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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN APRIL 21, 2022

A 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 21st day of April 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Bills Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm with the pledge to the flag.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Runyon gave her supervisor’s report.
(Attached)

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 45-2022
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR THE TOWNWIDE
GARAGE SALE**

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

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

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WHEREAS Lisa Taylor is interested in overseeing the Thurman Town wide Garage Sale event on June 11 and 12, and

WHEREAS Lisa Taylor-Organizer/Chair of the Town wide Garage Sale Committee has requested \$600 of Occupancy Tax Funds to help fund the event, be it

RESOLVED: The Town Board authorizes the payment of \$300 to cover the cost of advertising and \$300 to cover the cost of the handicap porta potty.

RESOLUTION 46-2022

RESOLUTION TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE OF THE AOT TOWN FINANCE SCHOOL

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 Association of Towns provides educational opportunities that will benefit all elected and appointed officials, and

WHEREAS The Association of Towns is sponsoring their annual Town Finance School at the Albany Marriott Hotel May 16 th and 17 th . Topics that will be covered are Financial Condition and Report Analysis, Establishing and Accounting for Reserves, Record of Activities for Elected and Appointed Officials, and State and Federal Rules to Follow Using ARPA Funds.

WHEREAS this particular class is extremely important as it has a section on the rules regarding the use of ARPA funds, and

WHEREAS all Town Board members who will be voting on the use of these funds should have the opportunity to be well informed if they so desire, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board authorizes the attendance of this training for all elected and appointed officials who wish to attend. The cost is \$200 per person for a total of _____ individuals, to be funded by A1010.4.

RESOLUTION 47-2022

RESOLUTION TO INSTALL TWO CAMERAS AND A MOTION LIGHT AT THE LANDFILL

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

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

WHEREAS the Landfill has recently experienced an attempted theft at dusk, and

WHEREAS there is a need for additional cameras, which are already owned by the Town and not in use anywhere else, as well as a motion light to provide better lighting for the cameras, be it

RESOLVED: that the town board will permit the installation of two cameras and a motion light at the landfill. The installation and purchase of the motion light will be funded by Code A1620.4.

RESOLUTION 48-2022

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE APPLICATION FOR A NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (DIPPIKILL BRIDGE)

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 Town Supervisor has been notified of a NBRC grant opportunity for infrastructure projects for up to \$1,000,000, and

WHEREAS the highway department has wanted to put a new bridge in on Dippikill Road because that road seasonally washes out and has required several FEMA reimbursements in the past, and

WHEREAS the highway department can provide records that would reflect the numerous repairs and reimbursement costs to FEMA that would be prevented in the future if this bridge was installed, as well as a fairly accurate cost of construction of the new bridge, be it

RESOLVED: that the Supervisor shall submit a letter of interest by April 22, 2022 at 5pm and follow up with an application by June 3, 2022 at 5pm.

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DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the town website. Proposals are being gathered from website developers. The board also discussed owning a Town of Thurman Face Book Page.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding Insurance coverage.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the C + D permit.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the assessment of town facilities. The town board would like to have the town engineers come to a town meeting to have a discussion about town facilities and to answer questions from the board. The board discussed figuring out what the priorities are pertaining to town facilities, coming up with a long range master plan and figuring out how to finance that plan.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding a new town sign board.

RESOLUTION 49-2022

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF A READERBOARD SIGN

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

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

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.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding cleaning up town roads. People around town are cleaning up sections of roads and may take garbage collected from the

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road to the transfer station. Anyone signing up to clean a section of road may contact Councilman Galusha to have their cleaned section put on a map on face book so people know which sections have not been cleaned yet.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the town board passing a noise ordinance.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding support for Albany University's project which is developing an app that brings emergency information to underserved areas lacking internet. The board decided they would support the project and that the town hall could be used for meetings between the university and residents helping with the project.

RESOLUTION 50 - 2022

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

WHEREAS there is a need to go into Executive Session to discuss information with respect to an investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would jeopardize effective law enforcement if disclosed, and

WHEREAS there is a need to go into Executive Session to discuss employment matters relating to the appointment of a particular person

RESOLVED that the town board may go into Executive Session

The town board went into executive session at 7:48 pm.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board came out of executive session at 8:22 pm with no action taken.

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

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RESOLUTION 51-2022

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

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

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, GENERAL FUND, APRIL 21, 2022 \$98,932.90

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, HIGHWAY FUND, APRIL 21, 2022 \$263,320.12

TOTAL CLAIMS FOR APRIL 21, 2022 \$361,253.02

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Hyde

May 04, 2022

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

APRIL- 2022

The Highway Department received their first truck April 7, 2022.

Joyce Eddy, Myra Vopleus and Maria Ligon are interested in forming a beautification committee to plant flowers in the Town Hall front yard. If you are interested in helping please contact Joyce, Myra or Maria.

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Al Mundy has expressed an interest in moving the Veteran's Memorial from the Rec Field down to the front yard and creating a Memorial area on the righthand side of the town hall near the flag pole. Anyone interested in participating with this should get in contact with Al.

I would like to say thank you to Kathy Holst for her work on the Generous Acts Grant. The Town of Thurman has received \$4,000 from Stewart's Shops. This Spring we will begin work on the Community Garden, and we will have our Ice Rink for this upcoming winter. Anyone interested in being a part of the Community Garden committee can reach out to the Supervisor's Office.

I would like to thank all the participants in the Thurman Earth Day Cleanup. It is a shame that so many beer cans, cups, and other litter lays on our roadsides. I appreciate everyone who took the time to clean this up.

There will be a Town wide Garage Sale on June 11 th and 12 th . Lisa Taylor is overseeing this event. Please contact her if you would like to participate. Her phone number is 518-912-6218. Her email address is lightlyhealed@yahoo.com. There are flyers available in the foyer. The deadline for submission is May 13 th , 2022.

Eight Summer Concerts in the Park have been scheduled every Monday from July 11 th through August 29. The Bands will play from 7-9pm.

Revolution Rail will be running their rail bikes from the Thurman Station to 1000 Acre Ranch starting Memorial Day weekend. They expect to run 4 trips per day on weekends and may increase the number of trips and dates depending on demand. They are looking for staff from the local area, so if you are interested in working with them please contact Edward LaScala at 201-819-0362.

Warren County released the Sales Tax figures for the first quarter of 2022. Thurman saw a 23.9% increase over last year. 2022 Sales Tax is 107,885.36, 2021 was 87,088.99. An increase of 20,796.37.