issues, people cannot volunteer to mow the lawns of the Village.

CODES:

The Tully Library will be opening soon. Mr. Vincent will be doing the final walk through sometime during the week of June 9th-13th.

Tractor Supply's final walk through is June 5th, 2025. Tractor Supply put up Jersey Barriers to try and prevent damage due to rockfalls around the base of the hill around their property. They should get their certificate to occupy soon. They just have a few more inspections to do first.

Circle K will be pushing soon to get their permit so they can start their construction on their high-speed diesel canopy.

The proposed new driveway that would come out onto Melinda Lane has been reviewed. Mr. Vincent went out on June 2nd, 2025, to see if there would be issues with where the new resident wants to place their driveway, and he couldn't foresee any issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

The NYS Deferred Compensation Plan is being offered to the Village of Tully employees again. In the past, past employees weren't interested, but there is some interest now. Clerk Bibik will respond back to the company requesting more information.

Clerk Bibik wanted to alert the Board that she will be "Out of the Office" June 11th and June 12th, 2025 for continuing education classes.

Upon Motion by Trustee Galvin, and 2nd by Trustee Oliver, to appoint the Tully Historical Society the Administrator for the Village of Tully's 150th anniversary celebration. All ayes carried.

Route 11A Water District:

The Board is a bit confused as to the Town's proposed contract with the Village. Attorney Hills plans to speak with the Town Supervisor to get a better understanding of the contract and the proposed 40-year loan. The board is confused as to why the water rate won't be adjusted yearly, but in 5-year increments, that they are planning on using gallons as units of measurement instead of cubic square foot like the Village uses, and the rates that they propose makes it out that people on rte. 11a would pay less for their water vs people who are outside users and are charged outside user fees. A proposed date for the meeting with the Town, Village, and MRB will be determined at a later date.

Audit Bills

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

Upon motion by Trustee Oliver, 2nd by Trustee Vernay, it was unanimous to adjourn at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Maureen Bibik
Clerk/Treasurer