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SPECIAL ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN, JANUARY, 20, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thurman, County of Warren and the State of New York was held at the town hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, NY on the 20 day of January 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Runyon Supervisor
Randy Galusha Councilperson
Ed Brown Councilperson
Doug Needham Councilperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlie Bills Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrick Wood Highway Superintendent
Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk
Robin Mahler From Mud Street Maple representing the TCA

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION 21 -2022 RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE ATTENDENCE OF THE 2022 GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING CLASS FOR ALL LOCAL OFFICIALS AND ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL WHO WISH TO ATTEND

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
 Nays 0

WHEREAS the Comptroller's Office provides training for local officials and government employees, and

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WHEREAS there is a 2022 Governmental Accounting Class (Introduction to Governmental Accounting and Accounting Principles and Procedures) available this year via online due to Covid, be it

RESOLVED: The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to enroll all town board Members who wish to attend, as well as the Secretary/Bookkeeper, for the online accounting classes at a cost of \$85.00 per person.

RESOLUTION 22-2022 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR A TOWN CREDIT CARD

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Needham, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

WHEREAS the credit card that was issued to the previous Supervisor had been closed out, and

WHEREAS the Supervisor has need of a town credit card, be it

RESOLVED: that the Supervisor can apply for a town credit card.

RESOLUTION 23-2022 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE HIGHMARK BLUESHIELD OF NORTHEASTERN NY INVOICE

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

WHEREAS an invoice has come in that requires payment prior to the next meeting and it not considered a valid prepay, be it

RESOLVED: that the town board will allow the Supervisor to make payment of this claim.

RESOLUTION 24-2022 RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR WILLIAMSON LAW BOOKS TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR THE ACCOUNTING AND PAYROLL SYSTEMS, AND TO ALLOW PAYMENT FOR THIS SUPPORT

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

WHEREAS two contracts have come in from Williamson Law for essential software support that requires the Supervisor's signature and payment, be it

RESOLVED: that the Supervisor may execute both contracts and make payment.

**RESOLUTION 25-2022
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE THURMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (GRANT APPLICATION ATTACHED)**

On a motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Needham, the resolution to provide funds for the grant (see attached) was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown
Abstain 1 Galusha
Nays 0

UPDATE: Supervisor Runyon gave an update about how to receive at-home covid test kits (see attached).

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding a separate phone line for the court office which was requested by the Town Justice.

ANNUAL AUDIT: The town board began the annual audit at 7:00 pm. The board audited the books from the offices of the supervisor, the tax collector and the town clerk. The board will audit the town courts books at a different time.

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ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Needham the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Hyde

Town Clerk

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OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE FUND

GRANT APPLICATION -THURMAN- 2022 PROJECTS & EVENTS

NOTE: Application must be for the promotion of tourism in the Town of Thurman. Grants may be used for new programs, events projects as well as for the enhancement of existing events and projects. These grants may NOT be used to replace funding for programs or promotions

Applicant Organization or Individual **Thurman Station Association aka Thurman Community Association**

Contact Person Overseeing Event **Robin Mahler**

Mailing Address **269 Mud St. Athol. NY 12810**

Daytime Phone **618-683-1608**

Email: **mudstmaple269@gmail.com**

Name/Title of Event or Project **Thurman Maple Days 2022**

Location of Event **11 Farms in Thurman**

Estimated Attendance, if applicable. **8,000+**

Amount \$ **NA**

Admission fee? **NO**

First Time Application? **NO**

• Describe your event/program/project and explain how it will promote tourism in Thurman, and what efforts you will make to help put heads in beds, especially Thurman beds with this activity.

Thurman Maple Days is an established event that brings several thousand tourists to Thurman and Warren County during the spring season. It has been recognized by Warren County Tourism as a continuing success story for events support by Occupancy Tax funding. This year about 11 farms, including newcomers will be participating including:

Adirondack Gold Maple, Valley Road Maple, Toad Hill Maple, Hidden Hollow Maple, Mud St. Maple, Blackberry Hill Farm, Windy Ridge, Nettle Meadow, Martin's Lumber & Lucyann's Artistry, Rustic Acres Farm, Whitefield Farm. Visitors will get first hand farm experiences including demonstrations, wagon rides, tours, product sampling and shopping. Visitors travel far and wide to enjoy and experience what our farms/local businesses have to offer and many of them become permanent customers.

• How will this event/project benefit the sponsoring organization? How will this activity benefit the Thurman community in other ways?

The TSA receives no direct benefit from this event. The only benefit to the TSA is through improved public awareness of TSA and the service it provides to the TSA members and the residents of the Town of Thurman. Although not required, of the participating farms are members of the TSA and receive support from the TSA in the form of promotion of this and other TSA sponsored events. This event has played a large role in the growth of the participating farms and has created a positive image for our town. Thurman has developed a reputation for maple sugaring, agritourism, historical tourism and hospitality.

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Signature 

Printed Name Robin L. Mahler

Date

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The U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (ESBA)

recently released guidance on the Biden-Harris administration's requirement that insurance companies and group health plans cover the cost of over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests. **Beginning January 15, 2022, individuals covered by a group health plan who purchase an FDA-approved over-the-counter COVID-19 test will be able to have those test costs covered by their plan or insurance.** Participants can receive eight free over-the-counter at-home tests per covered individual per month. That means a family of four, all on the same plan, would be able to get up to 32 of these tests covered by their health plan per month. Over-the-counter test purchases do not require a health care provider's order and do not have any cost-sharing requirements such as deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance or prior authorization.

Insurers and group health plans can allow participants to get over-the-counter tests directly through preferred pharmacies, retailers or other entities with no out-of-pocket costs. Alternatively, they may require that participants pay for the tests out-of-pocket and then submit a claim to their plan for reimbursement. As these regulations have been evolving quickly, several major carriers are working to develop processes for participants to obtain tests without paying out-of-pocket. **The table below summarizes the programs available from several major carriers and where participants can find additional help:**

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Additionally, the White House has authorized the distribution of one billion tests to Americans for free. Tests will be available for order beginning on January 19th by visiting <https://www.covidtests.gov>. More details about this program can be found on the White House fact sheet.

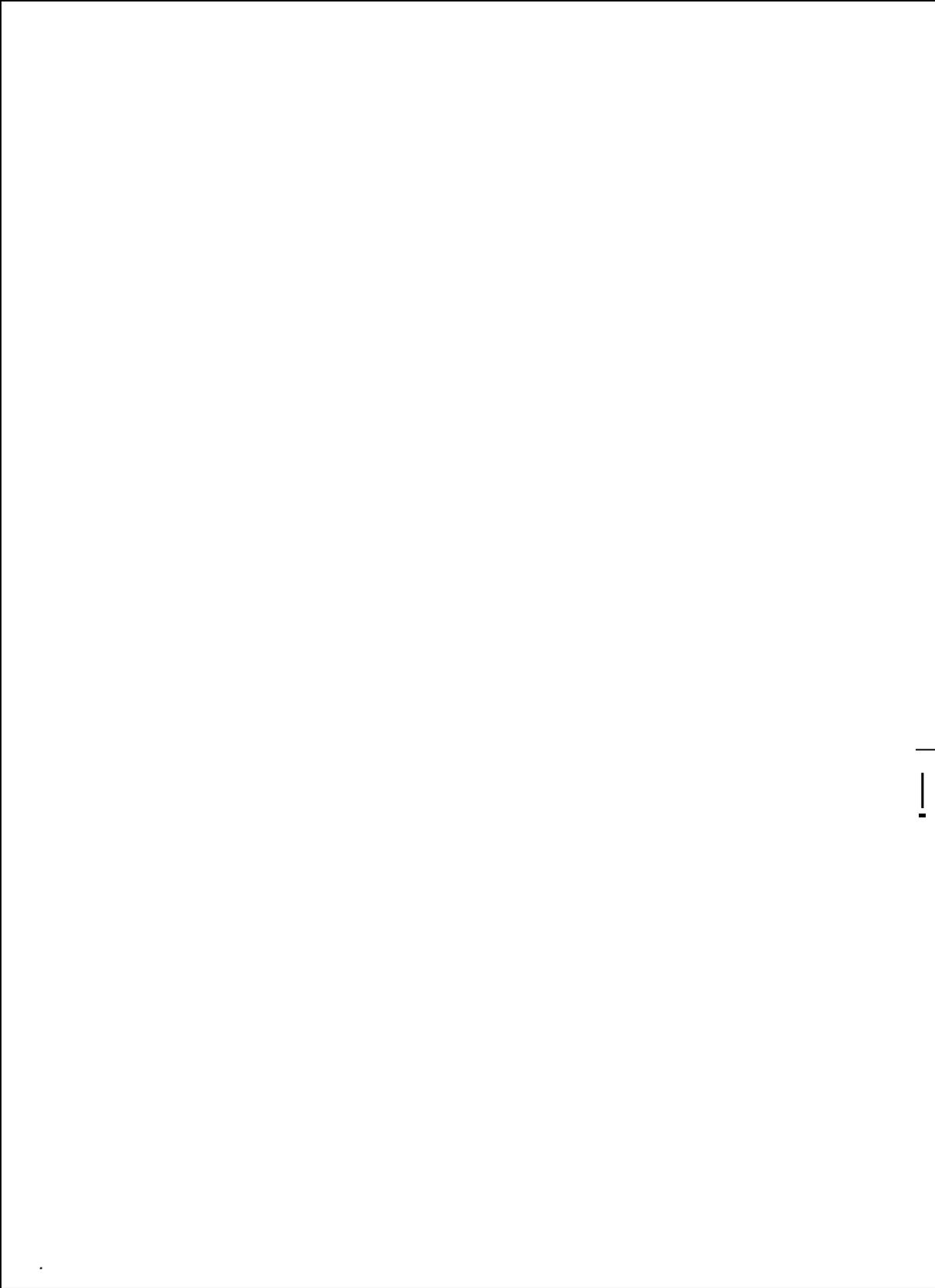
Additional information on these new requirements can be found in the January 10th

ESBA FAQ Document or by visiting the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Newsroom.

Please feel free to reach out to your Marshall & Sterling Employee Benefits Account

Manager for additional questions.

Disclaimer: The information contained in this message is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice



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