

April 22,2021 Special Board Meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD APRIL 22, 2021 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Ed Brown, Councilman

Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman

Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted just a little housekeeping house keeping before we get going. Everybody needs to wear a mask in here. Like it or that is the rules that we have to abide by, and we also supposed to be 6 feet apart. Those are the rules. I didn't make them. (Inaudible) New York City. So I am going to ask Joan to please put her mask on, and Mary thank you for putting yours on. The next thing is, is this is a Special Meeting. This is not a Regular Board Meeting. So the rules are a little bit different for a Special Board Meeting than they are for a Regular Board Meeting. Councilman Galusha asked how so. How so? Supervisor Shepler replied there is no packets that went out this time. It is a Special Meeting due to special circumstances, and it has to be complied and held within 3 days. Councilman Galusha asked where does it say that you don't have to send the Meeting Packets out for Special Meetings. Supervisor Shepler responded you never do Randy. Councilman Galusha replied OK just because somebody hasn't done it in the past it was wrong (inaudible)Supervisor Shepler interrupted noting well I'm not doing it either because I didn't have them ready when you called the other day, and I told you that I was working on it. Councilman Galusha replied that is not what you told me. Supervisor Shepler replied that is fine. Councilwoman Harris noted especially when I thought it was for just one item. Supervisor Shepler responded I don't know where you got that from. Councilwoman Harris responded well every other time that we had to come it was for one thing. Supervisor Shepler replied no well anyhow with that being said we have 3 Resolutions before us this evening. Councilman Galusha continued noting before we do Resolutions we passed a Resolution at the last meeting to have privilege of the floor, and that is the (inaudible) Supervisor Shepler interrupted noting that there is not privilege of the floor at a Special Meeting either. Councilman Galusha replied that Resolution didn't make a distinction. Supervisor Shepler replied that is correct because that is not something that is urgent. It will probably come up at the next meeting. Councilman Galusha responded OK we'll pass a Resolution making it so we have to have it at Special Meetings too then. Supervisor Shepler replied thank you Randy. We are going to go forward. Do I have somebody who is going to introduce a Resolution to approve a one- time documentation of processing fee for the purchase of the second dump/plow truck for the Highway Department. Councilman Brown replied I will. Supervisor Shepler noted the Board passed this Resolution to make this purchase on April 14th, and the uh, it has already

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gone through, and we're It's been approved we just have to do the processing paperwork now. Was that you **Ed. Councilman Brown** responded yes. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted I'll second it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 40

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Brown** and seconded by **Councilman Galusha**

Resolution To Approve One-Time Documentation and Processing Fee

Whereas, the Town of Thurman Town Board approved the Purchase of a second Dump/Plow Truck for the Highway Department at it April 14, 2021 meeting. NCL is requiring a one- time Documentation and Processing Fee of \$500.00. To be paid upon processing of the order.

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** asked do I have any discussion about this. Hearing none can we please have a Roll Call Vote?

A Roll Call vote was called.

Motion Carried: Ayes-s Brown, Galusha, Harris, Needham, Shepler, Nays-o

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** noted it passed thank you. The next Resolution that we have is a Resolution to rescind the previous Resolution regarding health insurance for the Confidential Secretary. Do I have someone help me (inaudible) please? **Councilman Needham** replied I will. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Doug** thank you. Do I have a second? I'll second it. **Councilwoman Harris** asked who introduced it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Doug**.

Resolution # 41

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Supervisor Shepler**

Resolution to Rescind Previous "Resolution Regarding Health Insurance for the Confidential secretary"

Whereas, Councilman Galusha, brought to the floor three Resolutions which had not been made available to the entire Board for review prior to the Board meeting on April 14, 2021.

Be it Resolved, that the Resolution passed on April 14, 2021, titled "Resolution Regarding Health Insurance for the Confidential Secretary" is hereby rescinded.

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** noted discussion. **Councilman Galusha** responded well your first statement is not true. **Supervisor Shepler** responded you brought 3 Resolutions to the floor. **Councilman Galusha** replied and !... .. immediately after you emailed the meeting packet to the Board Members I hit reply and I sent you 2 Resolutions back including this one, and that went to all of the Board Members. I apologize to **Ed** I didn't know he didn't have internet. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Ed** doesn't have internet yeah. **Councilman Galusha** noted I did not know he didn't, but at that time I sent them to all the Board Members, and you could have done it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I wasn't here **Randy**. I left after I sent that. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK, but you had the Resolutions, and you could have included them in the meeting packet some time prior to the meeting, and you chose not to. I asked you to. **Supervisor Shepler** replied the meeting packet is as according to your Resolution has to be out and available on Friday. **Councilman Galusha** replied and I sent them to you on Friday. That is neither here or there. **Supervisor Shepler** replied so any other discussion. Hearing none can I

please ... Councilman **Brown** interrupted noting I thought we**Supervisor Shepler** replied I'm sorry what. **Councilman Brown** noted I thought we were going to get together and discuss the hours. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is a part of the**Councilman Brown** continued noting I thought we were going to take the time were all of us get together, and were we can determine where we are going to go. **Supervisor Shepler** replied there was That was going to be a Workshop, you're right. We never did schedule it. **Councilman Brown** continued noting find out at the last minute you know. Oh and I do have internet now so you could have sent that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you do. Is your email still the same? **Councilman Brown** responded same thing. I just thought we were going to review all these hours and the positions. Didn't we talk about that? **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is for the (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting we talked about it, but I think I have been clear in saying that until we resolve the current situation I am not in favor of changing the hours. I think we have a Resolution that was adopted, and it required you to notify the Confidential Secretary by certified mail. I ask have you done that? **Supervisor Shepler** responded no I have not, and there was no time frame attached to it, and therefore I am bringing back before the Board and asking the Board to rescind it since every single Board Member did not have the opportunity to receive it and review prior to the meeting, and that is proper. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I'm confused one minute you say that we don't get it so we can't talk about it. The other night we did get it, and we still can't talk about it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I don't know what you are saying **Joan**. I don't understand what you are saying. **Councilman Galusha** responded I mean you are making a big deal out of the fact that they didn't get it. I did send it to you on Friday. You chose not to give it to the Board Meeting, to the Board Members, then tonight... ... Let me backup. On Monday you called a Special Meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is correct. **Councilman Galusha** replied yes. I called you several times during the week, and it wasn't until yesterday morning that I was successful in getting through**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I have been there, and never**Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting please let me finish. And when I spoke to you yesterday morning. I asked you what the purpose of the meeting was, and your response to me was that you did not want to speculate until you had all your ducks in a row and facts straight. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is correct. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I mean I have got to tell you it is absolutely ludicrous that somebody can call a meeting and then with a straight face say that they don't want to speculate on why they called the meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no I was not willing to give you any information because**Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting you said you didn't want to speculate on what the meeting was going to be about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I wasn't willing to give any information out to anybody because I didn't know exactly what was going to be brought before the Board. I knew one thing was definitely being brought up before the Board, and since then 2 other things came (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded so with that being said yeah I am not going to speculate and say **Randy** we are going to do a Resolution about picking apples today, and then not have it in the**Councilman Galusha** replied so what you are saying is I gave you the Resolutions in advance, and you could have included them in the meeting packet. That was wrong**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I didn't see them. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting but you waited until tonight to hand Board Members Resolutions that they have never seen. Somehow that is OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Randy** this is a Special Meeting it is (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting you knew on Monday when you were calling the meeting for it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no I did not because this did not get approved until Wednesday, I think it was when this got approved. **Councilman Galusha** spoke over her noting then why did you call me. He continued noting why was there a meeting called. A meeting on

Monday if you didn't know what the meeting was. **Supervisor Shepler** responded because I have to give you 3 days' notice. That is why. **Councilman Galusha** responded so you gave us 3 days' notice to call a meeting that you didn't know what you were going to talk about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you **Randy** do you have anything else to discuss. **Councilman Galusha** noted I also want to point out that when I asked her she hung up on me. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, no, no, no. I said thank you and I also said good by then I hung up. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I am going to say is that I came in the othsr day **Supervisor Shaplar** intsruptsd noting for a packet vss. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting and you said that was not There was no packet. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is correct. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so where did this come from. **Supervisor Shepler** responded this is a result of putting work together for a Special Board Meeting. It is not a packet that goes out ahead of time. Alright. The **Town Clerk** noted it should. **Councilwoman Harris** noted because it's a Special Meeting (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied Special Board Meeting that is the difference. **Councilwoman Harris** responded oh so Special means its secret, and the other ones are (inaudible). It makes no sense. **Councilman Galusha** noted so I just want to know do any of the Board Members have **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting excuse me we have a Resolution on the floor. (Inaudible) and a second. **Councilwoman Harris** noted and you asked if we had anything to say. You have to give us that (inaudible) to say it. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting in regards In regards to this Resolution that is before you. **Councilwoman Harris** noted he asked (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted I have a question. **Supervisor Shepler** responded you asked a question. **Councilman Galusha** noted I have a question regarding this Resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting do any of the Board Members have any reservations about the vote they made on the previous Resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't think that you can do that **Randy** because that is polling at this point in time. **Councilman Galusha** noted I am just asking. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you can't do that. **Councilman Galusha** asked why can't you. I just asked a question. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I know you did, and that Resolution is going to be struck, and nobody has to answer it. **Councilwoman Harris** replied the Resolution is going to be struck. **Councilman Galusha** replied unless you get 2 other Board Member to vote with you how is it going to be struck. **Supervisor Shepler** responded what you just said is going to be struck I just said. I don't want you sitting here and putting people out in front of everybody else and expect them to have to answer questions like that. How they vote is how they vote just like how you vote is how you vote. **Councilwoman Harris** noted he wasn't asking (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied he was asking if they had reservations. **Councilman Galusha** noted no, no I am not asking them how they are going to vote. I am asking them if they have any reservations. Where there any issues with that Resolution that they have reservations about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes it wasn't brought before the Board (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** replied I asked all the Board Members. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well I am answering for me. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK thank you. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so we are going to go forward, and we are going to have a Resolution to rescind the previous Resolution regarding health insurance for the Confidential Secretary. Whereas **Councilman Galusha** brought to the floor 3 Resolutions which had not been made available to the entire Board for review prior to the Board Meeting of April 14, 2021. Be it resolved that the resolution passed on April 14, 2021 entitled Resolution regarding health insurance for the Confidential Secretary is hereby rescinded. Can I please have a vote? The **Town Clerk** asked do you want a Roll Call Vote. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, a Roll Call Vote please.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Failed: Ayes-2 Needham, Shepler, Nays-3 Brown, Galusha, Harris

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** noted it failed thank you. **Councilwoman Harris** responded now you know what passed. You understand that that passed. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I understand that perfectly well thank you. **Councilwoman Harris** responded OK thank you. I just want to make sure.

Supervisor Shepler noted I have a Resolution um Can I have someone introduce a Resolution to rescind the Resolution regarding the signatures to TD Bank account, and the Board Members before we go into this could they please read the memorandum that is directed to the Board Members from the Town's Counsel.

Councilwoman Harris noted he used some good words in here like may be, not possibly, yes. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and before we go into this Resolution I am also going to ad that the Resolution that was brought regarding this TD Bank account um **Mr. Galusha** I am not sure if you fully understood what you were doing or not, but in the process of doing that Resolution you are negating me and removing me from the signature.

Councilman Galusha replied OK you are going into discussion before you have read the Resolution.

Supervisor Shepler replied fine I'll read the Resolution then we will go into discussion. The **Town Clerk** noted it has got to be introduced. **Supervisor Shepler** started to read the Resolution. The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting it has got to be introduced. **Councilman Galusha** noted it has to be introduced. **Supervisor Shepler** asked can I have somebody introduce the Resolution please. **Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Brown** noted I will.

The **Town Clerk** asked who are we going with **Joan or Ed**. **Supervisor Shepler** responded who introduced

Joan. **Councilman Brown** replied **Joan**. I'll second it. The **Town Clerk** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you.

Resolution # 42

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

Resolution to Rescind "Resolution Regarding Signatures at TD Bank Accounts Whereas,

Councilman Galusha, brought to the floor three Resolutions which had not been made available to the entire Board for review prior to the Board meeting of April 14, 2021

Be it Resolved, That the Resolution passed on April 14, 21 titled "Resolution Regarding Signatories to the TD Bank Accounts" is hereby rescinded.

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** noted in the other Resolution that **Mr. Galusha** had brought to the floor he had mentioned that he had wanted to, and I am paraphrasing this, he wanted to have become a signature so he could have TD Bank make available to us the canceled checks. I have spent a great deal of time on the phone with the new VP Barbara Durr, and I explained to her the situation, and she informed me that we have E Treasury which is the electronic account, and she informed me that originally this account does not... .. You can't get the cancelled checks on this account. You can get a cancelled check. In other words you can say I'm, looking up um I don't know. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what does that have to do with this Resolution.

Supervisor Shepler replied everything **Joan**. But we could go on. We could hit on one vendor and we can pull up a check where we can produce one check. We cannot produce like when you get a bank statement from your bank you know 4 or 5 cancelled checks on there. She says that is not possible. What they are doing now, and she has requested that the E checks and images front and back be made available on our E account. And that she is also going to get... .. She put before them and requested that they send us the entire history that

we have with them of cancelled checks front and back that will not come on the E account. It will have to come under separate cover, but she has made a request. Doesn't mean it is going to happen, and we won't know anything until Monday on this. So if that is the sole reason that you wanted to get on the checking account it is probably not going to be necessary. Alright. **Councilman Galusha** responded so we are having discussion now OK. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes. **Councilman Galusha** noted so let clarify a couple of things. I also spoke with Barbar Durr awhile ago, and I also spoke to her today, and I also spoke to the Town Attorney today. First of all what you are describing Barbara Durr explained to me that we have an option of seeing cancelled checks either electronically or we can see them on our paper statements. We cannot get both. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is correct. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting that is what she told us. My intent was never to become a signatory to the account. My intent was to get those cancelled checks or check images as the Resolution stated on the statements so that they would be available for review by the Board. It was not my intention to become a signatory to the account. I offered that opportunity to all the other Board Members before I was selected to do it because I didn't want to be the one to do it. OK there You alluded or previously alluded to the fact that my Resolution would remove you as a signature to the account. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is true. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so if I take the Resolution the Board passed certified by the Clerk and the meeting minutes, and I walk into TD Bank, and I fill out a signature card yes that would remove you. However, there is a solution to that, and I spoke with Barbara Durr about this, and she confirmed this today. You and I can go together to the bank, and when we walk in there, we both fill out new signature cards. Because what happens every time you do signature cards, they replace whatever is in the system. So, if I go in there and I do that I will replace whatever is in there, and I will become the signature. But if we go in there together and do a signature card together. we both become signatures. **Supervisor Shepler** replied un hum. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting OK now there is actually a simpler solution than all of that. Follow the original Resolution that we adopted were you call the bank and tell them we want check images on our statements. Then I won't need to be a signature. We don't even need to act on it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so you need to rescind that because you are asking to be a signature on there and rescind it.**Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting I'll tell you what it is very simple. Call the bank **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I already have. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting call the bank and tell them we want check images on our paper statements, and then we can rescind this last Resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting **Randy**. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting there will be no need for it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Randy**, **Randy** in speaking with Barbara Durr she is the one who also indicated that the paper statements are coming in ever so slow and are delaying the process. We have to have our bank accounts closed and reconciled before we do our Regular Board Meeting, and sometimes we don't get all of our statements together one, and or, as late as the 10th or 12th of the month. **Councilman Galusha** noted you will still. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting by doing it electronically everything will come to us, and we can get that done in a timely fashion. She has said that she sees no reason why they can't approve this electronic to the E Treasury. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK if we do this, and we require the check images be placed on the paper statements you will still have access to the bank accounts. You will still have electronic access. The bank The check numbers will still be there. You will have them Williams Law and the bookkeeping system. You are still going to have all that same information. You just won't have the check image. It will still have been processed through the bank. You will still know which checks have cleared. Which deposits have cleared. You'll still have access to everything. The only difference is we are going to have check images on the paper statements so that all of us and the public

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can see what our Town is doing. Which is what the Comptroller's Office recommends. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Randy** you can't receive both paper and do electronic. That is what I am trying to tell you. **Councilman Galusha** responded no, yes you can. That is not true. You can't have check images on both, but you can have access electronically. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him making an inaudible comment. She continued noting she said she would **Councilman Galusha** noted yes you do I have **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting excuse me. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I have had a TD Bank account. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so have I. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I have managed them. **Supervisor Shepler** replied so have I. **Councilman Galusha** noted and I have had electronic access, and I still got paper copies. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well according to Barbara we can no longer It's either or. You can't do both. **Councilman Galusha** responded no that is only true where you get the check images. It is not access. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no, no, no.

It's **Councilman Galusha** noted you are misleading people. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no I am not. She said you can't get a bank statement through E Treasury and get a bank statement through paper. It is either or. The **Town Clerk** noted I get both. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and that is what she said to me. She did say that she is going to No matter what she will send me all the outstanding previous months of check images front and back. But she is trying to get it approved to go on to the E Treasury which is the fastest and most efficient way of doing it. **Councilman Galusha** noted and the easiest way to keep the public in the dark. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no it is not because then they will be available. We can print them out. **Councilman Galusha** noted then you have control,

no that is not. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting **Randy** it is not that I have control I am sitting here and telling you what can be done, and so why wouldn't I make them available after they have made them available to us. **Councilman Galusha** noted when I spoke to Barbara today, we went over the issues of the signatures. **Supervisor Shepler** responded um hum. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting when we concluded the conversation I said Barbara is there anything else that I need to do or need to know before I go to the Board Meeting tonight. If that was an issue she should have told me that. She told you that she should have told me that. She did not raise that as an issue. She had previously explained that you can't get check images on both, it doesn't mean that you are not going to have access electronically if you get paper statements. That is just not true. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well that is what she told me, and I spoke with her today too. So just so What is wrong with getting it approved to do it electronically then we can print them out and make them available to the public if requested. **Kathy Templeton** noted because we don't trust you. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well you are not going to trust me if I get them in paper either then are you. **Kathy Templeton** replied um hum. **Supervisor Shepler** responded so its my At that point in time it should be my prerogative what is easiest for us to do. **Kathy Templeton** interrupted noting everything is your prerogative isn't it **Susan**. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you **Kathy** for your comments. There is no public comment so please refrain. **Kathy Templeton** responded you replied. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so anyhow she sees absolutely no reason why this request cannot be fulfilled for the E Treasury. They are trying to do things on electronically more efficiently and more regularly. They have admitted to the fact that the mail, US Mail, is extremely slow. **Councilman Galusha** asked what difference does that make? You still have electronic access. You can go in anytime and log into the system and pull up any account and look at that account and see what checks have cleared and what hasn't. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Randy** we get our bank statement through E Treasury. That is what we would continue to like to do is receive our And I am going to insist that we do receive it that way. That I don't think is an option. **Councilman Galusha** responded insist all you want. Insist all you want it is the Board's

prerogative to vote on this. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I understand, but I am just trying to enlighten the Board with a conversation that I had with Barbara Durr this afternoon also. **Councilman Galusha** responded I would suggest that so that we've not arguing about what you say Barbara said and what I say Barbara said let's invite Barbara to a meeting and let's discuss it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that will be a little difficult considering she lives in Maine. **Councilman Galusha** replied we can do it electronically. Through Zoom. **Supervisor Shepler** noted eventually we will yes. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so why are you dead against it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied dead against what. **Councilwoman Harris** replied his (inaudible). **Kathy Templeton** noted I am literally live streaming right now from this internet. I haven't had a blip. Meanwhile **Supervisor Shepler** responded because technically he has no reason to be a signature. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I can't understand you. **Supervisor Shepler** replied please put your mask on Joan. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I am not the one (inaudible) You take your mask off if you want to. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no I am not. **Councilwoman Harris** replied (inaudible) answer my question. **Kathy Templeton** noted I am literally live streaming this on Facebook and haven't had a blip. From this internet. Not from Bernadette's. From this internet. So you could have a Zoom call. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you. **Kathy Templeton** replied you are welcome. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. The question again Joan please was? **Councilwoman Harris** replied well why are you so dead set against both of you being on that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied why because there is no need for a Board Member to be a signature unless they were the **Deputy Town Supervisor**. **Councilwoman Harris** asked if you should drop dead what would happen. Is he still the **Deputy Supervisor**. **Supervisor Shepler** responded he is going to be my **Deputy Town Supervisor**. **Councilwoman Harris** responded so you get to decide (inaudible). The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting technically he is not the **Deputy Town Supervisor**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and technically according to the **Town Clerk**, I mean the **County Clerk** he is. The **Town Clerk** noted he is not. He did not file his Oath of Office. He defaulted. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her noting because he is goingExcuse me. She continued noting he is going to and be Have the Oath of Office be redone alright. The **Town Clerk** noted I don't think he can do it again this term. I don't think he can do it again this term. He can maybe next term, but not this term. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her noting he can. I have already spoken He did it last term. He can do it this term thank you. The **Town Clerk** continued noting he defaulted this term. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you. So back to the answer the **Deputy Town Supervisor** is the only other person on accounts as a rule that has all the authority that the **Supervisor** has. **Councilwoman Harris** replied why didn't they tell him that they already have a second name on that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we don't. That is why. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I thought you said he had it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted I thought I made clear when I brought the Resolution, I have no interest in being a signature on the account. I have no interest in having any other authority with our bank accounts. The sole purpose of that Resolution and my sole intent was to get check images on the statements and if the Board want to pass a Resolution restricting my authority to just that one thing that is fine. I have no problem with that. If the Board **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting so then (inaudible) rescind your Resolution. **Councilman Galusha** replied no. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then having Barbara send us the information. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting no **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no because the original Resolution granted you to be a signature, and you can't just remove that from the original Resolution so that is why we are going to rescind the Resolution. **Councilman Galusha** noted there is no need to rescind the Resolution. We can pass another Resolution modifying it. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting yes there is. She continued noting no we can rescind it, and then we will

go ahead and get the TD checks cancelled checks from the bank. **Councilman Galusha** responded let's be very clear. We passed a Resolution months ago**Supervisor Shepler** replied yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting requiring you to go to the bank and get the check images on the bank statement. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting at that time you never brought up all these issues you are bringing up today. What you have done **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting they weren't available. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting what you have done is you've have gone looking for an excuse to not do what you have been required to do. This is (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting **Randy** that is your opinion and it is not true. She continued noting and I am going to tell you straight outOne more time and you are out the door **Mr. Parent**. **Keith Parent** replied go ahead and throw me out. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting what I am trying to tell you **Randy** is we've dealt with 3 bank Vice Presidents. You have spoken with 3 of them also. **Councilman Galusha** responded I don't know if they were all Vice Presidents but go ahead. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well they were. Anyhow the point of the matter was the original one told me they were sun setting and no longer available. **Councilman Galusha** responded that is not true. It never was. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting the second one I never had the opportunity to speak with about this. The third one was Barbara Durr, and she is the one who says that they are just now coming about and trying to make them available on the E Treasury. **Councilman Galusha** replied you mean the statements available on E Treasury. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, the statements are on E Treasury. They cancelled checks in the format that you receive them on your personal account and possibly your bank accounts in paper. They don't make them available on E Treasury. They are now trying to get them and make them available on E Treasury. In any case she said to me that she would send to us all of the previous cancelled checks front and back via either US Postal Service or on an email account. She cannot include those previous ones on E Treasury. It can only be (inaudible) going forward. **Councilman Galusha** responded I want to see it on the statements. I want to see them on the statements. **Supervisor Shepler** responded she will send them to me. **Councilman Galusha** noted you are talking about sending separate cancelled checks I am talking about the cancelled checks images. The check images on the Statement just like Glens Falls National did. That is the way our banking was for years. **Supervisor Shepler** responded listen this is TD's decision not mine. I didn't know that they didn't include them in the accounts, but when I did go to Patrick about it, he told me that it was sun setting. That they are not available. Then I spoke to Barbara and she said that they are trying to get them so that they are available on E Treasury. I don't know what is so difficult about this. She is willing to work with us to try and get this accomplished. **Councilman Galusha** replied what is difficult is that the Public and the Board do not have access to E Treasury. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is correct. Nor will they. That is not my doing. That is the banks doing. **Councilman Galusha** responded right so the Board cannot monitor**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting don't you get the bank statements from me. Yes you do. **Councilman Galusha** responded yeah, and they don't have check images. That is the problem. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and what did I just get through telling you. We are going to be getting the check images. Did I not? She cannot send us through E Treasury the previous months bank statements and cancelled checks. She can only go from this point forward. Which probably wouldn't start until May she said. So, you are going to get your cancelled checks **Randy**. You get the bank statements from me right along there has not been an issue with that. **Councilman Galusha** noted so here is the thing. If we stick with the Resolution that we have and if I become a signatory to the account, I'll be able to talk to the representatives in the bank and find out if all this information is factual. As it stands now when I talk to the bank they can only give me general information about banking, but they cannot talk to me about

details about Thurman's bank accounts because I am not a signatory on the accounts. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is correct. Nor should they, and it should be available to the **CFO** and to the **Supervisor**. Which it is and then in my absence if something was to happen to me or I was to go somewhere it would be made available to the **Deputy Town Supervisor** so that it would not stop. There would be no interruption in your service and getting you your bank statements on a monthly basis. And going forward getting the cancelled checks front and back which is what this whole thing is all about. **Councilman Galusha** responded unfortunately **Susan** I don't trust that you can have that done. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well I'm getting awfully tired and sick of your saying you don't trust me. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't either. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and that is too bad I am sorry. **Councilwoman Harris** replied well I'm sure your sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and that is the way it is, and I have been able to produce, and I will continue to produce. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you make promises. You do not go through with any promises. **Supervisor Shepler** replied excuse me.

Councilwoman Harris continued noting you promise that you will do something then you don't do it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we're not discussing this at this point in time. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you brought it up. You wanted to know why I didn't trust you that is why I said it. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I didn't ask you why **Joan**. Thank you for your input.

Councilwoman Harris noted you are welcome. Any time you want it ask for it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so the Resolution that is currently on the floor, and if you've read the lawyers memorandum to the Town **Board**

Councilman Galusha noted yeah which doesn't really shed much light.. **Councilwoman Harris** spoke over him noting say anything. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting on anything because he says he understands from you. He wasn't provided with a copy of the Resolution nor was he provided any detailed information or anything substantiating what you told him from the bank. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no, no, no, no. No, no. No, no. **Councilman Galusha** replied no I talked to him today I know. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I sent him a copy of the Resolution **Randy**. He never got it from you when you sat there and said you sent him all the copies. **Councilman Galusha** responded I did not say that. I did not. **Susan** what I said was I shared the Resolution on the Confidential Secretary's health insurance. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting but anyhow he does have the Resolution. **Councilman Galusha** noted I never told you that I had shared that Resolution with him. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and he also said that he is not aware of the intent of the Resolution or its effect because all he knows is what you have told him. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I sent him the Resolution. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I know, but he has no documentation from the bank saying that what you are telling us and telling him is actually true. **Supervisor Shepler** responded listen **Randy**. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so he wrote this He told me today that he was very careful how he worded it.. ... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes he was. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting to make clear that he is only saying that, that he has not reviewed the Resolution or anything from the bank to know what its intent was, or the effect of that Resolution was. **Supervisor Shepler** noted there is nothing. There was no reason for him to review anything from the bank. He understands government law and he is an attorney for the Town. **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting this has nothing to do with governmental law. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting he did receive this Resolution because I in fact emailed it to him. So, if he chose to review it or not I have no control over it **Councilman Galusha** continued noting but he has nothing from the bank confirming what you've told him or asserted to be true. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Randy** my point is, is I would very much like to rescind the previous Resolution. **Councilman Galusha** noted I get that. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so that you can receive your copies of the

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canceled checks front and back which are coming forth from the From Barbara Durr. She has already indicated that she would send them out. If she can't do it on E and if she can't do it on E Treasury then she would get them to me she said, but we are trying very hard to get them from E Treasury to make it a part of the bank statement. **Councilman Galusha** replied I'll tell you what. Let's let the Resolution that we passed stand**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting let me finish. Then we will see if we get cancelled checks that answer the question. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is not on the table **Randy**. I am**Councilman Galusha** replied I am offering a solution. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no you are not offering a solution. I would like to I would like to rescind this Resolution because there are actions that you would knock me out, and you can't knock out the **CFO**, and you cannot take **Councilman Galusha** replied no, no I have already explained there is a very simple way that I would avoid knocking you off. If I don't go to the bank and file it first of all you don't get knocked off. Second of all if you and I go together and we both do signature cards you don't get knocked out. **Councilman Brown** noted that is the simplest way right there. **Supervisor Shepler** noted why can't we rescind the other Resolution and make it null and void. **Councilman Galusha** replied there is no need to. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes there is. **Councilman Galusha** replied I'm not sure **Supervisor Shepler** asked why shouldn't we **Randy**. If I can't get you your information then you can go ahead and rewrite that Resolution and bring it before the Board. **Councilman Galusha** replied no need to rescind it if you do what you say you are going to do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded what did I just say. **Councilman Galusha** replied if you do what you say you are going to do**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting we will rescind it, and if I can't get the information for you then you can go ahead and rewrite it or just copy it and send it out to the Board again. Excuse me we are not taking comments from the floor. I am not taking comments from the floor. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting that is what I am suggesting. You follow through and do what you are going to do and if that answers the question and solves the problem then we can decide to rescind it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no. **Councilman Galusha** noted there is no need to beforehand. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no that is not because **Randy** I don't trust you either. She gaveled to quiet the audience. **Councilwoman Harris** noted the more you the more you pound with that the more they are going to talk. That is the way (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you **Joan**. Anyhow **Councilwoman Harris** replied please do that. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I don't trust you either **Randy** so there we are even now alright. I don't trust you to not take it to the bank and to do it, and then when I can't sign checks, and pay people on a weekly basis and I can't send the **Kathy Templeton** noted if he wanted to kick you out of the job he would run against you and win. **Supervisor Shepler** gaveled for quiet. No comment from the floor. **Councilman Galusha** noted so lets be logical about this. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am. **Councilman Galusha** noted if I go to the bank, and I file this without you and I become a signature to the account suddenly the Town of Thurman can no longer pay their bills unless I sign them. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is absolutely right. **Councilman Galusha** does it make sense **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting that I am going to stop the Town of Thurman from paying their bills, paying their employees. Is that logical? **Supervisor Shepler** replied it is not logical, but it is not far-fetched. **Councilman Galusha** asked and what would be the reason for me wanting to do that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded can't answer that **Randy**. I can't even answer the reason why you wanted become a signature. The point of the matter is, is I've made it perfectly clear this should be rescinded, and if I am not able to get you the necessary cancelled checks, front and back, by the end of May then Which is what Barbara said I will have you rewrite or I will put before the Board, back before the Board. **Councilwoman Harris** noted as a Town Board Member I don't know why

you are just giving him the information. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am not giving him anything. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I will see that you get it is your comment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied anyone that wants it. He is the one **Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting you should give it to the whole Town Board without asking. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no, no if you don't want it. ... I have 2 Board Members who have not wanted to receive the basic **Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting that is their prerogative. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is right so I am not going to just hand the information out. If you want it then you have to request it and you can get it, alright. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I think we should stick with what we've got here because that way we are not... .. You said you don't trust you, you. Do it this way and everybody is trusted. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting there is a tremendous amount of distrust unfortunately. **Councilwoman Harris** responded huh. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I said there is a tremendous amount of distrust and it is unfortunate. **Councilwoman Harris** noted and it is apropos because he has been treated that way. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is per your opinion. **Councilwoman Harris** replied that's well I've got proof that you can't trust you. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. So anyhow **Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting I can bring it too if you want it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied Joan thank you. So back to this Resolution there is no earthly reason why this cannot be rescinded. **Councilwoman Harris** noted there are a lot of earthly reasons. **Supervisor Shepler** responded Joan thank you. **Councilwoman Harris** replied you're welcome. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting there is no reason this cannot be rescinded, and if I do not and am not able to produce them according to Barbara Durr then I will more than willingly put that Resolution, if you will provide me with a fresh copy, in the packet. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I think we should go with him because honestly why not. Why don't you trust him? **Supervisor Shepler** responded why does he not trust me, and we are not getting into that discussion now. **Councilwoman Harris** responded why do you not trust him. You don't trust this Town Board Member. You don't trust me. You don't trust those 2 why should we do anything. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I didn't say that Joan. **Councilwoman Harris** replied that is what you implied. When you talk you talk directly to him with a singular (inaudible). You don't say I will give it to the Town Board everything. **Supervisor Shepler** noted this Resolution before you is to rescind the previous Resolution regarding signatures to TD Bank accounts, and I think that my offer is more than reasonable, and more than fair. **Councilwoman Harris** replied and I think his is. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you Joan. **Councilwoman Harris** replied you're welcome. **Supervisor Shepler** noted can I please Is there any discussion over here. **Councilman Brown** replied why can't you both go and do it. I mean it can be changed at any time. It is just a matter of going in front of the Bank Manager. We do it in our corporation. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I understand that. **Councilman Brown** continued noting it is very legal it is very safe. It is just a check and balance is what it is. **Supervisor Shepler** replied Ed because usually the 2 people on the account are the **Supervisor and the Deputy Town Supervisor**. **Councilman Brown** replied it doesn't really matter. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well it kind of does. **Councilman Brown** noted as long as the **Supervisor** is on there and if we designate any one of us and he had his choice. He could still do it if he wants to right. **Councilman Galusha** responded yes. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no you can't stop (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted no nobody is trying to. **Councilwoman Harris** noted nobody is trying to stop you. **Councilman Brown** continued noting we change our periodically when we change When we change Board Members even in our corporation that changes. You just go to the bank bring your ID with you. The head person is there you show them your ID and you sign it and there you go. You get the You get everything. It's simple. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so again I don't know, and it is not clear to me why you feel you have to have the need to be a signature on the account as a Board Member.

Brown noted put **Dougy** on it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Dougy** is going to be on the account. He is going to be my **Deputy Town Supervisor**. **Councilman Brown** noted well he should be able to get us our paperwork that we need. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well I try **Ed** what did I just get through saying. **Councilman Brown** replied I know I heard what you said. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and I just spoke with **Barbara Durr**, and she is going to make it available to us. **Councilman Brown** replied well that is the thing right there. We talked about this the last time too. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it wasn't available. **Councilman Brown** noted there is nothing in writing that I can see. I am not trying to be smart about it I would just like to see you know that is all. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting fine. Can I please have a Roll Call Vote? Oh, wait a minute. Is there any other discussion? **Doug? Joan? Randy? Ed?** **Councilman Brown** replied no. **Supervisor Shepler** asked can I please have a Roll Call Vote?

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Failed: Ayes-2 Needham, Shepler, Nays-3 Brown, Galusha, Harris

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted it failed. Thank you very much. Can I have a motion to adjourn please. **Councilman Galusha** noted before we do, I just want to mention that I spoke to **Kevin Lynch** of **SUC**, who is the CEO of **SUC**, and I asked him about the issue that you raised that getting us connected was dependent on an issue involving the Firewall. He said, told me that that was not an issue. That they could connect us at any time, and also as far as, and I haven't talked to **Pat** about this to be fair. I asked him about the fact that they were talking about 2 separate connections. One for the Town Hall and one for the Highway garage what he and talked about was that because the service is so fast you don't actually need 2 separate connections that the Highway garage can be connected to the Town Hall's service either through a point to point wireless, a mesh network or a cat 5 wire connecting directly to the Highway garage. You guys wouldn't see any difference in service whether you have your own service or you connect to the Town Hall because it is so fast, and your usage isn't going to be that heavy duty. So, it would save the Town money if we could do it with one connection and pick one of those 3 options which their techs can advise us as to what the best way is to do it. **Pat Wood** noted we currently have the wire that connects to the server over here. That is what we have now. **Councilman Galusha** asked do you have a Cat 5 wire. **Pat Wood** replied yeah (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted I don't think it is Cat 5, but it is a wire. **Councilman Galusha** noted I'm sure they can take care of it. They will do the install and they can take care of it so you know as opposed to paying 2 separate services you are going to pay for one service and then if you have some other hardware there is some other cost associated with that, but it wont cost the Town the extra monthly charge for another service, and you wont notice any difference in your service. That is what he told me. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I did have a discussion with **Mike Lynch**, but the thing of it is **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting **Kevin Lynch**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Kevin Lynch** I'm sorry. I have been speaking to the gentleman who does the connections and works with that portion **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting **Kevin Lynch** is the CEO of the company just so that you know. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I know he is, and this other gentleman has already indicated that what comes with the system is only residential and will not protect you against anything on the outside. We have already been hacked. We've already had money **Councilman Galusha** noted call Kevin and talk to him about it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I have talked to the people Thank you for Just don't second guess me anymore **Randy**. **Councilman Galusha** replied asking (inaudible) a question second guessing. I asked a question. **Supervisor Shepler** noted motion to adjourn please. **Councilman Galusha** replied just get us connected. **Supervisor Shepler** responded !. ... Every time I turn around you keep changing it. Can I have a motion to adjourn please?

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ADJOURNMENT: On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Brown** the meeting was adjourned at **7:16 pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E Staples, Town Clerk

May 04, 2021