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## **REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN OCTOBER 20, 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 20<sup>TH</sup> day of October 2022.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Patrick Wood     Highway Superintendent  
Cynthia Hyde     Town Clerk

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

**MARK RIZZO**, from **H. L. GAGE**, spoke to the town board to explain the increase in surcharges and freight charges for the new trucks purchased by the town. The price of the trucks did not change but the extra charges for freight and surcharges did. The contracts were for the trucks only and the company has no control over the freight and surcharges.

### **RESOLUTION 73-2022**

#### **RESOLUTION TO PAY ADDITIONAL SURCHARGES AND FREIGHT CHARGES**

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

**ADOPTED     ROLL CALL** – Needham-yes, Bills-yes, Runyon-yes, Brown-yes, Galusha-yes

The town board of the town of Thurman approves payment, out of DA5130.2, of the additional surcharges and freight on the HV613 Tandem Dump.

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**EMS:** Several members of the Warrensburg EMS were present. They came to reassure the town board that they would serve the Town of Thurman regardless of their plan to have an EMS district.

**RESOLUTION 74-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS** a Local Law entitled TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 is hereby introduced, and

**WHEREAS** copies of the proposed Local Law have been provided to each member of the Thurman Town Board, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board shall hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Local Law on November 03, 2022 6 pm at the Town Hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, NY 12810 at , and

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk shall publish a public notice in the official newspaper of the Town of Thurman no later than five (5) business days prior to the public hearing.

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**TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1, 2022**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

**IN THE TOWN OF THURMAN, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK TO BE KNOWN AS LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1, 2022, TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this law is to override the Town of Thurman's tax levy limit for fiscal year 2023. It is necessary that the Town of Thurman be able

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to adopt a budget requiring a tax levy greater than the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2023 because of increased costs.

Section 2. Statutory Authority. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to General Municipal Law

Section 3-C (5).

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override. The Town of Thurman hereby overrides the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2023 and is authorized to adopt a budget requiring a tax levy greater than that calculated according to General Municipal Law Section 3-C (3)(c).

Section 4. When Effective. This Local Law applies only to fiscal year 2023 and shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

#### **RESOLUTION 75-2022**

#### **RESOLUTION TO RENT A POST OFFICE BOX FOR TAX COLLECTOR**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS** the tax collector has expressed a need for a separate Post Office box so that she can get the town tax related mail during her working schedule, and **WHEREAS** the tax collector has also stated that she sometimes receives mail during months outside of the regular tax collecting time and having access to the post office on her own schedule would be more convenient for her, and **WHEREAS** the Post Office box should be purchased as soon as possible so that the new address is available for the upcoming town tax bills, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the rental of a Post Office box for the Tax Collector. The fee is \$100 per year, and will be funded by a budget adjustment moving the expense from the Supervisor Contractual (A1220.4) to the Tax Collector Contractual (A1330.4).

#### **RESOLUTION 76-2022**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTER FOR TAX COLLECTOR**

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

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**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS** the tax collector has expressed a need for a replacement of her outdated computer as she is the only employee still working with Windows 7, which is not compatible with necessary software, and

**WHEREAS** it would be beneficial if this purchase was obtained prior to the tax year so that the necessary software can be installed and the upcoming tax bills beprinted from the new computer, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the purchase of a new computer for the Tax Collector for an amount not to exceed \$750.00. This amount will be funded by a budget adjustment moving the amount from the Supervisor Contractual (A1220.4) to the Tax Collector Contractual (A1330.4).

#### **RESOLUTION 77-2022**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PURCHASE OF TEN 8 FOOT FOLDING TABLES FOR TOWN HALL**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**WHEREAS** the existing tables used for events in the town hall are very heavy for the residents to move, are awkward to move because they are so long, some are broken, some do not have adequate safety mechanisms, and

**WHEREAS** it would be beneficial to all residents using the town hall for events if newer, lighter plastic tables that fold and have a handle for moving them around, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the purchase of ten 8 foot plastic folding tables to be funded from the Contractual Code A1990.4

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding using SLIC internet for the towns phones.

#### **RESOLUTION 78-2022**

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**RESOLUTION TO SWITCH TOWN OF THURMAN'S PHONE SERVICE TO SLIC NETWORK SOLUTIONS**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves leaving the current telephone service provider and switching to SLIC Network Solutions for phone service for the Town of Thurman.

**DISCUSSION:** Dippikill is holding a trunk or treat on October 09, 2022 at the town recreation field. The new ice rink paid for with grant funds has been ordered. The senior bus that takes seniors to Glens Falls to do their errands has been cancelled by the county due to no funding.

**RESOLUTION 79-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO CALL A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman will conduct a public hearing regarding the 2023 preliminary budget on November 03, 2022 at 6pm at the town hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, NY

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:** The town board will hold an informational meeting to hear the public's thoughts on Emergency medical services, a new highway garage, short term rentals (airb&b) and bringing SLIC internet to areas in Thurman that don't have internet.

**BUDGE WORKSHOP:** The Town Board will have a budget workshop on November 01, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

The town board discussed needing some new smoke detectors.

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The meals on wheels driver will be away for a while this winter so the board is interested in persons wanting to help with delivering the meals.

The town board discussed the possibility of having a Code Enforcer and that they should make a list of the responsibilities that such a position would have.

**DISCUSSION NEW WEBSITE:** Councilman Galusha said that he sent a list of suggestions to the website developer and he said that the new website should be up and running soon. The board said that they want to look into possibly providing a way to pay taxes online.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding the need to clean up the town hall.

**RESOLUTION 80-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF BROKEN AND USELESS ITEMS AT THE TOWN HALL**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves the disposal of useless and broken items in order to clean up town buildings.

**RESOLUTION 81-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 10, GENERAL FUND, OCT 20, 2022 \$11,676.88

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 10, HIGHWAY FUND, OCT 20, 2022 \$338,203.66

TOTAL CLAIMS FOR OCT 20, 2022 \$349,880.54

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** One person spoke during privilege of the floor.

**INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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On a motion of Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board went into executive session at 6:07 pm to discuss pending litigation.

**MOTION CARRIED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board came out of executive session at 6:26 pm with no action taken.

**MOTION CARRIED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

**RESOLUTION 82-2022**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves the following budget adjustment.

\$8,000 into A1220.12 and \$7,000 into A8160.12 from A1220.12 (Fund Balance)

**ADJOURN:**

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED** Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown, Bills  
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk  
November 03, 2022

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