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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN, MARCH 17, 2022

A REGULAR 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 17 DAY OF MARCH 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Runyon Supervisor
Randy Galusha Councilperson
Charles Bills Councilperson
Ed Brown Councilperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Doug Needham Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Patrick Wood Highway Superintendent
Mary Beadnell Richards Library
Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

Moment of silence for Diane Golden, William Yates, Doris Baker and Richard Howard

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #40

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW HIGHWAY TO PURCHASE A POWER EAGLE PRESSURE WASHER/CULVERT THAWING MACHINE WITH WET SANDBLAST KIT

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

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

WHEREAS the Highway Department needs to replace their old steam pressure thawing machine because it is very old and dangerous to use, be it

RESOLVED: The highway department shall purchase a Power Eagle Pressure Washer/Culvert thawing machine with wet sandblast kit in an amount not to exceed \$8,750. This expenditure is to be funded with Code DA5130.2 and is subject to not violating the purchasing policy.

RESOLUTION #41

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A HEAVY DUTY ZERO TURN LAWN MOWER

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

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

WHEREAS the 2022 budget has an allocation for a new lawn mower, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town of Thurman may purchase a heavy duty zero turn lawn mower not to exceed \$8,000. This item is to be funded with code A8160.4.

RESOLUTION #42

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE SUPERVISOR TO SEEK GRANTS AND/OR PURCHASE 2 PORTABLE AND 1 FIXED AEDS (*Automatic External Defibrillator*) FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND 1 FIXED AED FOR THE TOWN HALL

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

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

WHEREAS the town supervisor recently attended the Safety Training Course, and

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WHEREAS it was made clear that these machines can save a life and are very important to have available, be it

RESOLVED: that the town board will allow the Supervisor to seek grants and/or purchase 2 portable AEDs and 2 fixed AEDs. Funding for this purchase will be from ARPA funds.

TABLED

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF A READERBOARD SIGN

On a motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the following resolution was brought to the floor and tabled pending further research.

WHEREAS the sign out in front of the town hall is not working, and

WHEREAS there are residents who do not have access to the website or email for notifications, and

WHEREAS the chalkboard is not adequate, especially in inclement weather, be it

RESOLVED: that the town board approves the purchase of a 48" x 72" Readerboard sign at a cost not to exceed \$6,500. This purchase is to be funded with ARPA funds - Revenue Recovery from General Fund monies spent on North Country Janitorial for cleaning services during COVID for a total of \$6,341.97. Any remaining balance will come from code A1620.4.

RESOLUTION #43

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TWO NEW COMPUTERS FOR THE ASSESSORS OFFICE

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

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

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WHEREAS the computers in the assessor's office are running Windows 7 and the Assessor and Assessor Clerk have been having compatibility issues with the software at the Real Property Tax Office, and

WHEREAS the Office of Real Property Tax has indicated that an upgrade to an operating system that meets currently accepted industry standards is strongly recommended, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board approves the purchase of two new computers for the Assessor's Office not to exceed \$2000. This purchase will be funded by Code A1355.4.

RICHARDS LIBRARY

Mary Beadnell spoke to the town board about services available at Richards's library. Mary said that those services can be viewed on the library face book page which is kept up to date.

RESOLUTION #44

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

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

Total of abstract 3, general fund, March 17, 2022 \$66,058.33

Total of abstract 3, highway fund, March 17, 2022 \$112,261.01

Total claims for March 17, 2022 \$178,319.34

DISCUSSION:

Councilman Bills made a motion to have board meetings at 4:00 instead of 7:00. Discussion ensued regarding moving the meeting time. It was decided that the board would talk to Councilman Needham first before making any changes.

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Hyde

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