

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NY HELD DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.....**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman  
Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman  
Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman  
Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman

**RECORDING SECRETARY, Susan E. Staples**

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with the review of claims.

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed for **Fred Wendling**.

**REPORTS:** Councilwoman Harris noted that when she gives her report to the State she would give it to the Town Board, and that it would probably come at the next meeting.

**WHITESPACE:** Supervisor Hyde noted that she had Whitespace on the agenda. Fred was going to be here, but he had something come up so he is not. She noted that she had a resolution in the meeting packet on Whitespace so she would encourage, when we get to privilege of the floor, anybody that is interested in Whitespace to take a look at the resolution, and if you like, comment on that during privilege of the floor.

**ASSESSED VALUE:** Supervisor Hyde noted that the next thing she had on the agenda was Assessed Value. She wanted to bring up the fact that this year, our Assessor, his ability to conduct the work that he needs to conduct in his office was crippled quite a bit. It used to be three elected Assessors. Then in 2016 it went to Sole Appointed, and Tuck Birdsall became the Sole Appointed Assessor. And he had in 2017 a clerk, which was Sue Baker who for us that was especially nice

because she is also a trained Assessor, so we actually had two Assessors in the office. This year **Sue** right from the get go at the **Organizational Meeting** in January, **Sue's** position was deleted. But rather than take the money that would have been paid to **Sue** which would have been \$11,000.00, and give it to the Assessor, so that he was making twice as much. His salary was kept.....It was \$22,000.00 budgeted for the total amount paying for the **Clerk and the Assessor** in the office. So we split that in two, and they each got 11,000. But when the position, **Sue Baker**, got eliminated they didn't give **Tuck** the extra 11 so he was expected to do the Assessment job by himself for \$11,000.00 which is so less than what other Assessors make. Other Assessors make 40, 38, \$40,000.00 a year, and they have a clerk. The reason that I want to bring this to your attention is when we were working on the budget I was looking at the summary page of the Budget from 2017. And in 2017 we had a clerk and we had an Assessor. Because we had a clerk in the office, somebody that was there to greet the public to take care of STAR, the Enhanced STAR and all that, that allowed the Assessor to get out in the field. It allowed him to find properties that had had improvements. Not everybody gets a building permit. Because of that it is a good idea for the Assessor to get out and see what is going on. It takes a lot of time, it takes a lot of work to get the properties who may have built a house, may have built an addition, a garage, a deck. Anytime anybody does that the Assessor needs to get out there and assess that improvement so that it goes on the Tax Roll, so that people are paying taxes on that improvement. Well in 2017 he increased our Assessed Value of the town by over \$3,000,000.00, but in 2018 because of the hardship in his office without any help, he was only able to increase the assessed value in our town by 600,000. Instead of 3,000,000, 600,000. So that really hurts the taxpayer's pocket. Another way it hurts is the people who are being fairly assessed because the things on their property is on the tax roll are carrying a heavier burden than the people who the Assessor hasn't gotten the chance to get out and check their property. They have improvements, but they are not showing up on the tax roll because he doesn't have time. The other way that that really hurts us is the amount of **Sales Tax** that our town gets is based on our Assessed Value. So if our Assessors can't get out and increase our Assessed Value by finding all these properties that people are making improvements on then we get less sales tax. That is one of our biggest revenues. I would certainly hope that the Board would consider bringing **Sue Baker** back because she is needed in that

office, and you are hurting the town in the end. It is costing the town and the taxpayers a great deal of money not having that office covered like it should be so I wanted to bring that up. Do we have any old business from the Board?

**Supervisor Hyde** noted I guess you could call this old business. We got a complaint from the **Attorney General's** office. The Board has a copy. We got a complaint about **Whitespace** from the **Attorney General's** office. I did make a packet so people can see that. What I will do....I did a time line so you can follow what the Board has done in response to maintaining Whitespace throughout the last two years. This is what I put together. This is to backup what I say in this timeline. I am going to have to send this to the AG's office tomorrow. Because they wanted a response. So I just wanted to bring that to the attention of the Board. I don't know if the Board would like to comment....The people who have Whitespace would really like to see it maintained. They would like to see an Operator hired. That is basically what they are saying. I think that when this was done was before **Fred Englemann** got permission from the Board to do the repairs to the Whitespace Network that we were able to get done at no cost to the Town. I think this was done before that. So since this complaint was made **Fred**....We did give **Fred** permission to fix all the... And do all the repairs on Whitespace, and he did. And he got Combs Road up and running, and he got pretty much everybody up and running and things working really well so I guess in some ways this is....Maybe they don't have this complaint anymore because it is up and running. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** in this response that you have here you have something very misleading. It says on July 11<sup>th</sup> a resolution was passed to give me the keys to the Whitespace Pole so I could fix it, and you said that I attempted to get the keys that night, but the **Supervisor** whose office the keys were in had gone home. That is not true you refused to give them to me, and then you said I made no other attempt to get the keys. I did make attempts. We passed I believe another resolution, and you refused utterly to give me the keys. So that is not exactly the truth in there. So if you are going to send something I would appreciate that it be correct. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well **Mrs. Seaman** I guess....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting I know you made the response so you put whatever you want in it. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I don't agree with you. I'm afraid I don't agree with you. I left the meeting quickly that night because I had a fever, and I think **Ms. Staples** can attest to the fact that **Mrs. Seaman** went to get the keys, and I had already left, and I did not

ever....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her repeatedly saying no as she spoke. The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting oh yes, I remember that night very clearly. Yes, now that you mention that I have a very clear memory of that night.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted would you please. You are not.... been asked. You..... The **Clerk** noted I was asked. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you were asked to get the keys and you refused. **Supervisor Hyde** noted if you would like to you can make your own response to the AG. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh I have already talked to them because they called me oh a month or two ago.

**Supervisor Hyde** noted Ok, alright so any other comments on that?

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted they already know.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** The following people spoke during privilege of the floor Susan Shepler, Matt Seaman, Mary Eddy, Keith Parent, Jay Stilitti, Wes Ramsey, Wini Martin, Paula Hubert and Debbie McIlrath.

A resident noted that a survey should be conducted regarding Whitespace to find out how many people want to get on to this. If you got enough people go with it. If you (inaudible) trash it. **Councilwoman Harris** asked how do you want to do the survey? It was noted a needs analyses survey with in the footprint.

**Councilwoman Harris** asked do you want to do the survey. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you are going to have to do it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted oh, **Cynthia** has to do it. **Cynthia** has to do it. I knew that one was coming. I don't think a survey would get a good result right now. No one is going to say they want to sign up for it until it gets taken care of. The resident noted that a survey had to be the path going forward. You have got to find out where you end up. If you have enough subscribers go with it, if you don't trash it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted what I want to know is what's the alternative. You keep talking about we have to do this and this and this before we do a (inaudible). What is the alternative that you people are suggesting? **Gail** what is your..... If you people are going to refuse (Councilwoman Seaman talked over her noting we asked you to do a survey).....**Supervisor Hyde** continued if you don't want to hire an operator what is the alternative for what you see for Whitespace without an Operator? If you don't want an Operator what do you want? What do you want? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** we asked you to do a survey to see what the needs is. **Supervisor Hyde** responded I'm not...You can't have me do that. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why can't I ask you? That is what you do (inaudible). **Supervisor**

**Hyde** noted I am sorry I have my statutory duties, and my statutory duties do not include running a survey for internet. Sorry but they don't. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes it does. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the Board cannot direct me to do a survey. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated why don't you tell us what your actual duties are. Because we are really confused. If the Board tells you to do something....**Councilwoman Harris** asked why don't you make up a survey and send it out? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded because it is not my job it's hers. We have asked her to do it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted according to the grant the Town of Thurman is responsible. The Town of Thurman is the Town Board. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no, the Town Supervisor is (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** replied no **Gail** the Town Board is the.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted then the **Town Board** is asking the **Supervisor** to conduct a survey. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you are asking for something that you know can't be done. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the last Supervisor managed to do a survey. God I wonder how she did that. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't know. You were there. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you hired somebody. You hired a lady from Paul Smith and sent out 500 survey cards. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yup. **Supervisor Hyde** continued 500. 500 survey cards and the target area that supposedly only had 80 something people in it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah because that is what Mike and Leon wanted. But that is what Mike and Leon wanted. They insisted on everybody. **Supervisor Hyde** noted they wanted it in the target area. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted Mike and Leon insisted on the entire target area. Everything. I was there. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** this is all in the minutes. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it is. **Supervisor Hyde** continued they wanted it in the target area. You guys didn't do it.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution # 129**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED SCHEDULE**

**The town board of the Town of Thurman approves the revised dedicated internet access ("DIA") schedule with Frontier Communications of**

**America and authorizes the supervisor to sign the necessary documents. The revised schedule keeps the terms and cost of the original schedule the same. The only change is an increase on bandwidth.**

**Increased band width is part of the capacity upgrades that would allow an operator to increase subscriber speeds**

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted that she would like everybody to know that I provided that schedule from Frontier to the Board well over a week ago. So they have had plenty of chance to look at it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we already approved the upgrade with Frontier. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no we didn't. We approved the other one. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked didn't we approve an upgrade. **Councilman Needham** noted with somebody we did I thought. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I thought we did. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we did not approve these yet. We approved the other ones. These we did not approve. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what other ones. What are the other upgrades then. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I am telling you we did not approve these yet because we were waiting for the paperwork from Frontier so that I could give it to the Board so they can see it which I did. So if you don't have any other questions. This was not voted on yet. We brought it up, but we didn't vote on it yet because we didn't have the paperwork from Frontier. Does anybody have a question?

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED**

**Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde, Nays~2 Needham, Seaman, Absent~1 Ackley**

**Resolution # 130**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL**

The town board of the Town of Thurman accepts Mr. Fred Engelmann's proposal to operate the Thurman White Space Network.

**Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman** noted I would rather because we don't have the revenue to give him half the subscriber fees, nor... I also know he is being paid by Albany. So one you can't double dip. **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting he is not being paid by Albany. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued but two I would rather if he was able to get subscribers and promote the system to take a portion that can be agreed upon by him a fee to buy the CPE kits to get him to allow him to then hook up the people to Whitespace so that it is running. And if there is an issue with the Whitespace, I do know Albany needs to keep it up and running so they are going to manage to make sure that it is running. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so you want to extort Albany University? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no that is not what I said. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you are going to try and say sorry we are not going to keep it up and running, and you have to do it if you want to do your research. This is our internet system. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well we don't know anything (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** continued the town built it. The town used \$200,000.00 worth of taxpayer money.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted to note it was grant money. **Supervisor Hyde** continued to pay for a grant. Where do you think grants come from originally. What you pick 200,000 out of a tree? It generates from the people. So you have a \$200,000.00 grant then you went and you spent \$73,000.00 when you were building it because you didn't stick...You went over the Budget. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting half of those were in-kind funds, and (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** continued then we spent more on it. So now probably the best thing to do is hire an Operator so we can keep it running and.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting we don't have the money to pay him. No we don't. We don't have the money to pay him. You can't post.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted we don't have to pay him. And if there are no subscribers Mr. Englemann said it very well. If you don't get any more subscribers zero..... He is only doing it for part of the subscriber fees. Um hum **Councilwoman Seaman** noted. **Supervisor Hyde** noted and that is what he was doing it originally for, and you voted for it then. I mean don't have any other choice. That was his proposal. **Councilwoman Seaman** yes we do. Well great. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I don't see anybody else coming to the Town of Thurman offering to operate Thurman....Offering to operate Whitespace except Mr. Englemann. No one else has answered the call. This appears to be our only option. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no it is not. All we have to do is make sure A: if like I said if he wants...If he gets people signed up then great we need the

revenue, and that is perfect. **Councilwoman Harris** asked in that proposition that he offered to us (inaudible as Councilwoman Harris and Seaman both spoke). **Supervisor Hyde** noted he gave us a proposal they have had it for months. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I haven't had mine, you never give it to me. I was out that time and you never gave it to me. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you should have checked out in the foyer because I just brought you in a whole bunch of papers. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well that is life. My mail box has never been in the foyer for public and that is their problem. **Councilwoman Harris** noted we already got a bid....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted and noted in other words you don't want to change anything, or do anything. You just want to blanket this, and we don't have another choice. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I think we have to take what bid he gives because.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted and noted no we don't. That is what the Board is for. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I think that we have no other choice but his. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated of course we do. **Councilwoman Harris** asked do we have another bid? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded didn't say we had another bid. I said (inaudible) make a different.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted then we don't have a choice. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah we do. You always have a choice. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why didn't you ask **Mr. Englemann** when he was here at the meeting? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted because we didn't know that this was coming up, and every time I talk to him he doesn't talk so. **Supervisor Hyde** noted don't tell me. You always know what is coming up because I provide the Board with everything. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you mean like the last minute stuff for today? Anyway it doesn't matter. **Councilwoman Harris** noted let's call a vote. Let's call a vote. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Mr. Needham** I hope that you seriously consider your vote here because you were....went along with fixing everything for free. It is sort of a shame to fix it all and then let it go to .....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting nobody said it has to go. We can hire him like you did last year. **Supervisor Hyde** noted if we do not have an Operator we cannot maintain it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you can hire him like you did last year. On a case by case basis he wasn't hired last year. **Supervisor Hyde** noted he gave us a proposal of how he....and the proposal is to do it the way he says in the proposal. **Councilwoman Seaman** talked over the Supervisor noting and that is good, and we should do something like last year. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we don't have a lot of options here. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated sure



you do. **Councilwoman Harris** noted so we asked for bids. We got bids. We got one bid. Nobody else is interested. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is when you go and negotiate to change....**Councilwoman Harris** noted we are not going to be able to negotiate with **Fred** because he not going to work with you. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted Why? That's his problem not mine. **Councilwoman Harris** noted well that (inaudible) because of your attitude. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that she would like to bring up the fact that when they first went to build out Whitespace they only got one bid back then also, and they were just as tickled to get the one bid. **Councilwoman Harris** again asked to call the vote. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Doug** I hope that you can please consider this because it is not fair to all these people that have spent their money on these kits. The Town Board promoted this. It was all over the newspapers what a great wonderful Whitespace, and now the same people that promoted it want to see it be ruined.

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED**

**Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde, Nays~0, Abstain~2 Needham, Seaman**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted the motion failed and once again we do not have an Operator. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you didn't want to negotiate.

**Resolution # 131**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED ROADWAY AGREEMENT W/WARREN COUNTY**

The town board of the town of Thurman approves the revised agreement between Warren County and the Town of Thurman for roadway maintenance. The revised agreement increases the revenue for maintenance of county roads by \$10,893.00.

**Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman** noted that this is exactly the amount that I said we shouldn't have made the other agreement for. That we (inaudible).

**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting you are talking about when they buy some sort of a piece of equipment they get. This is not that. They have increased the amount they are paying us for (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** noted \$10,000.00. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you think whatever you want that is not it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it is for maintenance. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it doesn't matter, it doesn't matter. It is still the 10,000 that I said that we....**Supervisor Hyde** noted no it isn't **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah it is. It's the same.

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 132**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilman Needham**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT W/WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves an agreement between Town of Thurman and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for the use of the Sandbag Machine with Trailer and authorizes the supervisor to sign the necessary documents pertaining to this agreement.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted she had sent the Board the paperwork that went with this. Hopefully they read it. Any discussion she asked?

**A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 133**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TSA/TCA FOR CONCERT EXPENSES**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves reimbursing the TSA/TCA in the amount of \$2,679.00 for summer concert expenses.

Marty Wendell-	\$500
Cornerstone Victorian-	\$179
Sundance Music Inc.-	\$1,500
Pick Axe Productions-	\$500 (Joe Groff, sound only)
Total- \$2,679	

**Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman** noted actually we should vote on the other one first because the contract has expired and you can't vote to give somebody money until you voted to have a contract with them. **Supervisor Hyde** noted this has to do with last year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I know but the money is running out. They are going to be using it, and their contract ran out in September. That's all I'm saying. It's just procedural. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we owe the money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we don't owe them anything (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are going to vote on it now. Can I have a roll call. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted why is it so difficult. Can't we just do this after we have a contract with them. The **Town Clerk** started calling for the vote asking **Councilwoman Seaman** for her vote. She again asked **Councilwoman Seaman** for her vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded I don't have a problem, but we need a contract with them first. Their contract....**Supervisor Hyde** noted we are calling the vote right now. The **Town Clerk** noted that she was asking for her vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I am not going to vote right now because I can't give you.... The **Clerk** asked are you abstaining? Are you telling me that you are abstaining? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no I am saying we can't give someone (inaudible) a contract with. The **Town Clerk** asked for **Councilman Needham's** vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued interrupting noting I don't have a problem with giving them the money. It is procedural. Which words don't you understand. You know I am so tired of you doing something half ass backwards. You have got to have a contract with a company, with a group of people in order to give them money. This is money of the taxpayers. If you don't have a contract in force, which theirs ended in September you don't have any right to give the taxpayers money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted this is Occupancy Tax

money. It is not taxpayer money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it is. It is taxpayer money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is Bed Tax money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it is taxpayer money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is Bed Tax money. It is for Tourism. We owe them this money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and it is taxpayer money that we have to have a contract for in order to give it to somebody to execute. This is not being repaid. It is money that we front to them first. I don't have a problem with giving the group the money. I just want them.... **Supervisor Hyde** stated then don't yell. **Councilwoman Seaman** contracted with first. What is that problem? **Councilwoman Harris** stated OK now we call for a vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I vote to table it until after the vote for the second one. **Councilwoman Harris** noted no, it already had a resolution. We had a resolution and we have a second on the table. **Councilwoman Seaman** said good and I can ask to table it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you can say to table it, but that call (inaudible). The **Town Clerk** noted we already called for the vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can vote to table it. The **Town Clerk** asked for **Councilwoman Harris'** vote. The **Supervisor** noted you are out of order **Mrs. Seaman**. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded I am not out of order. The **Town Clerk** asked for **Councilwoman Seaman's** vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded I am asking to table it. **Councilman Needham** was asked for his vote and he replied table it. The **Town Clerk** noted we are voting on this. She then called for the **Supervisor's** vote who voted yes.

**Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde, Nays~0, Abstained~2 Needham, Seaman**

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted we have tabled it. The **Town Clerk** stated it is not tabled. It received a vote. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we will keep trying.

### **Resolution # 134**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TSA/TCA CONTRACT FOR 2019**

The town board of the town of Thurman authorizes the supervisor to sign the agreement with the Thurman Station Association/Thurman Community Association for the distribution of the tourism funds the town receives from

Warren County Occupancy Tax for year 2019. . No one on the committee selecting the bands can profit monetarily from the concert. No one on the committee selecting bands can profit monetarily from the concert. If the committee chooses to pay from their own funds they may do so.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted that she had **Randy** here, and that she would like him to speak on this. She noted that there were too different contracts that the Board was given, in their packets. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting you only gave us one. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no there are two different ones. One is like it has always been. Then the other one includes having the Thurman Community Association taking over the disbursement of money for the concerts. So instead of getting the 30,000 and the Town keeping the 15 they would get all of it, and they would be in charge of dispersing that. Would you like to speak on it, **Randy** at all. He replied that he would be happy to answer questions. That he could give a presentation on what our Association is, and how we handle the Occupancy Tax monies. I have information. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted him noting you guys have always handled it very well. Thank you **Randy** said. **Supervisor Hyde** agreed noting they have done a good job with it. **Randy** continued I have paperwork as far as how we handle the applications for grants, how we do the reporting, and what the guidelines are from Warren County on the Occupancy Tax money, and how it is supposed to be used. If you guys have any questions I would be glad to answer them. I can give you the paperwork. You tell me what you would like me to do. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I have a comment. And I have stated this before in the past that when we give them money to advertise for Thurman that they use the word Thurman in there. Not Warrensburg. **Randy** noted that he believed they tried to do that to the best of their ability. He noted that with the exception of computer programs that was the case. **Councilwoman Harris** noted when they write up an advertisement that they should have the word Thurman in there some place. **Randy** noted that I think we do. **Councilwoman Harris** noted she knew that last time she looked there were changes. If you have gotten them all that is great. I talked to a couple of people up there on Glen-Athol Road and you've got to use Thurman. You are using Thurman money. **Randy** replied absolutely we are definitely trying to identify ourselves as Thurman. We just put a lot of money into a new website called visitthurman.com

if anybody wants to take a look at it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted that is the only comment that I have. **Supervisor Hyde** asked if there were any other questions. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no, but **Doug and I** have been talking I like the fact that the TSA TCA or whatever you want to call it at the moment that they have done a good job as far as taking care of it. I do know that **Doug** has mentioned and I agree with him that there is some stuff that needs to be done and updated as far as the playground equipment and the pavilion and the (inaudible as Councilman Needham spoke over her). **Randy** asked if he could speak to that. **Councilwoman Seaman** well no it's just that I know that those are expectable uses of Occupancy Tax money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't believe they are. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes, they are. **Randy** noted that he actually had if you are interested I have the guidelines from Warren County. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah, no I have got them. **Randy** continued OK infrastructure is definitely not an approvable item. Please let me finish OK. I understand that you have an interest in improving the playground and the pavilion. We have tried to position ourselves as a community association as opposed to we could have been a Chamber of Commerce just for business and things like that. So one of the things that I think we had discussion among our members that we were agreeable to doing. Is some kind of a fund raiser to help come up with funds for a project like that. As opposed to using Occupancy Tax money, and the reason that I am throwing this out here, and my word of caution is, that Thurman and all the small towns have been greatly scrutinized by not only the County Board of Supervisors, but also there is a group of very vocal hoteliers and motel owner in Warren County, they are very critical about how the small towns use Occupancy Tax money. If we use it inappropriately, they are gaining support, and they will eventually be able to take the Occupancy Tax money away from our town and all the other small towns. So I would propose an alternative that our group conduct some kind of a fund raiser, and help try and get grant money to be able to do the project that you want to do instead of using the Occupancy Tax money for it. Because I hate to disagree with you here, but if you look at the guidelines from Warren County it explicitly says infrastructure, such as you are talking about, is not an acceptable use of Occupancy Tax money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted but when I spoke to the person with the Occupancy Tax, and she sent me all the guidelines I specifically asked her. And I said this if for, to promote, because the kids come up and they play with the concerts and everything, and it was

acceptable. Lake George put in a put in a skate board park with Occupancy Tax money, and it was acceptable. We don't want to do that. We just want a little bit of that money to benefit not only the children, but the people who come to the concerts that expect.... There was a lot of outcry from a lot of people that the playground equipment had to be cordoned off because of splinters. It is old it is not good. So this is it. And if we are going to have the public up there we just need a little bit of money which is totally acceptable just like that sign is totally acceptable to make that appropriate to have those bands and stuff for the public. **Randy** noted so if we talking about a small amount of money as you suggest. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I don't plan on everything, no. **Randy** noted so why wouldn't it be acceptable for us to conduct a fundraiser to find.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting because you are not going to get \$12,000.00 in a fundraiser. **Randy** stated I believe Perky has done some research about grants that are available for projects like this, and I think if you give us a chance....I think this is something that as a community association we would like to tackle, and we would be glad to do it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted what I would like to propose then is that we save \$12,000.00 out, and if you can get the grant money and stuff to get that stuff done then by all means then you get it. You get the rest of it back, but I want to make sure that stuff is ready for the kids this summer. I do not want to wait another year. **Supervisor Hyde** noted she would like to comment. When **Doug** brought that up I also made a phone call, and I was told it is not an appropriate use. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied it is an appropriate use. **Supervisor Hyde** stated she did not have a problem with the playground. You could maybe fix the playground that is up there, but do you realize how many kids go up there and use that playground? **Councilwoman Seaman and Councilman Needham** both interrupted noting a lot from the complaints we got. The only time that I have seen kids on the playground is at the concerts. Kids aren't up there playing. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we got tons of complaints last year because (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** you did not get tons of complaints. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we got tons of complaints, and took all kinds of grief. **Councilman Needham** also noted he took all kinds of grief. **Supervisor Hyde** asked **Doug** do you remember what I asked you to do at the Organizational Meeting last year? I put you on Playgrounds to find out what needed to be done up there, what the rules were. I asked you to look into that a year ago, and we can't use Occupancy Tax money for the playground.

**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting yes you can, yes you can. **Supervisor Hyde** continued in other words you are talking about taking 12,000 from the 15,000, and using it for something it can't be used for. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it can be used. Just like it could be used for that sign to.....That sign was a total absolute use of Occupancy Tax money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well I don't know if that is true either. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yes it. It is there. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that would fall under buildings, buildings, buildings. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is used for tourist and for concerts, and for bringing people in. **Supervisor Hyde** noted there are no tourist going up to the playground. There is hardly anybody goes up to the playground. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes they do. Every concert we had people. **Councilwoman Harris** noted spend the money on the Youth (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted that would be a much better use. All they do with that money is have parties. Let's take that money that we get for the Youth and put it in the playground. Perfect idea. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no. **Susan Shepler** noted let's increase that budget line. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can increase that budget line by \$12,000.00. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the only glamorous party was a smorgasbord. A playground would give them exercise so let's use that money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** the only kid thing these kids have are Christmas parties and a few parties a year. They are going to get those parties. The kids mean a lot. **Supervisor Hyde** noted lets vote on this. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can use a little Occupancy Tax money for the tourist that come in, and sit and listen to those. It will also benefit the kids in this town that do go up there, and want to use that. We heard from all kinds of people (inaudible) all kinds of grief about not having that up and running. **Councilwoman Harris** asked **Councilman Needham Doug** may I ask you a question? Do you know approximately how much it would cost to renovate what is up there? To renovate **Councilman Needham** asked? **Councilwoman Harris** to fix and.....**Councilman Needham** replied not off the top of my head, no. It has to be updated it is old. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you can't fix a lot of that. It's got to be.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted well we used to buy equipment with the money we used to get from county. They don't do that anymore. **Supervisor Hyde** stated you can't use Occupancy Tax money **Doug**. You can't use Occupancy tax money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you can. Yes you can. **Councilman Needham** asked can I trust that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes you can. **Randy Galusha** noted in the guidelines that come from Warren



County, schedule A is the spending guidelines developed by Warren County. The very last paragraph under capital projects. If you don't mind it is a couple of sentences I will just read it. It says when spending money for capital projects it's necessary be sure that the primary benefit, the primary benefit, is to promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supported activities. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted and noted correct. **Mr. Galusha** continued a project which only incidentally furthers tourism ext., and primarily benefits residents is not allowable as contrary to legislatively authorized use of this funding. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted so the concerts that we have up there in that pavilion primarily benefit tourist, and are Occupancy Tax funded absolutely meets those guidelines. **Supervisor Hyde** responded no **Gail**. **Mr. Galusha** noted not according to my interpretation. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting with my interpretation absolutely did. **Mr. Galusha** continued the use of the facilities was primarily for the town's people to use them. During the concerts is a secondary use, and I don't disagree that that is nice. I just don't think it is an appropriate to use these funds, and I believe we should seek other funds. I think it is a worthwhile project. I understand you are getting complaints, and I am all for doing what you are talking about. I just think we are treading on thin ice, and if Thurman becomes the bulk of the criticism from the Supervisors they will refigure the formula that towns utilize to get Occupancy Tax money. And all the money that we get for our events that we use for our town will go away. Or a large portion of it. **Councilman Needham** asked if there was somebody or another board or whatever that they could talk to, and get more advice on this? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we should get the....I think the County. Right at the county. I got an email. **Mr. Galusha** asked who she had spoken to. **Supervisor Hyde** asked who did you speak to. I would like to know that myself. Because I got totally different information. I called the Tourism Department. I called the Tourism Department. I got the same information that **Randy** got. Who did you talk to? Who did you talk to **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded well you know what. Why don't we do it this way. Why don't we simply put \$12,000.00 aside because it doesn't all need to go. It is all taxpayer money. Until we know for sure and get a....Then we can get a ruling if we can use it for this. Because I'm sure if they can go for a skate park in Lake George that I am sure it can go for fixing up the building that we use all the Occupancy Tax for the concert, and the people to draw them into that have kids who might want to play on the playground.

**Supervisor Hyde** noted it is not allowable **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it is allowable. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it's a line. It's a thin line. You have people here who have already discussed it and said it (inaudible as Councilwoman Seaman talked over her). **Councilwoman Seaman** replied and I already discussed it, and it is allowable. **Councilwoman Harris** noted they are volunteering to raise the money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just want to put this money aside just in case they can't raise twelve grand to take care of it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted my resolution is written the way it is written. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted hold on. (Inaudible) resolution, and resolution only. **Mr. Galusha** continued can I address one other thing. Your proposal to set money aside. The issue with that is we will be receiving advertising now for applications for the events coming up this year. People will be submitting their applications in early January, and we will be reviewing those applications for the year. It is going to make it pretty much impossible for us to set aside funding for either Farm Trail Days or Fall Farm Tour or things like that if we don't know we have that money. So it is going to put things in limbo, and we need to start advertising for those things now.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand. **Mr. Galusha** continued it is not something we can wait till two weeks before. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted but you also don't have \$12,000.00. You put a lot of money into a computer website system. You don't have to put that kind of money in that. I think it was like 12 grand last year. **Mr. Galusha** replied no. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued because I talked to Perky on that. **Mr. Galusha** noted it was a little over \$9,000.00 **Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK it was 9,000, but the thing of it is that is not going to have to go in that now. **Mr. Galusha** noted the way we did that is we took significant budget cuts to some of the events that year that we don't intend to do every year in the future. We bit the bullet this year so we could make this happen. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you guys do realize don't you that this Occupancy Tax money is reimbursement money? Correct. Because they don't give it to us in January. We don't get it till October. So the town is fronting the money for all of this. **Mr. Galusha** noted I am well aware of that, and we appreciate that greatly. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and that is the only reason why I said if you guys can go and find money for new playground equipment and stuff to rehab up there so that it is appropriate for tourist that's great, but I would like to hold that 12,000 in reserve until we know that that is going to be possible. **Supervisor Hyde** noted alright **Gail** I think we get the message. **Mr. Galusha** noted that puts us in

limbo, and it makes it very difficult. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it shouldn't because.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail**, bands have to sign contracts now. You can't hire a band in July. **Mr. Galusha** stated our planning and our commitments start you know (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I think, wait a minute, with the bands....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting **Gail** I think we have heard what you say. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted wait a minute. **Cynthia** you....**Supervisor Hyde** noted you are not making any sense. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied yes, I am making total sense. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no you are not making sense. There's rules. Rules are there to be followed. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah and I checked the rules. **Councilwoman Harris** noted let's keep up the side of the floor. What they offered. What they offered that is what we have been discussing. Not anything else. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is what we are voting on right now. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked how much wealth.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted so if you don't want them to handle the bands vote for the contract where they don't handle the bands. **Councilman Needham** stated he was thinking of taking care the bands this year. **Supervisor Hyde** stated we are asking you which contract do you want. Do you want (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting **Cynthia** you didn't give us both unless you put it in this packet. **Cynthia** where did you give both contracts? Are they in this packet you gave us. **Supervisor Hyde** noted yes **Gail**, and they were both sent to you all. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied no you sent us somebody's timecard by accident. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I don't email anybody's time card. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated well it had **Susan's and Pat Woods** on it. **The Town Clerk and the Supervisor** both noted that is not a time card. The **Supervisor** continued that is a resolution **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that wasn't a resolution. The **Town Clerk** replied it is a resolution. The **Supervisor** noted well the resolution is which contract would you like to enter in with the TCA? The one where they handle the bands, or the one they don't handle the band? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well the one where they don't handle the bands is one that has to be cut a little bit of money out of so we have it. **Supervisor Hyde** stated you are not cutting out of their \$30,000.000. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why not. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why all of a sudden do you want to give them less than they have been getting all this time. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they are going to get the other....**Supervisor Hyde** noted it is tourism money. You can't use tourism money for capital projects. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it isn't a

capital project. **Supervisor Hyde** stated any building project that is not tourism related. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it is tourism related. **Supervisor Hyde** noted at the rate you are going we won't even have any concerts. So there won't be anybody up there. Yes **Randy**. **Mr. Galusha** noted that he would just like to say we are willing to do the work on getting the playground project going. We are also willing to do the work on the bands. I mean we are going to try and establish a committee. Bring some people in. Not necessarily within our group now. People that have knowledge. I think I heard you mention that you want to work on that so great. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated he was going to do it outside of that. Because he had said something to me and I.....**Councilman Needham** noted I had (inaudible) approached me, wanted me to....They would help me take care of the bands. They like the local bands. They didn't like the venue last year. **Mr. Galusha** noted I understand there was some criticism last year. That is why we are talking about trying to get a committee, and get some people who are knowledgeable about this. The fact is we are willing to do the work on the playground. We are willing to do the work on the bands. I think it is somewhat unfair for us to shoulder all these new responsibilities and all this new work, and at the same time face this cut where we are going to have money held back. And it is going to put us in limbo. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I agree with you. **Mr. Galusha** continued we are operating on good faith that we are going to do all the work. I can't promise you that this is all going to happen within the next two to three months. Getting the grant money, and getting the fund raiser getting it all done in the time frame you are talking about I don't know how this is going to happen to raise that amount of money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand. I know that. That is why I said. **Supervisor Hyde** asked if we could vote on this. **Mr. Galusha** continued excuse me I am trying to say if it doesn't happen in the time frame you are suggesting, and we are out that money. That could kill some of our events. These are events that we have worked at a long time year after year. Without the advertising we don't get people to show up. **Supervisor Hyde** noted and they work very hard, very hard on these things. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** I understand that, but like I said you've got the 9,000 that you are not going to need to put towards that because you already have that there, and I understand that you cut back to use that. But you are also going to get this 2,600 that you wanted to be reimbursed and it is going for your advertising and like that. I am just not sure how much more because I know the county sometimes give a little

bit more in Occupancy Tax just after the first of the year. Sometimes they give....What was it last year that they put in? **Mr. Galusha** noted the formula has already been set. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting no I know but....**Mr. Galusha** continued as far as I know it is the 30,000 and then 15,000.

**Councilwoman Seaman** continued right but don't they usually....Didn't they last year give another like 5,000 or something? **Supervisor Hyde** responded we got 30,000. We got 15,000. **Mr. Galusha** stated not to my knowledge. **Supervisor Hyde** asked how do you want to change this contract? Why don't you tell us exactly what it is that you want this....What do you want? What do you want to say here? You want to say what? We have two contracts. One is the same as it always is, and the other one just includes giving them the \$15,000 towards the Summer Concerts and letting them handle that. That is what I'm asking for here is one or the other. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded no. It is not always one or the other. Let's.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting let's take the two contracts.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted continuing why don't you just hold on a second. **Supervisor Hyde** said **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued will you please....What do you think about if they....If they don't do the concerts that is 15. I know that we can do the concerts for less than that. If we just did this for 5,000 less and give them 25 we probably could give them the rest of the 5,000 later. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so you are going to take the 15 and 5,000 from them. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no if they are not doing the concerts they don't need that. **Supervisor Hyde** responded then vote for the contract where they don't do the concerts. Vote for the contract where we give them 30,000.

**Councilman Needham** noted I think if you are going to agree to work with us on this (inaudible) playground equipment that is the big thing. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the thing of it is it needs to be guaranteed. It has to be guaranteed though. I want a guarantee that the playground equipment is going to be changed before the concert series. **Mr. Galusha** replied I can't submit that. **Supervisor Hyde** replied they can't do that. They can't do that **Gail**. **Mr. Galusha** continued there is no way that we (inaudible). We are going to do our level best. We are a small group.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting no see..... I understand that. You know what forget. I am not going to do it then. Because I just....I'm giving \$2,679.00 is going to go to you. Then 30,000, then 15,000. I just want something for Thurman. We got to have a playground equipment replaced up there, and it has to be ready for tourist. If you can guarantee that it is going to be

done I don't care what you do with the money. **Mr. Galusha** asked why are you yelling at me? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted because I don't feel good. I have had shoulder surgery, and I have to deal with a Jackass over there. That's why. All's I want to do is the best job for the kids. **Supervisor Hyde** stated **Mrs. Seaman** you are out of order. **Councilwoman Harris** asked did you call me a Jackass.

**Councilwoman Seaman** continued no I called her a Jackass. If the term fits. Now that is all I want. I want the kids to have something halfway decent. **Supervisor Hyde** noted why don't we just leave it like it was **Randy**. It doesn't sound like we are going to get any cooperation here. Leave it like it was with the 30,000.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh here is a thought we can't possibly get any cooperation from you. After a brief outburst from the audience **Mr. Galusha** continued noting I just want to address one thing about the bands. It is not my area of expertise, but one of the things that I know our group talked about, and they have talked to people who have been involved in some of the concerts and stuff. Is that they want to make an effort to bigger names, better bands. Maybe not as many as we have had in the past for the specific purpose of being able to advertise outside of the area. Draw bigger crowds and draw tourism. So that we can satisfy the intent of the OT dollars. Because having local bands and only drawing a small group of people from within town kind of doesn't satisfy OT. And once again we are very fearful that we are opening ourselves up for criticism. So that is something if we were to take on the concerts that we'd be looking to do.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted the only problem I have with that is the fact that that is tax money that is here for promoting. We should be promoting our local bands. We need to be promoting the local people. I don't want to spend money anymore on hotel rooms for these band. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is not what Occupancy Tax money is for **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued that is not what should be done. If we are spending money on hotel rooms, and then again I have one other condition. No person that is on the committee that does anything with the bands can profit from it. That is unethical. They are not to make one dime off of any of the concerts. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail**, you don't make the rules OK. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yes, the Board does remember.

**Supervisor Hyde** noted I would like to point out that last year when they had **Tom Chapin** who is a known name, there was a very good turnout. That did seem to help to bring people from farther away. **Mr. Galusha** noted **Mrs. Seaman** I appreciate your sentiment about promoting the local bands, and I am all for that.

Unfortunately that is not the intent of Occupancy Tax dollars. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted asking why? It is an attempt to promote tourism and to promote people coming in. **Mr. Galusha** noted correct. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued the Bed and Breakfast always comes in. It is always advertised so people can come in. It is the intent. **Supervisor Hyde** responded local bands don't promote tourism. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes, local bands do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no they don't. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes, they do. We had better attendance when the local bands come. **Supervisor Hyde** noted most of them were local last year except **Tom Chapin**. **Mr. Galusha** noted I don't think straight attendance is the measure of how successful it is satisfying the intent of the Occupancy dollars. I think you need to take a look at the people who are attending. Because Occupancy Tax dollars we are supposed to be putting heads in beds. We are supposed to be drawing people from outside the area, and if we are bringing.....I have nothing against local bands, but if local bands are only bringing local people we are not satisfying that intent. And I think what our group is willing to do is to work to get some bigger name bands, and to get some people not only locally to have better quality music locally, but to draw people from outside the area to have a bigger event. Make it something that satisfies the intent of OT. That is what we want to do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted and you are right. Because I went to almost every concert last, and mostly they were attended....Except for **Tom Chapin** they were attended by mostly local people that kind of hop around to these different parks. **Mr. Galusha** noted don't get me wrong. I don't have anything against the local bands. I mean they are fine. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the point of it is if we are not showcasing the local bands then nobody is going to come see them anyway. **Supervisor Hyde** noted they came to see **Tom Chappin**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted curiosity and curiosity only. He is just on his brother's name and that (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is real funny because he was at **Tannery Pond**, and they didn't have enough seats. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted great we are not **Tannery Pond**. The thing of it is people like the local bands. The trouble is that I don't want one dime. I want in the contract one dime. Nobody.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked are you proposing to let them do bands this year? Alright let's have a vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated **Cynthia** I am talking. I want not one dime to go to anybody that has anything to do with these bands. Is that agreeable? **Supervisor Hyde** noted let's vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked is that agreeable? **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** you

can't put stipulations in. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yes I can. We are the Board. Supervisor **Hyde** continued you are one person. You are one person you are not the Board. I know we are going to vote **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked can we have that stipulation. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no. We are not forcing **Randy** to do anything. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the **Supervisor** noting I have the right to ask **Randy**. Do I have that stipulation please? **Supervisor Hyde** noted you have no right to ask that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes I do. I am the Board too. I am part of the Board also. I am also the Board. **Randy** can we have that stipulation. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I wrote the resolution and it doesn't do that. **Mr. Galusha** noted I don't think I have to agree with, but if you put it in a resolution then we would have to live with it or else we don't get the money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no it is not in the resolution. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated then I am going to put it in the resolution. I am going to amend the resolution. **Mr. Galusha** noted that is the Board's prerogative. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued that is true. It is the Board's prerogative (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** asked could we get on with this as **Councilwoman Seaman** continued speaking. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted a motion is (inaudible) to put into the resolution that not one dime can go to benefit anybody that has.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked **Gail**, can we get on with this. Can we get on with this. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** only when you have agreed to this. **Supervisor Hyde** asked can we please, please get on with this resolution. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we need to put that nobody can personally profit from this. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are not putting that garbage in this resolution. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes, we are. I want it in the resolution. **Supervisor Hyde** noted this resolution is to either except the contract. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no. It has to be in the resolution. **Supervisor Hyde** noted let's vote first on excepting the contract.....**Councilwoman Seaman** continued to state I want the resolution...**Supervisor Hyde** noted let's vote first **Doug and Joan** on excepting the contract that includes the bands. Will you call a Roll Call? **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the Supervisor noting no. **Mr. Galusha** noted can I just say.....We can live with it. Go ahead and do it. And if you want to add that for us to the resolution then OK. **Supervisor Hyde** asked and the stipulation is? **Mr. Galusha** noted that nobody that is on the committee picking bands and doing the work on the concerts can receive any remuneration. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted cannot benefit. **Mr. Galusha** noted he did not have a problem with that. I think the



concern is that **Mr. Groff** provided....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting I don't want a name please. **Mr. Galusha** continued excuse me, but it is a matter of record so I don't think there is any issue with that. So he provided some lighting and sound for a band. He received compensation for doing that. It is his business. He did it at a reduced rate. I think he did a fine job. I don't have a problem with it. Maybe some people do. If we'd had had to pay somebody else to do that it would have cost a lot more money. **Supervisor Hyde** agreed noting it would have cost a lot more money. So you are shooting yourself in the foot (inaudible) **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated will you please shut up. I am honestly telling you....**Councilwoman Harris** responded be polite. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued the only reason I have a problem with it is because if he had come here, and simply said to me they want me to do this. This is how much I can do it for. Do you mind? I would never have had an issue with it. What I have an issue with....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted asking do they have to come to you individually? **Councilwoman Seaman** continued noting will the Board. Will you let me finish. **Supervisor Hyde** asked can we please vote? **Councilwoman Seaman** continued what I have an issue with is when somebody goes to the Warren County dissolves his business. Reopens his business the same day in his girlfriends name and his, and then presents a bill for that time. That shows intent. That he was going to try to subvert the fact that he had said he was doing it for nothing. I took him at his word when he said that he just (inaudible as Supervisor Hyde spoke). **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting alright we do not need to hear all this criticism of **Mr. Groff** anymore. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I didn't say the name you did. And that is the only criticism that I have. And as long as he said it is written into the thing that no one can profit. **Supervisor Hyde** asked who said? **Doug** is this necessary for you to vote on this? **Councilman Needham** noted it is what **Randy** said, yes. **Supervisor Hyde** asked but is it necessary for you. I am asking you do you feel it is necessary to put that in the resolution. **Councilman Needham** replied yes it is. (Inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** noted because you don't trust who they are, right? **Councilman Needham** noted we don't...This would cover it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted in other words if they get a bigger band that needs lighting you want them to have to spend more when they might be able to spend less by using **Mr. Groff**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we will cross that bridge when they come to it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted keep that in mind. Because they will have....Some bands want lighting....You were just making a big

deal about promoting local bands, and then when you could hire a local person to do the lighting, then all of a sudden then you don't want to promote the local person. That is really backwards. That doesn't make sense. **Mr. Galusha** noted even if the band has to pay for the lighting ultimately we are paying for that. Whether we are paying somebody separately or pay it through the band ultimately it will get paid for. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is fine as long as....I mean it only.....We have never had to pay for that before. **Mr. Galusha** noted a recorder of that stature, **Mr. Chapin**, (inaudible as a resident spoke over him). **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are not here to bad mouth people who have been hired to play music for us. Stop. Now. We don't want to hear it. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued **Cynthia** are you going to add this to the resolution? **Supervisor Hyde** continued we don't want to hear it. Keep your negativity to yourself. Do not talk about people that we have hired. Do not. **Councilwoman Harris** noted don't talk about people who are not here to defend themselves. Now let's shut up and.....He offered....Made an offer. Is the offer there? Does it still stand? And you want to make him say that he isn't going to cheat anybody. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted he just agreed that no one will profit and that is fine. **Supervisor Hyde** noted wait a minute. The people that they advertise, they all profit from it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted just put it in there. Put it in there **Cynthia**. Just put it in there. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so you are signaling out **Mr. Groff**. A resident noted that Jay had done it in the past and didn't get paid for it. The **Supervisor** asked if they had brought and used their own equipment when they had done it in the past. It was noted he did not. She noted that she (Councilwoman Seaman) is trying to say that you did what Joe did, and you did it for free. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked if you would please add what he said to the resolution. **Supervisor Hyde and Councilwoman Harris** asked **Randy** what are we adding. **Mr. Galusha** noted you are looking at me? It was **Mrs. Seaman's** proposal. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't agree with it. **Mr. Galusha** noted I think we can live with it. With the fact that nobody on the committee selecting the bands will receive any compensation. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no one on the committee selecting bands can profit monetarily. So how come we have people profiting by selling food at the concerts then? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they aren't. They are raising money for the people of the town of Thurman. **Supervisor Hyde** noted there seems to be different rules for different people. **Mr. Galusha** wanted to make a point of clarification. Could we make it so they can't

receive Occupancy Tax money. Because the reason I ask that is the point of clarification. Our organization has our own funds that we raise through our memberships, fundraisers and things like that. If we choose, out of our funds, to pay somebody that should be our business. Is that fair? I don't see why.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted that is correct. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the only....You are running a fine line. The only reason that I am saying this is how would you ethically think somebody else would look at that? How would you look at it and try to be totally impartial. Would there look like there is impropriety? **Mr. Galusha** noted OK we are a private organization, and if we have a committee person who is providing a service and we choose to pay out of our own funds not using the Town's tax money, Occupancy Tax money or anything else, funds that we have raised. Shouldn't that be our own business? I don't see where you should have a problem with that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted then I have to raise the question why do you need Occupancy Tax money. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you know what we are going to vote on this. We are voting on the contract that includes them bringing in the bands so they are going to get the 30,000 and the 15,000. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and it includes that stipulation. **Mr. Galusha** noted make sure the resolution says only Occupancy Tax money (inaudible). I am not saying that this is going to happen. I just want to leave the door open in case we choose to pay somebody to do something. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and if you choose to pay somebody that for hiring....See the problem is that it looks like you are having a band hired just so some person can profit from it. **Mr. Galusha** noted I don't very much believe that it will even happen. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked so what is the problem with leaving the.... **Mr. Galusha** noted that if TCA wanted to use their own money they should be able too. He didn't want the Board locking them in or telling them what to do with their own money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and we shouldn't. I just also don't want the impropriety. I don't want to come back here next year and say it looked like you subverted the intent and somebody profited that shouldn't have profited. If you are doing this as the TSA and all of you guys are volunteers it should be volunteer. It shouldn't be OK I have this great well my husband does furnace work, but he wouldn't do furnace work down here because he would profit from it, and he can't do that. That is unethical for me to say OK my husband can do this. **Mr. Galusha** noted I understand your concern. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued for the reason being it should be totally above board. I am not

saying that you would do it, but let's keep it where there isn't even....Do you really want people screaming at you from both sides? I'd rather you didn't.

**Supervisor Hyde** again asked if we could vote. **Mr. Galusha** wanted to say I appreciate your concern, and I take that seriously. If we are attempting to subvert anything we really aren't very good at it because everything that we do gets put into a report with receipts. So if we do it we aren't going to be able to hide it.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted no you are going to show it, and that is not what I meant. I just don't want.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked if they could vote now because they have a bunch more resolutions to do. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can listen to you, you can listen to me. I just don't want people to say that you did something wrong when are not. Because TSA has always done a good job.

**Councilman Needham** noted and we are going to hear this for a long time. **Mr. Galusha** noted and we are very sensitive to things like that. That is why I keep stressing how we handle Occupancy Tax money. We are very sensitive to all the criticism from both sides, and from the county and everything. We try to do everything above board. We really do. **Councilman Needham** noted you are going to take care of the concerts. **Supervisor Hyde** noted he is absolutely right about being careful how you spend that money because they are looking.... There are a bunch of people looking to change it. **Councilman Needham** asked if they would be taking care of the Christmas things and all that. Is that still all going to be....

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah the money, the concessions and like that.....**Councilman Needham** asked to raise money for the Santa Clause stuff and the Christmas party. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the Christmas Baskets and like that very (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted they are going to take care of that.

That is the whole point of this contract. They will take care of it. They are good at it. They know what to do. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand, but maybe that is something that the Board should take care of. The concessions. At least telling who can use (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail**, lets vote on this resolution because the longer we talk the more stipulations we are going to have. Lets' just vote on this contract. Let them, the people who are good at it, take care of it. **Mr. Galusha** noted I think there is some minimal language in there about the concessions. I can't recite it verbatim. I don't know what it is. I think we would probably continue to do whatever has been done in the past with concessions.

**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting that if there is less bands and less things, you know concerts and like that I would like to see it benefit the people of

Thurman the most. **Supervisor Hyde** noted Nancy Decker is... You are talking about....The Christmas Baskets are not something that you can use Occupancy money for anyway. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating yes it is. We did before, but the point of it is.....**Supervisor Hyde** stated no you can't. It is not tourist money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes you can. Yes. **Mr. Galusha** noted I think we are talking about two different things. **Supervisor Hyde** noted Nancy Decker, I talked to Shelia, they are talking about having Nancy Decker kind of oversee the concessions because she likes to do it. **Mr. Galusha** noted and she is part of our group. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I am just trying to tell you that we are trying to make sure that the people of Thurman get what they should get too. **Mr. Galusha** noted we will continue what we have done in the past. Even if we do have less concerts the intent is to do so to have bigger attendance. So I would hope that the concessions that anybody has would pay more. That would be the intent. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted this is it we need to make sure (inaudible as Supervisor Hyde spoke over her). **Supervisor Hyde** noted and your friend Nancy Decker is going to be the head of it so you should be happy about that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** I am not looking at friends I am looking at the best interest of the people of Thurman. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well you should trust Nancy. Nancy has been doing this for a very long time. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I understand. Nancy has. **Councilwoman Harris** noted she is talking about ethics which she knows nothing about so let's vote on this.

**A Roll Call Vote Was Called:**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays'~0**

**Councilwoman Seaman** stated she wanted to make sure that we do something about the playground (inaudible).

### **Resolution # 135**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

## RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The town board of the Town of Thurman appoints Edward Baker to the part time, no benefits position of Transfer Station Attendant for the Thurman Transfer station, pay rate as his same rate of pay.

**Discussion: Councilwoman Harris and Seaman** both asked what his rate of pay was. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what the pay rate was for past attendants. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well there was different ones. There was minimum wage and I don't remember what Charlie got. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it would have to be the one that can do...Because he can operate all the machinery and all..... **Supervisor Hyde** noted that was a Landfill Superintendent. We don't have that anymore. Civil Service, it's their Transfer Station Attendant. They don't get extra for operating....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted asking what is **Brownie's** current rate of pay? **Supervisor Hyde** replied I don't know? It is 14 something. **Councilman Needham** noted whatever his current rate of pay is, is what he should get for now. **Councilwoman Harris** noted so that means that he gets a raise over everybody else who has been there before? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted he is doing it all. **Supervisor Hyde** noted so in other words the Transfer Station Attendant makes more than the Bookkeeper. We are paying the Bookkeeper 13. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you know what **Cynthia** let's not worry about it right now. This is to put (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** continued we are paying the Deputy Town Clerk minimum wage. We are paying the cleaner and the maintenance man minimum wage. So I just want to bring that up that the Transfer Station Attendant is going to make 14 something an hour, and the Bookkeeper with a Bachelors' degree in Accounting is going to make \$13.00 an hour. I would just like to point that out that is all. That makes a whole lot of sense. The **Town Clerk** asked OK what is the pay rate going to be? **Councilman Needham** responded the same rate of pay. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the same rate of pay as he is currently now. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the last one made \$10.00 an hour. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the same rate of pay that **Brownie** is currently making now in the Highway Department. **Supervisor Hyde** responded well I don't have a problem with that, but I think we should increase the pay of the Bookkeeper to the same. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded we are not increasing anything **Cynthia**. We are doing this resolution remember? We can only do one at a time. **Councilwoman Harris** noted excuse me a minute. He is not

working for the garage any longer right? So from there he is not going to be able to get the raise that they are going to get. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no he is not part of that anymore. No. **Councilwoman Harris** continued OK so he is going to get what he has got paid last year? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted which is what he is currently making. **Councilwoman Harris** replied OK I just want to make sure of that part.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted that I would like for the record to say that I think it is a pretty sad state of affairs when the Transfer Station Attendant makes more than the Bookkeeper. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied the Transfer Station Attendant doesn't have any benefits. The **Supervisor** stated the Bookkeeper doesn't have any benefits either. **Councilwoman Harris** noted OK let's go to the next one.

### **Resolution # 136**

#### **RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE ASSESSOR CLERK POSITION**

The town board of the Town of Thurman reinstates the position of clerk to the assessor and appoints Susan Baker to fill the position.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted well I would like to say that if we are going to pay a Transfer Station Attendant 14 something an hour we ought to be able to at least pay somebody to work as the clerk in the Assessor's office. Can I have a Roll Call Vote. **Councilwoman Harris** stated I think it is needed. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is very much needed. It hurts the taxpayers to not have her in there.

**A Roll Call Vote Was Called.**

**Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde, Nays~2 Needham, Seaman**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted well I think that tells us a lot don't you? That tells us a great deal.

### **Resolution # 137**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

### **RESOLUTION TO REHIRE CAROL BAKER**

The town board of the Town of Thurman rehires Carol Baker to perform cleaning for the Town of Thurman at \$10.40 per hour for up to 4 hours per week.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted they were both let go because the Board didn't think that we could afford a cleaner or a maintenance man which of course wasn't true. Since like I told you earlier we still have over \$200,000.00 in the General Fund. So there was absolutely no need to take these positions away. Nobody cleans the Town Hall. Nobody cleans the bathrooms. The Highway guys have to do the shoveling, and if they are out plowing the Town Hall doesn't get shoveled. Apparently I have been told that I am responsible for shoveling the back steps to my office. So I think we need a maintenance man, and a cleaner. The amount of money that we have spent on them is not very much, and is something we need. We can afford it, and I think that the Town Hall would look a lot nicer. I think it is much safer to have somebody....Steve would always come in the morning on snowy days, and he would make sure that everything was shoveled and sanded. A resident noted that they had shoveled out more than once here for an event. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I am asking you to not criticize people in public. This is not privilege of the floor. I worked here all year, and **Mr. Steve Baker** did so come in here and shovel. **Mr. Baker's** job wasn't to shovel out for an event that he didn't know about. So if you had an event....I am sorry, but he does shovel, and he did come on weekends if it snowed and he did shovel. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the Highway Department shoveled everything. The **Town Clerk** noted they do not. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted maybe we need to.... One these positions were eliminated so they need to be redone. But maybe we need to go out and advertise because the.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted asking why would you do that? **Councilwoman Seaman** continued the maintenance person....Because he wants to define what the maintenance person is supposed to be doing. We need a job description so we know what is expected. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Carol and Steve** did a good job. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I didn't say they didn't. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so then why are you not giving the job back to them? **Councilman Needham** noted **Carol** can come back to do the cleaning right now.



**Carol** can come back to do the cleaning, yes. **Supervisor Hyde** noted oh but you don't want **Steve** to come back. **Councilman Needham** noted we need to look at that. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why is that **Doug**? **Councilman Needham** responded we need maintenance done. A maintenance man does maintenance. And that includes painting, scraping shoveling.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting no one is going to paint and scrap for \$10.40 an hour. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes, they do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no they don't. **Councilwoman Seaman and Councilman Needham** both noted yes they do. **Supervisor Hyde** asked **Councilman Needham** would you paint and scrap this town hall for \$10.40 an hour? **Councilman Needham** responded I did it. I did it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't recall you painting this town hall (inaudible). **Councilman Needham** noted I painted the Harris House. I did dry wall in the Harris House. I did carpentry work in here. I built that office for \$9.00 an hour. We need to redefine what he does he noted with **Councilwoman Seaman**. He continued I mopped the floor in here. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you did huh? Why did you quit? **Councilman Needham** noted another job offer. A better job offer. **Supervisor Hyde** responded oh because you didn't make enough money here you quit. So why don't we offer the maintenance man a lousy wage, and then when a better job comes he will quit. That is a great idea **Doug**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is usually what people do. Why are you criticizing people. You are not supposed to be criticizing people. Why are you criticizing the Board? She then made a comment to a resident noting there is no need for anything from the peanut gallery. You in particular because you don't know how to keep your mouth shut. **Councilwoman Harris** noted **Gail**, would you please be respectful. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied as soon as he is of me. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** doesn't respect herself. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded oh there we go now she is criticizing the (inaudible). **Councilman Needham** asked how many hours did **Carol** work a week cleaning? **Supervisor Hyde** noted a couple of hours a week. **Carol** is willing to do most of the maintenance. She is willing to do the shoveling. She is willing to do most of everything. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded no. No, well **Carol** is doing the cleaning. How long does it take? **Supervisor Hyde** continued she has offered to also do the shoveling. She has also offered to do the painting. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded no she's, she's.....yeah no we are going to (inaudible) cleaning. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what are you laughing at **Doug**. **Councilman Needham** responded I'm not. I.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked why can't **Carol** paint. **Councilman**

**Needham** noted she can. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted she could, but that is not her position. **Supervisor Hyde** asked well first of all what are you talking about painting anyway? **Councilman Needham** noted look at the Town Hall. **Supervisor Hyde** asked where on the Town Hall. **Councilman Needham** noted the whole Town Hall need painting. **Supervisor Hyde** asked where on the Town Hall? **Councilman Needham** noted it is all falling. It needs to be scraped. **Supervisor Hyde** again asked where? **Councilman Needham** noted the whole front. **Doug, Doug** noted **Supervisor Hyde** stated have you ever heard of lead abatement? Did you ever hear of lead abatement **Doug**. The **Town Clerk** noted he was actually supposed to check on that. **Supervisor Hyde** asked do you really think that you are going to get somebody to scrape lead paint off of the Town Hall for \$10.40 an hour. **Councilman Needham** stated let's vote on it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted let's just you know.... Why don't we just.....**Councilman Needham** asked do you want to table this. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so are we taking **Steve** out of this, and just hiring **Carol**? Is that what you want to do? Do you want to take **Steve** out and just hire a cleaner? **Councilman Needham** noted that is up to you. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you are the one with the resolution that you want to change. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so are you two saying that you don't want to rehire **Steve**. **Councilman Needham and Councilwoman Seaman** noted we need a job description. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued then we need to advertise for it so people know what they need to do. **Supervisor Hyde** stated what you are telling me though is don't want at this point in time to hire **Steve** because you want to have a job description. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yes. **Supervisor Hyde** continued but do you want to hire **Carol**? **Councilman Needham** noted if she wants to. **Supervisor Hyde** continued so let's take **Steve** out of the resolution, and just leave **Carol** there. She started to read the resolution when **Councilwoman Seaman and Councilman Needham** asked how many hours a week. **Supervisor Hyde** responded it takes her a couple of hours. It is not always the same. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied I know, but you have to put it in there because your budget....You've got to know how many she is going to do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** we are paying her \$10.40 an hour. **Carol** works very....We can't tell....We don't know exactly how long it takes to clean the Town Hall. It takes her a couple of hours. I can tell you it didn't cost a whole lot to have **Carol Baker** clean the Town Hall. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I didn't say it did, but we need to say how many....**Councilman Needham** stated we don't want her here for 40

hours. Right agreed **Councilwoman Seaman**. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Doug** she is not here for 40 hours. She was here for 2,2 ½ hours, 3 hours depending on what needed to be done. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK so that is 3 hours a week. So if we put 4 hours a week that is good. **Councilwoman Harris** asked how about 10 hours? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted she said 4 hours a week. **Supervisor Hyde** noted but then you are....She doesn't need 10 hours a week. She comes once a week. I've been here 11 years alright. We didn't have a cleaner that came every week. We had a cleaner that came once a week. That is all we need for a couple of hours. **Councilman Needham** noted **Grace** came every week and did it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Grace** came every week and did it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted once a week. Once a week. **Councilman Needham** noted once a week. **Supervisor Hyde** replied yeah so she is only going to come once a week. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked 3 hours? **Supervisor Hyde** noted why don't you let her clean until she is done, which is usually a couple of hours. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well so if we say up to 3 hours a week is fine. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what if she needs to take 4 hours to clean? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated well she is not allowed in any of the offices so it is only this room, that room and the bathroom. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no she can clean in the offices if she is here at a time when people are in the offices. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you never let (inaudible) the offices. You already told me she doesn't have access to the offices. **Supervisor Hyde** noted because she cleaned when it wasn't opened. If she cleaned when it is open she could clean upstairs. I don't know what her timing is going to be. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well she always comes at night. **Supervisor Hyde** continued but if she was to come in during the day, and she could clean the offices it would be nice if she could have a couple....Why do you want to keep her at a certain amount of hours. She is not going to abuse it. She never has. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied I didn't say she was, but you have....You need to put how many hours (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** noted 4 hours a week. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked 4 hours a week? 4 hours a week is fine. I am agreeable to that. Up to 4 hours a week. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it has got to say up to because she may not use that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is why I said up to 4 hours a week. **Councilman Needham** noted if it takes her an hour, it takes an hour. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is right. Wow are we all set.

**A Roll Call Vote Was Called.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted the next resolution is a resolution to approve the purchase of fire proof filing cabinets. Do I have a motion to get that on the floor?

**Resolution #138**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FIRE PROOF FILE CABINETS**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves the purchase of 2 fire proof file cabinets \$3,595.00 each for the town clerk's office.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted I am going to let **Sue** take over here. The **Town Clerk** noted that we have some quotes. We got from Charlie's Office Furniture. Charlie's Office Furniture has the exact same size that we have in there now. And that is two of them at 5,000 each for 10,000. **Councilwoman Harris** asked if that was the picture on the second page. The **Town Clerk** replied yeah, that's this one. You've got the picture of it, and it should have his name Charlie McNeil at the top of it in the email. Alright and then also we have a quote from Staples. Staples actually... I mean Mason (in response to the Boards question) WBMason their cabinet price is 3,595. It is a slightly smaller cabinet. It is only 37 ½ wide as opposed to the 44 wide. And then we have also a quote from Staples which is actually 5950. So they are almost a \$1,000.00 more for the same cabinet as Charlie's, and ULine doesn't even make one quite that big, and they are a bit more expensive. So that is four quotes on these cabinets. And what happened was the lock on one of the cabinets broke, and I had to have the locksmith come out and take the cabinet apart to get the lock out and replace the lock. Once that happens the cabinet is no longer fire proof. The other cabinet was broken into about 3, 4 years ago, and it should have been replaced on insurance then for the same reason that it wasn't. So now we are looking at replacing two cabinets.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK question. So basically we just paid somebody

like almost \$500.00 to come and fix this. The **Town Clerk** responded yeah. **Councilwoman Seaman** alright but basically at some point the two cabinets have to be replaced. It isn't a absolute necessity....The **Town Clerk and the Supervisor** interrupted noting yes it is. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it has got to be fire proof. The **Town Clerk** noted this is record retention. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted Ok but you are talking almost how much money now, 10 grand? Yeah responded the **Clerk. Councilwoman Seaman** asked where is that money coming from. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it could come from Buildings Contractual. There is plenty of money in there. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked Building Contractuals? **Supervisor Hyde** noted well no maybe not. Ten grand. **Councilwoman Seaman** agreed 10 grand. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we could take it out of Unassigned Fund Balance. We have plenty of that. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated you have to tell us what is in the Unassigned Fund Balance because you have never told us. I have asked, but we don't have the (inaudible) of what's in the Unassigned Fund Balance. And I am being serious. I just want to know. The **Town Clerk** noted well actually my recommendation would be the Mason one because it is just slightly smaller, and at 3595 on theirs it would save us a bit of money. I think we could get away with that. You know going down a little bit in size, and saving almost 1,500 per cabinet. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted what I am just wondering.....The **Town Clerk** noted it says on there....That was just off the website, but their email it is 39.....Correct that is just off the website, but it is on sale and this is the price that he quoted me 3595. **Councilwoman Harris** noted OK. The **Town Clerk** noted yes it is right here in his email the size and the 3595. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just need to see what is in the Unassigned Fund Balance. **Supervisor Hyde** responded **Gail** there is way more than that in Unassigned Fund Balance. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted good then let's get the.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't have the figure right in front of me right now. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK the only thing that I am going to ask is that we then have to take it from someplace else. **Supervisor Hyde** responded no (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** continued I know we have money that we can take....**Supervisor Hyde** asked and what do you suggest? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and can we take.... Do one then after the first of the year do the other one? No replied the **Town Clerk. Councilwoman Seaman** asked why not? The **Town Clerk** responded because you are at risk of something happening. That is record retention. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting well we have been at risk 3 years and

something hasn't happened. It is absolutely logical that we could do one now, and one after the first of the year when we are working on next year's budget. The **Town Clerk** noted well this cabinet will not be on sale at the end of the year. This cabinet is only going to be on sale for about another week. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we have more than enough money to cover this **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is alright. Well are you going to tell me what is in the Unassigned....**Supervisor Hyde** noted you don't need to take it out of a fund. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah we do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we can take it out of Unassigned Funds.... No we don't. Why would you do that? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded because I don't know what is in the Unassigned. **Supervisor Hyde** then asked tell me what fund you want to take it out of. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well let's see what we have got where we have money. Going down the top. Alright are these actual....I know it is supposed to be year to date, but is it correct? **Councilwoman Harris** noted of course. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is not always. **Supervisor Hyde** stated **Gail** would you stop with your accusations? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can take 10,000 because we have it out of the Assessors line 2. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yeah. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no I have budget adjustments, and I have already took money out of there. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked well where because we have... What for? **Supervisor Hyde** noted I have a resolution in that packet. Apparently you didn't look at the resolutions that I wrote. There are budget adjustments, and I have already used....I am asking in that resolution to decrease the Assessor, Deputy Assessor line...Look at my resolution. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well then we could always take it out of the Secretary/Bookkeeper line there is 10,000 in there. **Supervisor Hyde** responded no. We can take some of it out of there. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting 10,000. **Supervisor Hyde** continued but we still have to pay her for the rest of the year. I knew that's the line that you were going to want to take it out of. How did I know? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why would I take something out that has a \$10,000.00 balance if that is basically what we need. Absolutely would makes senses would it? Of course not. **Supervisor Hyde** responded you can't. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes you can. **Supervisor Hyde** responded you can't take all the money from the Bookkeeper. She is full time this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is why I said why don't we buy one now, and one after the first of the year when we have different budget lines, and we

can.....**Supervisor Hyde** responded but we have plenty of Unassigned Fund Balance to pay for this. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked how much? Where is it? **Councilwoman Harris** noted let's ball park it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh no I don't want a ball park. I want an exact. You should have had this ready. If that is where you want to take it you should have had it here for us. Because I have asked for....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting I have given you the bank, I have given you all the stuff that you could possibly want to look at. I gave you this resolution ahead of time. Why are you waiting until now to ask these questions? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded because you gave us the resolution today in the email. **Supervisor Hyde** responded no. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you emailed these resolutions in the last two days. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no. I have provided most of these last week. I gave you the bank statement. I gave you...**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting no you didn't. If you are going to take things out of a fund. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we're not. **Councilwoman Seaman** then you...You say the Unexpended Fund Balance. I want to see how much is in there. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is not... I am not paying it (inaudible). I am taking it out of money that is available. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you just said that you were going to take it out of the Unencumbered spending. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we have 200....What do we have? We have \$233,103.77 in the bank in the General Fund. The General Funds Abstract is only \$9,006.85. So that is how much money we have. And we are almost to the end of the year so why are you so concerned about taking it out of Unassigned Fund Balance? **Councilwoman Seaman** replied 109 of it goes back into the Savings Account where it should.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting no **Gail** you spent that when we.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted no **Cynthia** we didn't. **Supervisor Hyde** replied yes, your resolution took the 109,000 out of the Savings Account, put it in the General Fund, so that I could make the payment to the bank. That has been used. That doesn't get paid back. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting **Cynthia** you are supposed to take....**Supervisor Hyde** continued you spent it. You spent it. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked how do you talk stupid? You can't fix stupid. You have to do....You have to take it out of your funds here. And if you can't show me the Unencumbered Fund Balance well you know what you are going to have to take it out of these. And the only ones you have to take it out of.....Is you have the Assessors you can take it out of, and you the....**Supervisor Hyde** stated Buildings. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued and the personal

Secretary. The Bookkeeper. You can take it out of that line. **Supervisor Hyde** stated you cannot defund the Bookkeeper's line at the end of the year with the W2s. So are you telling me you want to fire the Bookkeeper now so we can buy a file cabinet? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** I didn't say....**Supervisor Hyde** asked what are you saying **Gail**? **Councilwoman Seaman** continued you are not going to spend \$10,000.00 on her in one month. I got news. She doesn't make that. She doesn't even make that (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** noted no we are not. You want to take the whole thing out of that right? **Councilwoman Seaman** replied no. We can take half of it. We can take 6 grand. We can take less than that. More than that because you are not going to pay that much for the entire (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** asked why don't we take half out of building contractual and half out of the Bookkeepers line? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted Buildings Contractual. **Supervisor Hyde** noted \$11,293.51. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted in the Building Contractual you have 11,000. Fine take half of it out of there, and half of it out of the Secretary line. That way at least you have it listed from the Budget as to where it is coming from. **Supervisor Hyde** responded alright we will do that. How much is it all together? The **Town Clerk** noted well if we go with the Mason, WBMason ones it was 35 something. 3595 each. **Supervisor Hyde** noted so we will take 3595 from 1620.4. 3595? The **Town Clerk** responded yup. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and then we will take 3595 from A1221.1. A1221.1. 3595. The **Town Clerk** noted each and that was from WBMason.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted resolution to approve leasing printer from National. That was that guy who came last, Nadab, who came and gave that presentation. Do I have a motion to get this one on the floor.

### **Resolution # 139**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LEASING PRINTER FROM NATIONAL**

TASKalfa 4002i (B+W)



Monthly lease payment: \$70.00

Cost Per Copy: \$0.0084

No Fixed Volume

Cost per copy means that you will not have a fixed service charge per month. Instead your actual volume will be taken each month and multiplied by the \$0.0084 service rate. That will be the only other cost aside from the monthly lease investment price of \$70.

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted he came in, and gave us a presentation, and these are the options. If you want to do that. We could buy one. They are pretty expensive. I think this is a possibility. I haven't used that one in awhile. How is that one working? The **Town Clerk** noted still the same stuff. It doesn't copy very well. It sometimes doesn't feed the paper in. I have to stand there, and watch them go into the top one because it will skip a page or two here or there.

**Supervisor Hyde** noted it is getting kind of old so. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked can we ask .....Who does this...Who is going to be using this copier? **Supervisor Hyde** responded everybody. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked everybody? The **Town Clerk** noted it was **Jamiee's** primary copier in her office, and then everybody else gets linked into it from their computers so when they have big jobs they can have it print off that printer as opposed to their printers. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what are you using now because I mean we have another toner cartridge in there and that is like the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> toner cartridge since October. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is because that thing doesn't work very well. We are using smaller printers. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah but you never went through toner cartridges like that before. Just out of curiosity what are you printing? The **Town Clerk** noted we are not printing on the big printer as much. We are printing in our offices more. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked and you have toner cartridges for your office printers? The **Town Clerk** replied yeah printers take toner.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted well no it just depends whether they are ink or they are toner cartridges for each one. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we don't use the little thing. We use the big one. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded no, yeah, no. **Supervisor Hyde** noted they are not ink jet they are laser printers. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked didn't we just get one of that printer for you. That was the main one. Didn't we just get a new printer within the last year (inaudible). The **Town**

**Clerk** noted no we didn't get a new printer in there. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we have to print things. We have to make meeting packets. We have to print things. We have things that we have to print. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand. I just was wondering. I thought we just got that, that printer was a new printer in the last 18 months. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we have smaller new printers in our office, but we have always had a bigger printer that everybody uses for the big jobs. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted like I said I thought that was the one that they just got a new one. **Supervisor Hyde** noted she got a small printer for her office. I got rid of the two that, we had two upstairs. We only have one upstairs. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you have to have one upstairs. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and then the Assessors have one, and the Court Clerk has one, but those are all smaller printers. So we all... And it has always been like this with the Town Clerk and the Supervisor we all were networked to the bigger printer for the bigger jobs. And that is getting old. It doesn't work very well. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no that is the one that I thought had been replaced. **Supervisor Hyde** replied no. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked so that never was replaced. So then basically this printer can get rid of a few printers. **Supervisor Hyde** responded no. We still need our own printers. **Councilwoman Harris** stated it replaces the one in that office. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the whole entire time that I have been here every office always has had their own printer plus we use that one. It is nothing different than (inaudible) was done before. Any office you go to there is usually a big printer for big jobs, and people have their individual printers. If we all used that one then we would start to have traffic jams. So some printing jobs we use the big one. Some printing jobs we use the smaller one. Like when we are doing....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted asking is it possible to then just network the Town Clerks and those who don't have to by law. I mean the secretary has to have a printer because we are paying a lot of money in toners so why not get rid of some of those smaller ones, and just use the one large one? **Supervisor Hyde** responded we can't have just one printer. That is going to save us money in toner by being able to use this large one, but nobody is using it very much because it doesn't work very well. The **Town Clerk** noted we have been using our office printers more this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we are going to be paying a lot more for toner cartridges and everything. Plus we now are going to be paying more. **Supervisor Hyde** responded we probably will be paying less for toner cartridges because we will have the use

of this printer also. This is something that we need. This isn't something that we just really want. We need it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I was just trying to understand how it is going to save the town money that's all. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is not about saving....It is about getting work done **Gail**. It is about getting the work done that we have to do here. We need a big printer that works. Just like they needed the big printer that worked when you were on the Board before. Back when you weren't on the Board yet, **Becky Hitchcock** was on the board, they brought that because sometimes the old printer gives out, and you need a new printer. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked ok which printer then was replaced last year? The **Town Clerk** noted I got a new printer in my office, and she got a new printer upstairs. **Supervisor Hyde** noted those printers, the printer she had in her office I brought when I was the Town Clerk in 2008. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK somebody....You were complaining at one point in time because you couldn't print stuff, and I know a new printer was bought. That is why I am just trying to figure out.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted but we still need the big printer. So **Gail** are you.....The **Town Clerk** noted now see the printer in my office can't do everything this printer does. This printer will copy two sides. The printer in my office will not. This printer is designed for bigger jobs. This printer collates and stuff, stuff in our office doesn't. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted what I am trying to think of is that is it more feasible than to hook those up to the big printer so that we don't have to be paying for toner for smaller printers. The **Town Clerk** replied yes, that is what we are trying to do. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is what I asked, but you said no. **Supervisor Hyde** noted but we are still going to have our smaller printers, and we are still going to need toner for those printers. Hopefully not as much when we have a much better working bigger one. **Councilman Needham** noted if you get the bigger one so that it works better you won't be using the small ones as much. **Correct** noted the **Town Clerk**. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are still going to use the small.....The small ones are new too, but we won't be using....We will use them.....**Councilman Needham** noted (inaudible) we get a new big one, correct. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it's too bad that before we bought all these small that.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting we would have had to buy them anyway. We can't have one printer for all these offices. You can't have me, the Bookkeeper, the Town Clerk, the Assessors and the Court and the Tax Collector all using one printer. That doesn't work. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well the Bookkeeper has to have a separate one. **Supervisor Hyde** noted so

does the town.... So does everybody. We can't use the same printer. This is no differently set up than any other office. So can we vote on the printer now.

**Councilwoman Seaman** replied no I was just trying to figure out the expenses.

**Supervisor Hyde** noted I am glad that we were able to help you understand so

can we vote now. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked how long is this going to take us

for, for a lease? **Supervisor Hyde** noted for the year. **Councilwoman Seaman**

asked and this is going to be a yearly correct? **Supervisor Hyde** responded yes.

**Councilwoman Seaman** asked and we are going to pay \$0.84 a.....**Supervisor**

**Hyde** noted yes. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked per sheet? The **Town Clerk** noted

it is not \$0.84 per.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted it says cost per copy....Oh it

says .0084. The vote was called.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

#### **Resolution # 140**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by

**Councilwoman Seaman**

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2019 SENIOR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT**

**The town board of the Town of Thurman approves the 2019 Senior Transport agreement between the Town of Thurman and Warren-Hamilton Counties Office of the Aging, with the Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency for senior transport and authorizes the supervisor to sign the necessary documents to effectuate the agreement.**

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted this was the bus that picked up seniors and took them once a month, and takes them down to Glens Falls.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

#### **Resolution # 141**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilman**

**Needham**

### **Resolution to approve budget adjustments**

Decrease A1356.1 Assessor PS-2~\$8,772.64

Increase A1411.1 Attorney CE ~\$3,500.00

Increase A1420.4 Engineer ~\$3,000.00

Increase A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance ~\$272.64

Increase A4025.4 Laboratory

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted this is a couple of lines where we were in the negative so I decreased the Assessor Personal Services 2 by the total amount that we need for....The total amount of those 1,2,3,4,5 equals \$8,772.64. So I'm looking to increase the town clerk Personal Service line by 1,500, increase the attorney contractual 3,5000, increase the engineer by 3,000, and increase the unallocated insurance by 272.64 and increase the laboratory contractual by 500.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted the only question we have here, and it goes to basically the vouchers is how come we have a bill for the attorney, and are increasing that line so much. And nobody authorized anybody to talk to the attorney and there is a \$1,700.00 bill here. **Supervisor Hyde** noted for bond work.

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted I believe all that bond work should have been finished at the end of August, and we already paid that. **Supervisor Hyde** noted their bills are always kind of late, but it had to do with the bond. What can I say?

**Councilwoman Seaman** noted well it has to do with a whole lot of phone conferences with you. **Supervisor Hyde** noted of the bond. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued the things were already written for that to pay that back, and you were supposed to get prior authorization to speak and spend money on the attorney. We even asked. Oh yeah **Doug** put that in. The **Town Clerk** stated it is not authorization. It is notification. She has to....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted we were not given any notification, and she is supposed to check with us. Did you say she had to get approval from the Board? The **Town Clerk** stated no that is not how the resolution was written. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked how was it supposed to be written down. **Councilman Needham** noted it was supposed to be any time that she....The **Town Clerk** noted that was not how it was written, you were there and did the wording. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we need an attorney, and he was our bond attorney. We just went through months of this craziness

with the bond, and so the bond attorney was needed in order to give us legal advice and that is what it is for so that is all I can tell you. We are in the negative in that. We are also.... I want to bring attention to engineer, we have a lawsuit where there was a deposition, and they are dragging the engineer in to speak, and so we are paying the engineering firm \$90.00 an hour to deal with this lawsuit against the town. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why don't we know anything about a lawsuit against the town since this is the Board? **Supervisor Hyde** noted the lawsuit was filed last year. It concerns a motorcycle accident. So that is why I had to increase the engineering line because this is costing us quite a bit of extra money. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied that should be in the insurance from the town. **Supervisor Hyde** replied no this is not to pay the lawyer. This is to pay the engineer to have to show up and answer a bunch of questions, and for the amount.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand that, but that should all be in the.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted no it comes out of the engineering line. I am very sorry, but that is what it comes out of. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted so where is our insurance company in on this. Because they are supposed to be dealing with all of this, and they are supposed to be paying for all of this too. **Supervisor Hyde** noted they are paying for the attorney. I don't know that they are going to pay the engineer. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yup that is what we have insurance for. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the insurance is covering the lawyer for the litigation. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it also has to cover anything else. That's what you have insurance for. I would ask you please get (inaudible) the insurance company because they are supposed to be covering anything to do with a lawsuit. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I will look into it. I will give them a call. I will let you know what they say. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded thank you, and when will you get back to us on that? **Supervisor Hyde** noted well when I call the insurance company, but we are not having another meeting until next year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I know, but you could also email us to let us know. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I will let you know what they say. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted because they should all be taking care of that. **Supervisor Hyde** asked then what if they don't? Then we will have to call a special meeting to approve this. You know we don't have to spend it. If we move it, and then I find out that the insurance company covers it I won't spend it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted right I agree. **Supervisor Hyde** continued but if we move it, and then I find out that the insurance company covers it we won't spend it. But if we don't move it....We have

to move some money...We are in the negative. We need to move money into engineering regardless. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I understand. **Supervisor Hyde** continued we won't spend it if we don't have too, but we do need to move the money. If we don't spend it we didn't spend it. It doesn't go anywhere. So I would appreciate if we could please move this money in so it is there is we need it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted let's bring it to a vote. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just said I agree.

### **A Roll Call Vote Was Called**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just wanted to know what we were doing, and I appreciate you getting (inaudible) the insurance company. **Supervisor Hyde** noted maybe they will cover it I am not sure. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I am hoping that they do. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I will call them tomorrow and I will let you know what I find out. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied OK pardon me can I ask please since we approved that contract with the TSA to go back to that previous resolution. **Councilwoman Harris** asked to which one. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted to the resolution that approves reimbursement for the concert expenses. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted now that we have a contract with them I would like to try and bring this up again see if we can pass it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted alright. How are we going to do that? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can make a motion to bring this resolution up again. **Supervisor Hyde** asked who would like to make a motion to bring up the resolution again.

### **Resolution # 142**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Seaman** and seconded by **Councilman Needham**

#### **RESOLUITON TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TSA/TCA FOR CONCERT EXPENSES**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves reimbursing the TSA/TCA in the amount of \$2,679.00 for summer concert expenses.

Marty Wendell                      \$500

Cornerstone Victorian	\$179
Sundance Music, Inc.	\$1,500
Pick Axe Productions	\$500 (Joe Groff, sound only)
Total	\$2679

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Resolution #143**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Seaman** and seconded by **Councilman Needham**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF THURMAN AND WARREN COUNTY**

**The Town Board of the Town of Thurman approves an agreement with Warren County to allow the county to proceed with repair and relocation of the River Road railroad crossing and signals with the county to be reimbursed by the Town of Thurman upon receipt of CHIPS funding.**

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted the River Road....When they fixed it they had to reroute the road, and they have it opened. But the railroad crossing has to be moved. So the county has agreed to do that, and they said it might cost around \$30,000.00 or so, but they need us to do a resolution saying that we agree, and that we will reimburse them when we get the CHIPS money which there is plenty there to do that. Any questions?

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Supervisor Hyde** noted the next one is the standard work day and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials. This is where they have to submit a 3 month calendar. Do I have a motion to get this on the floor?



**Resolution # 144**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION**

See the attached resolution.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 145**

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS**

**General Fund        \$9,006.85**

**Enterprise Fund    \$50.00**

**Highway Fund        \$41,142.82**

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted that there is salt in that. It is very high because there is salt in that. She noted the total of the General Fund prepays is \$1,460.78 and the Enterprise Fund is \$1,167.23. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked did they up something? **Supervisor Hyde** asked did what? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted \$1,067.00 for the.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted it was Frontier Communications plus it is the poles. It is 1,2,3,4,5,6 Whitespace poles. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh they only added up to \$1, 067.00 you said? **Supervisor Hyde** replied \$1,167.23. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied OK thank you. **Supervisor Hyde** asked if there were any other questions.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

December 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Susan E Staples, Town Clerk

February 04, 2019

Attachments

