

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK, HELD JUNE 25, 2020 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM.....

PRESENT: Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman

Mrs. Joan Harris Councilwoman

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples

The meeting was called to order at **7:01 pm**.

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted we are working on 2020 finances. We won't start the 2021 budget process until later this summer. What I would like to do is I think everybody in the room is aware, and if you are not I will simply share with you all of the people who have the Whitespace program are out.

Councilman Needham stated I just got a phone call. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and have been out for a few days. So what I did was the stapled package that you have got here this is predominantly Whitespace information that we can go through, and....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting we, we really should only be talking about Budget issues at this meeting. We shouldn't be talking about anything.....

Supervisor Shepler interrupted stating no. We can talk about this too **Susan**. I have checked thank you. This has to do with Budget, and what I would like everybody to do is to read over, also to let you know in you packet I handed out, with the exception of **Randy** because you told me you had one I think, I have given everybody a 2020 Town Budget. Also I would like to remind the Board that this paperwork does contain information with resident's names on it, and therefore it is not to go to anybody other than yourself. It is for your eyes only. **Councilman Needham** asked is this all the people that are actually paying for Whitespace right now. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, currently that is correct. What sheet? This is what we receive, and this one is.....**Councilwoman Harris** asked what page are you. Where are we? **Supervisor Shepler** responded back here cash receipts on the journal and Enterprise Fund. **Councilwoman Harris** noted (inaudible) the Enterprise. **Supervisor Shepler** replied its Town of Thurman, cash receipts, journal, Enterprise Fund. **Councilwoman Harris** replied got it.

Supervisor Shepler replied OK, and if you flip the page you will see how it gets tracked. You will see though one, two, three, four, five; six have not paid in June yet. The month is not up, but it's..... Some of them pay later in the month. Some of them pay two months at a shot. **Councilman Galusha** noted so it looks like there are twelve people who, well I guess they pay part of the time, some of them have.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted **Councilman Galusha** noting well yes, there are two of them. One I know for a fact goes.....Well there is three of them that I think go south for the winter. One started paying in May. The other one started paying in April, and the others have been paying January, February. They didn't pay in March, and they haven't paid yet in June. **Councilman Galusha** asked so all these, there are two lines for **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes, please no names. **Councilman Galusha** responded sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I know, I know who you are speaking of yes. Because what happened was is um, um.....The female member of that family came in and paid, and didn't indicate that there were two of them on that one account. So that is why that occurred. Cause you will notice it was paid in December. The second one down was paid in January, then

February, March, April and May. So that has all been paid across. That one person is totally paid up. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK then.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted alright, it was just an error because we didn't realize that is was tied together, and nothing was said. At the time. **Councilman Galusha** noted well it looks like we have 6 year round people then we have one, two....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting three. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting three part- time. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yup. **Councilman Needham** asked now the whole system is shut down. **Supervisor Shepler** replied the whole system stopped yes. **Councilman Needham** asked is anybody going (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, and I talked to **Fred**, and he is not sure why. So, and I have also spoken to California, and their VPN access has been cut. They don't have access to the system anymore. So um.....**Councilman Galusha** replied so essentially our only alternative at this point is to enlist **Fred's** services to pay for (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** responded well its **Fred** looking at a very long, very nice voice message, and he said yes too that he was aware that everybody was out. He doesn't know why. He did leave us an offer. He says he does not believe it will exceed an hour, but he wants to offer us not to exceed two hours at \$350.00. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK, no brainer. **Councilman Needham** replied we have got to fix it. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting we have got to fix it. We are obligated to maintain the system. **Councilwoman Harris** noted we have \$350.00 for two hours. **Supervisor Shepler** replied not to exceed two hours he said. So that is where that's at, but what I want everybody to notice is on, it's the third page in, summery of cash disbursements. We are in the negative. That is no surprise. **Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it has been yes, yes. So and then the other thing is I have been talking to the Residents. I have made sure that they are fully aware that the Enterprise. Not Enterprise, **Frontier** contract ends in December, and once that ends their obligation of \$50.00 a month no longer exists. They are, however many people are at that time on the system, would have to share the expenses. And it is going to be quite an increase over what they have got. I know a majority of them have indicated that they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of SLIC. I did try, and call **Kevin** again today. I left him a voice message. He has not returned my call so he must be out in the field. **Councilman Needham** asked so if we can get through to December can we get rid of this then or it is going to be that it cost so much nobody is going to want it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted unfortunately that is the scenario. So and that was predetermined before any of us got on the Board. **Councilman Needham** noted we are talking about through December at least. We have got to do it then. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I did ask the.....**Carlson** if it was heat related because we have had four consecutive high heat days, and they said the way that their system was built, it is built that it deflects the heat and pushes it out so he said good thought, but that is not the issue. **Councilwoman Harris** asked did you call UAlbany. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they have nothing to do with it. I have spoken with them already, they are not maintaining it what so ever. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I know that they are not, but I thought somebody else was maintaining it for them. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that was supposed to have been **Fred** is what we were lead to believe, and there is no contract or agreement for him to maintain it for them what so ever. So nobody is maintaining the system. **Councilwoman Harris** noted we have to do something. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well, that is why I am bringing it to the Board. **Councilwoman Harris** noted considering how you have to divide it up, and who has to pay, speak to them on the internet or they could get Hughes Net. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted her noting (inaudible) January 1, as of January 1. Because the contract with **Frontier** ends in December. January 1 whoever wishes to stay onboard will be flipping the whole bill, and that includes your poles. **Councilwoman Harris** asked did you ever find the contract between the Town and the user. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I have not found the full contract. I did have a call into **Evie**. She did call me back, and I

was out so we are playing phone tag. I was going to see if she has anything. **Councilwoman Harris** responded because I have a contract that we have between Whitespace and the Town, but I don't have any contract.....**Councilman Galusha** noted you mean between the State and the Town. **Councilwoman Harris** noted between....**Councilman Galusha** noted through the grant. **Councilwoman Harris** responded yes, and in that grant, in that contract or in that grant at the bottom it is between the Town and them. It is not the Town and the user, and when the user went on, and picked up the key they only, they only signed a statement saying they got the key, and that they're on it. There was no comment or saying that they were in a contract that the fee was going to be filled, raised. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well it is a five year agreement from what I understand, and they could not have their fees raised for 5 years. That was part of getting the grant agreement, but when the contract with **Frontier** is up, which will be this December, the Town is no longer obligated to maintain. **Councilwoman Harris** noted by a grant. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so we are constigating dividing it up amongst the users if there is anybody left as a user. **Councilwoman Harris** noted that is what I was.....I was suggesting that we divide it up, and (inaudible) them because it is more money going out of the General Fund and go into the Enterprise. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we are kind of bound by the agreement, and we have 6 months left to go so. The **Town Clerk** noted well I dug up, and sent you the two year extension. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that was not for **Frontier**. The **Town Clerk** replied no, it is for the Whitespace in general. **Supervisor Shepler** responded right, but that has nothing to do with the rental of the poles, and or the rental from **Frontier** what we are charged for that. **Frontier** currently is running around \$950.00 a month. Which is a sizable sum. **Councilwoman Harris** responded oh yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then we have the pole rentals on top of that for National Grid, as well as we have on pole that we do rent from **Mr. Groff** on Valley Road. **Councilwoman Harris** noted that was a smart (inaudible). We pay him. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so um....**Councilwoman Harris** asked does he continue to get the 50. **Councilman Needham** noted yes. **Supervisor Shepler** noted he does. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting (inaudible) out in the woods. He has a pole there. **Supervisor Shepler** responded if the pole is in use. We will have to maintain the pole on his property at a rent of \$50.00 a month. Or we will have to look into seeing if the user would absorb that. The other thing is, is if the pole is not in use then we can disconnect it, and cease, cease using the.....We would have to get the equipment off the pole. It is Town equipment. **Councilman Galusha** asked so we passed a Resolution tonight to let **Fred** service this for aThe **Town Clerk** interrupted stating no you cannot. **Councilman Galusha** responded what. The **Town Clerk** noted you can't do any Resolutions tonight. **Supervisor Shepler** stated what we are going to do is just.....We are having a discussion, and the Board is going to recommend that the **Supervisor** contact **Fred Engelmann**, and have him go out, and look at it. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilwoman Harris** noted for \$350.00. **Supervisor Shepler** noted not to exceed \$350.00, and then we will bring.....We can bring a Resolution to the floor on the 8th. **Councilman Galusha** responded that is way too long. These people are.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted him noting no, no, no, no. No, no. No, no. No, we can get it going now, and then write a Resolution giving, having the Board giving me permission to go forth with this endeavor because you can't have them wait until the 8th. **Councilman Galusha** asked so is he actually going to work on it without us having passed a Resolution to pay him. **Supervisor Shepler** replied he will because what, I will talk to him tomorrow. I hope to get through to him, and what I will let him know that the Board met, at a workshop, and that we are all in agreement. We'll take an informal little vote here. We will all be in agreement that we need him to start looking at it, and not to exceed \$350.00 in pay. If anything he finds that is going to have an additional cost factor he has to bring it back to the Board, and then we will have

to redo it on the 8th. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so just as an informal, so that I don't get caught, is everybody in agreement that I should contact.....**Councilman Needham** interrupted noting yeah I support it. I agree. **Supervisor Shepler** asked so you support it. **Councilman Galusha** replied I do. **Supervisor Shepler** asked **Joan** do you support it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted we have to do something. **Supervisor Shepler** stated very good. So we are all in agreement that we need to do something to get this up and running. Thank you. Alright. The (inaudible) sheets are Highway Fund, details of revenue, and um I really didn't want to go into discussion with regards to the Highway this evening. Simply because the Highway is not the one that is having the trouble. It is the Town that is going to be having the financial difficulties, and all I could pull was detailed expense report which you got last month. For May. I do have a current cash disbursement for the General Fund which we can take that amount from the line, and subtract it. And I have a.....What we have entered thus far for our abstract. It is not complete, but this is what has been entered so far so we can go to that budget line we can also subtract that amount from there. I also brought to the table this evening Magna 5. I wanted you to be aware of what we are paying for them, and I just want you to.....We are not voting on this tonight because there is not a Resolution, but there will be on the 8th. I want you to be aware of this is what I have been working on with Verizon. They anticipate the monthly bills to be \$191.03. There is a one time physical service connection charge which is 250. So it would be a one time charge of four hundred and forty one forty eight. Which lets say we get in June, July our bill would be just the one ninety one oh three. **Councilman Galusha** asked what are you looking at there. **Supervisor Shepler** replied this sheet right here. **Councilman Galusha** replied oh. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you not have it. **Councilman Galusha** replied yup I do. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I've got it now. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then this is the Magna 5 which is on top. **Councilman Galusha** noted I saw that. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so this is what we have been paying Magna 5 to date. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** which is a substantial sum, and they are based in Dallas, Texas, and when I call them for any servicing their response has been you will have to call.....**Susan** who is that other company that we use. The **Town Clerk** replied KB-24. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. KB-24. The **Town Clerk** noted actually we can't even get Verizon to come when there is a problem. You have to go through KB-24. **Supervisor Shepler** replied we don't have any agreements with Verizon either. Eventually we are going to have to look at rewiring this entire building for phone no matter who we have for service because if you walk outside, and look at the phone lines outside they are old, they are dry, cracked and are chipped. So when we rain.....**Councilman Galusha** noted when SLIC comes to town will it go by here. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I do believe it will go by here. **Councilman Galusha** asked so we could the.....Are we a package for internet service and the phone service. **Supervisor Shepler** asked is that what they are offering. **Councilman Galusha** noted I don't know. I would assume that is.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I only knew of internet. I don't know of a phone package with it, but I am waiting for.....**Councilman Galusha** noted it is fiber optic cable, and it is supposed to be rated 100 megabits a second, and I know that my DSL through Verizon is rated at 3, and usually it measure 1 and ½ . So if you are going from 1 ½ to 100 you should be able to do that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I will ask them if they are going to include phone on there also. That has not been in the discussion. It has only been the internet aspect that we have been discussing. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** replied so that is....I will check with him that is a good suggestion. **Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Councilwoman Harris** asked and you said they were supposed to come through by September. **Supervisor Shepler** responded what I was told when I had a phone call with **Mike** was that is apparently two phases, and he said phase one should be

completed barring nothing unforeseen by the end of July. Phase two, and we didn't get into what area were covered. Phase two he said he anticipated be done either by mid to late September. Again barring nothing unforeseen, and that they can get through because they have had a difficult time getting poles from National Grid. **Councilman Galusha** noted well I think there are poles that need to be replaced. They went down my road, and any pole that is old, and in bad shape they put an X on it, and I am sure that means that pole has to come out. **Councilman Needham** noted they just went up High Street yesterday changing out poles. So the are getting closer. **Councilman Galusha** noted oh they are, good. **Councilman Needham** continued noting they are up by my mom and dad. **Supervisor Shepler** stated that is good to know. **Councilwoman Harris** noted they have been working up around Dee Dee's house coming off the dirt road down to (inaudible) Baker place. **Councilman Needham** noted yeah I heard it was coming right down through. Down High Street. **Councilwoman Harris** noted she talked to them, and she said they got the wires all up (inaudible). They have to put something in Dee Dee's house. So this Magna 5 what is it you wanted us to settle on. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't want you to settle on anything. I just want you to take the Magna 5 information which I have provided for you this evening, and look at it because this is what we have been paying for 5 lines that we have in the Town Hall at this point in time. This is the proposal from Verizon, and it is gong to be one ninety one oh three a month. Which is a significant savings for 5 lines. **Councilwoman Harris** asked does this include the Harris House and the Youth building. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, no neither one of those has had phones in quite some time. It is only the 5 lines in this building here.

So who would like to get started with making any sort of suggestions? Again I don't have any predictions to give you. It is too far out. It is too unknown. That is what has got everybody, especially the County, frustrated as well as us. We don't know..... I will tell you that our mortgage tax came in, and I had a heart attack, but it turns out after research that it was right in there with what we have received for mortgage tax in the past, but am hoping that the other taxes are going to come back. That is where (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** asked so the late land tax money hasn't come in from the County. **Supervisor Shepler** asked the what. **Councilwoman Harris** noted the land tax that we get from the County. It should have come in probably February, March, April somewhere around there, and it is people who have paid their taxes, and taxes are sent down to the County. Then they have to pay a fine or extra money, and they have to pay it. I am under the understanding that the County gives us the money, and then they get the money from the people. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I don't know anything about that **Joan**. I would have to call and ask. We have gotten taxes.....We've got some.....What we have gotten is the Highway has gotten their taxes. **Councilwoman Harris** replied yeah, that is from January. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and it is all paid up. We have no more taxes going into the Highway, and then we've got just a few taxes from the outside coming in to us. **Councilwoman Harris** noted well I am understanding that this money comes from the County is our money to do what we want with, and I was told that March or April of each year that they get it. **Supervisor Shepler** asked and you are calling it a Land Tax. **Councilwoman Harris** responded it is called a.....**Supervisor Shepler** asked is that the mortgage tax. **Councilwoman Harris** replied no, it's really what it is people sometimes wait 3 or 4 years before they pay their taxes before they know they are going to lose their land or something. So by the time they do pay their taxes, they have to pay the taxes plus fines or plus charges, and when they do that they accumulate. Every year we get paid. The County sends us the money, and let me see my notes, they pay, plus the County pays us. They should have been received by now. How much is what I am asking. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we did get the mortgage tax. I am not familiar with the terminology that you are using, but I will call them tomorrow. **Councilwoman Harris** noted maybe

(inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted I will call them tomorrow, and ask them what that is.

Councilwoman Harris asked what would be a mortgage tax for a Town. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well it is the mortgage tax that has been received. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I know, but what is the mortgage.....**Councilman Galusha** noted I think it is when somebody buys a house, and they are paying a mortgage tax. When they purchase the house, and take out a mortgage on it they pay a tax to the County which gets passed on to us. **Councilwoman Harris** responded OK, this is probably.....Maybe this is what this is because it's extra money that the County gets from the people that they sent to the Town. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I will call, and tell them everything that you have told me, and see what they can share with me, but yes the mortgage tax has been received. **Councilwoman Harris** asked how much did we receive. **Councilman Galusha and Supervisor Shepler** had discussion regarding **Councilman Galusha** making an inquiry. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it was received. It was 7 thousand and change. That I can tell you. Which I almost had a heart attack at because I thought it was substantially more, and then going back and researching years past, it was par. It was right where it should have been. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so when did we get it. This month, last month? **Supervisor Shepler** replied last month. **Councilwoman Harris** noted May. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yup, I believe we got it last month. (Inaudible) the 25th of June now so. **Randy** please go ahead. **Councilman Galusha** noted so I guess what I was expecting tonight, and I know we didn't discuss this when we talked about having a workshop tonight, I don't know if you guys are familiar with fiscal responsibilities of the Town Board. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him stating yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting well on page 10 they have what is called the budget actual reports for the 6 months ending June 30th, and that is kind of what I thought we were going to be looking at tonight. This gives you what the actual was for last year, for the 12 months of last year. The current for year, and then the actual to date of what we have spent, and then the variance and projected for the year so you can project out to the end.....Continuing with your spending what it is going to be at the end of the year, and then that tells you the variances so we kind of need to know for each line item whether if we keep spending the way we are spending on each item whether we are going to be over or under at the end of the year, and I kind of thought.....Because I mean to sit here.....I know you asked us for suggestions. I don't know how to suggest because I don't know where we stand with some of the things because I don't know the cash flow is for some of them. Because some things, items cash comes in different times of the year even though we may be.....What go ahead. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no, I just want to say our entire Budget, whether the General Fund or the Highway Fund, is on paper in black and white, and that is all it is. We can on the revenues coming in from the County and from the State for taxes and that sort of thing so that.....So that's what our Budget is built on. Our revenues, I have given you a revenue sheet, and actually you have gotten all the information last month too, and you can see some of our revenues are on par. Some of them are lagging a little bit. Our taxes for the most part are.....Have been paid entirely for the Highway. For the General Fund we are still waiting for some to come in. The Highway Fund we are still waiting for some County. I think it is 131,000 and change to come in with the Road Agreement that we have signed with them, and that is broken up into increments. **Councilman Galusha** stated well it sounds like the Highway is doing fine. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting that is not my problem. **Councilman Galusha** replied right, and we kind of take that off the table because we can't legally take any money out of Highway to solve our General Fund problems. So that is kind of.....Kind of taking that off the table so I guess what I am wonder is does Williams Law have.....Is that the name? **Supervisor Shepler** replied Williamson Law. Actually it's Williamson Law Book Company, but we all refer to it as Williamson Law. **Councilman Galusha** stated I am assuming that would have the ability in there

to generate a report like this. **Supervisor Shepler** responded excellent question. I will have to ask them. **Councilman Galusha** noted I meant this is what I would find useful to be able to make those kind of.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting alright. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting you know because this will give you a projection of where you are going to be at the end of the year, and then to add into this I would think sometime in the next 6 months we should know what the schedule is like when we expect receipts. Sales tax money or other sources of revenue. Or if we have some other large payment that comes due , and then we could we plug that into this. Does that make senses? **Supervisor Shepler** responded it does, but what I will tell you is what you have read on there about taking last years information, it is not going to work because last year because lack of a better way to describe this, it is a run on sentence. It was never closed out, the revenue year. **Councilman Galusha** replied even, even if we didn't have last year. **Councilwoman Harris** stated I think it was closed out. The **Town Clerk** stated it is constantly closed out in Enhanced. It is constantly closed out. **Councilman Galusha** noted let me finish, even if we take the current budgeted amount.....**Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and we take what we have spent to date for the first 6 months. Basically you double that.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting right. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting for most cases, and that is what you are going to spend for the.....And if that exceeds your budgeted amount we know that is where we have a problem. Now there are going to be certain line items where we stuff coming in in the middle of the next 6 months that we will have to address that, but it seems like that would be the logical way to go about it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but that would also be going, and looking at it for our 2021 which would be very beneficial to have that kind of tool available to us, and plug that information in. **Councilman Galusha** replied absolutely. **Councilwoman Harris** asked where did you get that. **Councilman Galusha** replied at the Newly Elected Officials Training, and you get it through the.....**Councilwoman Harris** asked Associations of Towns. **Councilman Galusha** noted Comptroller's Office. They put all these. I mean.....Standard Budget Process, (inaudible). I mean I have a whole bunch of the them. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't have any of them. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so with all at being said how would you like me to proceed. Would you like me to contact Williamson Law to see if this is in our system, and can we plug the information in.? And then meet again or do you only want to use that information for the 2021, and I hope that we can make it through the rest of the year by tightening our belts significantly. **Councilman Galusha** responded I think given the fact that we are facing budgetary issues to get through the rest of the year I think we need to take an approach like this, and look at something like this. We need to get into the nuts and bolts. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I absolutely agree with you. **Councilman Needham** noted you are right in the last 6 months we spent this much. Now we have another 6 to go (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is also why I have given you all the information that I have given you, and a lot of this information is redundant from last month, but I brought it to the table not knowing if you would have it with you tonight or not. I have no issues what so ever contacting them. It would make life easier without a doubt. **Councilman Galusha** noted I do not use this software package, but I know from experience with things, like I use Quick Book for my business, and there are reports functions in there, and to me this software package that we are using is pretty common throughout municipalities.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting it is intended for. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and I would think this probably.....This is a pretty basic report. It is probably at a punch of a button we could have these, so. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am more than happy to contact them tomorrow, and see if they have something like that or if they could punch something like together so we can fill in the blanks, and go forward from there. I think it would be a great tool for 2021. I think it

would be a good tool for us for 2020, but again you and I had this discussion earlier today that we are not aware of what we are going to be receiving next year or the third year. The word on the street is, if you want to use that word, that this is a three year impact that the communities, the Towns, the Villages are going to be really impacted for three years, and hoping to start the recovery the fourth year.

Councilman Needham I just found out today too through the County or the State for the Snowmobile Club, our money is approved to be given to us our usual April, May, we usually get it. We haven't seen anything. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you have not, but that goes directly to you now it is no longer a pass through. **Councilman Needham** continued noting we don't know when we are going to get it. Next year it is going to be completely different, but I am hearing a rumor.....Nobody knows what is going to happen next year. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you don't know what monies are going to be available (inaudible). **Councilman Needham** noted as far as County money or State money it is going to be tight. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but your snowmobile money goes directly the Snowmobile Club. It is no longer a pass through the Town. **Councilwoman Harris** noted Amen to that. **Councilman Needham** noted we haven't seen anything the County is kind of holding it back. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they are holding back on a lot of the money because they are uncertain as to what is going to be going on. **Councilman Galusha** noted so I think the other thing we have to be patient with if we are projecting X amount of dollars in sales tax in the next two quarters we might have to take a conservative approach to that, and cut that by a certain percentage just to be safe which means whatever that money is funding, whatever code, we are going to have to look at cutting somewhere, but I think that we need this kind of information in order to do that. Because I will be honest with you I am not comfortable just pulling numbers out of the air. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is fine. I appreciate that, but again that is why I shared all this information with you with hopes that we could utilize some of that this evening. I have no issues what so ever.....**Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting calling the meeting. Calling Williamson Law seeing if we can get that. Plugging in the figures that we have got, and then scheduling another meeting once that report is completed if that is alright with everybody else. **Councilman Galusha** noted I think we should do that, but before we adjourn this meeting I guess thing I would ask when we were talking today you said things were very tight. Can you point to specific things in here that we need to pay attention to that you are concerned about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am concerned about all of them. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I am not pinpointing one thing I am concerned with all of them at this point. **Councilman Galusha** asked so it is.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting and honestly let me just interject by saying with that report I think I could pinpoint better. So thank you for pointing that out. **Councilman Galusha** asked so are we.....Is the total money that we expended to date in line with our projections for the Budget or are we way.....Are we exceeding what the Budget projected. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I don't think we have exceeded anything because everybody in the Town building is aware that we could have a problem ahead of us in the second 6 months, and people I think have been very cognizant of their expenditures. Which I am pleased about. **Councilman Galusha** asked are there any budget shortfalls not, revenue shortfalls. Again is there anything where revenues come in less than what we projected in the Budget? **Councilwoman Harris** asked did we get the O.T. money. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't know why. **Councilman Galusha** noted I heard other Towns had already gotten theirs. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no they haven't. Nobody has gotten theirs. **Councilman Needham** noted would we have gotten (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** stated nobody has gotten their O.T. money. The only person.....The only leisure that has gotten any funds what so ever was**Councilman Galusha** noted Americade. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes,

and I can't think of **Joan's** name. **Councilman Galusha** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I think that is it, yes, but they didn't get the whole sum. He had supposedly already expended over \$50,000.00, and so they vote to give him the \$50,000.00 which he was out of pocket, and then he is out then sum, but he only got the 50. So to my knowledge, and I am not on that committee that is the only monies that have been spent so far. **Councilman Galusha** stated so just to summarize so I make sure I understand. So far to date we haven't exceeded the expenditures that we have projected in the Budget, and we haven't.....We haven't.....We have not received revenues. I am not saying that right, **The Town Clerk** noted all expected revenues have come in. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting we have received the revenues that we expected. We are not in a shortfall yet with revenues. We are just concerned.....**Supervisor Shepler** stated I am concerned because there were a couple of revenues that were, for lack of better terminology, overinflated. That I could, well for example the revenues for the Whitespace was I think 14 or 15 hundred. We are not even going to come close to seeing that. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** continue noting so that was an over estimate in the (inaudible) last year. That is the only one that I can think of off of the top of my head that's really going to cause us a lot of grief because that is never ever going to happen. **Councilman Galusha** stated right now we are only getting 600 a month. **Supervisor Shepler** noted 500 a month. Well that is of this last.....**Councilman Galusha** noted I'm sorry, actually it would be 300 plus the seasonals. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well as of June we have only collected \$500.00, and there is one seasonal, two seasonals on here. **Councilman Galusha** replied I guess what I was trying to..... Is figure out is on a monthly basis how much we getting kind of project that to the end of the year. Compare that to the 1440 so. I mean we are probably going to take in less than 5,000 or \$6,000.00 on that,..... **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting uh huh, yeah. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and we expected to take in 14,000 (inaudible). So that is definitely a shortfall. Go ahead. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I was just going to say on the positive side the revenues at the Landfill have been going up significantly. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting which is a positive thing. With the Covid everybody has been cleaning house, and what have you so. Not that it is going to offset it, but it will.....**Councilman Galusha** noted one other thing the 98,000 that we exceeded the Tax Cap. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating yes I have a Resolution prepared for the June meeting, because we are not doing Resolutions this evening, and I've got it all set to go for the Ju, I say June, it is July meeting, alright. **Councilman Galusha** asked and where are we taking that money from. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that money is coming from the Highway, and it is coming in from the Highway because their Budget is the one that was inflated the most, and the taxes were increased as a result the Highway being the receiver of the greater sum of money. **Councilman Galusha** asked is **Pat** aware of this. **Supervisor Shepler** noted he most certainly is, and I have got his blessing. I would not even entertain it without having a discussion with him. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK, thank you, OK. Is that going to be the full 98,000 out of Highway? **Supervisor Shepler** responded nine, full, yes, there are two budget codes. There's going to be \$98,249.00 (inaudible) out of the Highway. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what budget code is that you are taking it from. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't have it off the top of my head, but I will give it to you in your packet for the July meeting, and it is going to go into a revenue code that the Comptroller's Office sent me copious amounts of (inaudible), and we put it into a revenue code that is intended solely for the taxes that were taken. **Councilman Galusha** spoke over her noting OK. He continued noting (inaudible) I don't have it here, but was like \$270,000.00 or something like that. So what do we need to do to be able to tap into that? **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am going to have to double check with them because I wanted to ask them about that. Oh, shoot, thank you for saying that. **Councilman Galusha**

stated I mean I know we can't use that for the 98,000. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, I would like too. **Councilman Galusha** noted that.....I know, but that is not tax money I understand that, but it would seem to me if we are having a Budget shortfall.....Or a revenue shortfall that somehow we should be able to tap some of that money you know to keep us afloat. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, and the discussion we had this morning about TD Bank, I totally forgot to copy that, and bring it down. If you will excuse me I will run upstairs, and get the sheet. If you would want to discuss it or. I have reservations about it. **Councilman Galusha** I guess....Are you..... **Supervisor Shepler** stated they are not familiar with it. You and I are the only two that have had the discussion. **Councilman Galusha** stated I don't know that you need to go get it. You can just tell them what we talked about. **Supervisor Shepler** stated when we, when we opened our account with TD Bank I got from one of the Executives a letter of welcome, and letting us know that we can have a line of credit for \$700,000.00. It is a loan which would have to be paid back, and it didn't give you the specifics or the interest or anything else in there, but it was available to us to the end of August. In a brief discussion with **Randy** I shared with him that I have concerns, and the reason I have concerns about taking out a loan at this point in time is one: we don't know what the next 2, possibly 3 years are going to bring. We know the next 2 years are going to be extremely difficult and tight because of what has transpired because of the Covid virus. We are hoping that the fourth year we can start to rebound again, but I am not will to bet the farm on it. So in discussion it was my suggestion that as nice as it is that we might not want to contemplate doing it at this point in time not know what our future is going to bring, but I, I want to share it with the Board. And I forgot the copy. I am sorry I was copying left and right all day. **Councilman Galusha** stated I think generally I would be opposed to borrowing any kind of money to cover budget shortfalls. Especially if we have Unallocated Fund Balance that if there is some way we can tap that obviously that should be our first step. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I agree. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I just don't know legally how we do that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I, we can't insert it into the Budget. The Budget is a done deal. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that I can tell you, but the money would have been there for other expenses for what have you. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you can change the Budget. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you cannot change the Budget. In other words you can't increase the Budget. **Councilwoman Harris** responded oh no, you can't increase it, but.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted and that would increase it. If you took the loan from.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted I was just saying that you can take things out of the Budget, but you can't include any. **Supervisor Shepler** replied oh no, no. Yeah that does not have anything to do with the \$700,000.00 that was being offered to us. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I thought you were going to say that you can't change the Budget. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you can't increase the Budget. You can remove things from the Budget. **Councilwoman Harris** replied and are you in favor of that or not. **Supervisor Shepler** asked of excepting the \$700,000.00. **Councilwoman Harris** responded no, of removing things. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I think after I do the report that **Randy** suggested, and we all have an opportunity to sit down, and look at it, and confirm where we are at that point in time I think that depending upon what it is. I think everything should be looked at. **Councilman Needham** asked where do you think we are going to be falling short. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't know. I don't know. I will tell you the General Fund, the taxes were not increased for the General Fund, The taxes were increased for the Highway so in the past we have been able to do fine with what we have got, but just because it says that we are going to get I don't know any number on here doesn't mean we are going to get it. This is just paper and ink. It is not actual dollars and cents. Those come in from our revenue from you know taxes and different things like that. **Councilman Galusha** noted so one thing that I remember from the

last year, the Budget process when you going through it, The number that ended up in the Adopted Budget for sales tax was \$350,000.00. The actual sales tax revenue for the prior three years was something like \$425,000.00 or something like that each year, and I was ball parking the numbers obviously. So I guess what I am saying is if the actual sales tax was 425, and they are saying that sales tax is down 7% we should.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting oh I think it is more than that.

Councilman Galusha continued noting it could be more than that. It could even be 20%. We should theoretically still be OK at 350,000. Theoretically. **Supervisor Shepler** responded theoretically.

Councilman Galusha continued noting don't anybody hold me to it because it may not work out that way, but what other revenue sources do we have that are potentially going to be impacted by what's going on in the (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** responded sale taxes. **Supervisor Shepler** replied sales tax is huge, yes. **Councilman Galusha** replied what else besides sales tax is what I am asking. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we have well the mortgage tax there was a slight impact, but I don't know what it is going to be next year. **Councilman Galusha** responded well you know the funny thing is I keep hearing the real estate market is doing good. It's crazy. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I've heard the same thing, but how come we only got the.....Just a little bit less than what that what we have been getting in the past. You know what I mean. **Councilman Galusha** replied I don't know. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that was, that was a shocker to me I almost had a coronary. \$7,000.00 is not going to go very far.

Councilwoman Harris stated well we haven't received the late land tax money, and that is going to be a pretty good since.....**Supervisor Shepler** replied I am not familiar with that term. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I don't know maybe I am not calling it the right name, but it money that we are supposed to be getting in. **Supervisor Shepler** noted late. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I got.....Why I put down late is because these people have not paid their land taxes yet. Like if you owe land taxes you come in, and you pay them. You've got that money, but the people who.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted asking but its homeowner or it's homeowner taxes right. **Harris** replied right your land tax. The one you pay for your land. The **Town Clerk** noted your property tax. You mean property tax. **Councilwoman Harris** noted property tax. **Supervisor Shepler** noted property taxes, OK. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting OK, you haven't paid your property tax. You don't pay your property tax for 2 or 3 years. Then you go down to the County, and you pay your property tax, and whatever other charges they are charging because you are late. They have already supposedly sent you what that was going to be, and they keep that money because they have already paid us. **Supervisor Shepler** noted but I don't think we get any of the late charges. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I don't know about all the charges, but you know now what I am talking about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I have a better.....Yes, I have a much better idea thank you. The **Town Clerk** noted once you got that word right. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well land and then property. The **Town Clerk** noted property. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I know what is going on, but I don't know the term. **Supervisor Shepler** responded let me call, and find out, and see what I can find out for you, and then I can bring that back for you. **Councilwoman Harris** replied yeah that is fine. So you answered my (inaudible) the Budget. The need for action whatever. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we can't add to what we have got, but if we.....After reviewing it if we need to make a deletion we will have to seriously look at it. **Councilwoman Harris** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it doesn't mean we are going to definitely do it, but we have to be able to review everything. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I have one question on, that is on the Budget. The Cemetery Personnal Service, and you took it out 3399 sixty. Where did you put it? Personnal Services. We don't have any Personnal Services for the Cemeteries. **Supervisor Shepler** replied hold on. The **Town Clerk** noted didn't that go to the Highway to pay for the Highway guys doing the Cemeteries. **Supervisor Shepler** noted yeah, we paid for the

Highway guys to do the Cemeteries, and I had that discussion with you. The **Town Clerk** noted it was part of the meeting last month. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am sorry. The **Town Clerk** replied it was part of last month's meeting. We discussed it at last month's meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes, at last month meeting because remember we transferred money into that account to cover the Highway Department mowing at the Cemeteries. **Councilwoman Harris** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting yes we did, but that has been wiped out because we paid for the Highway Department to maintain it. To mow it. **Councilwoman Harris** responded oh yeah, so it just went to the Highway Department. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it did yes. **Councilwoman Harris** replied so it shows up on the Highway Department's (inaudible) budget someplace. It shows it has been transferred. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, it is a General, it's a General. **Councilwoman Harris** noted from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. That's alright. I can look that up. **Supervisor Shepler** replied last month we transferred funds around remember so that we could re...Put money back into the Cemeteries because we had to pay the Highway because they're mowing it. We initially took the money out to pay for **Shelia's** need, want. Want not need, the money she owed. The **Town Clerk** noted grant, the grant. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting for the Court, and then so we had to put it back in. It was \$4,600.00 that we took out, and put back in. And then the .4 has not been touched, and that is \$700.00. We could, we could use that. **Councilwoman Harris** replied OK, I just wanted to know I couldn't trace it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied go back and look at your paperwork that I gave you last Monday, and you will see that we did the transfers for that. **Councilman Galusha** asked can you tell me the 98,000 that we are talking about taking out of Highway for the Tax Override. Which money is that coming out of? **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't have it in front of me. **Pat** and I discussed four lines today, and we decided to break it up between two, and I am afraid if I tell you I am going to tell you the wrong things. **Councilman Galusha** noted I not seeing where it is coming out of because we can't take it out of CHIPS, because that is State aid, and the Transportation Services that we get isn't that the contract for the County. So I am assuming we can't take it out of that, because it has to come from Tax Revenue. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am not going to tell you because I am not going to tell you the wrong ones. We discussed 4 different codes. **Councilman Galusha** asked which one of the line items in the Highway revenue represents the tax revenue that they get. I guess that is what I am not seeing. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well their general does, brush and weed does, snow removal does, equipment does. **Councilman Galusha** noted those are all expenses. **Supervisor Shepler** noted right we can't.....We cannot.....We cannot go down into the employee benefits. **Councilman Galusha** replied right, but what I am saying is this money is supposed to come out of Tax revenue, and so I am wondering.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting this is tax revenue. This is tax. **Councilman Galusha** replied right, but which ones of these lines in here represents tax revenue that we can take it out of. **Supervisor Shepler** stated you can take it out of any one of them because this is a result of the taxes. This was based on the taxes. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what page are you looking at. **Supervisor Shepler** responded this is page 9 I think we are looking at. Is it not? All of these.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted May 2020 details of revenue for the Highway fund (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** replied right I see it on the summary page it's just I don't know maybe I am not familiar with reading this because I just page 8 where it says Highway Fund revenues I don't see that \$640,000.00. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, no that is revenue. I am not taking it out of the revenues I am taking it out of the Budget codes, but I don't.....I am not.....Do you understand that I am telling you that I am not able to tell you which Budget code because we did discuss 4 today, and I don't have it with me. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I don't want to tell you the wrong Budget code. **Councilman**

Galusha replied right, I think.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting but we are not taking it out of.....I am not taking out of revenues. I am taking it out of the expense....The Highway Fund expenses.

Councilman Galusha replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded and yes I do have **Pat's** blessing. And I have been in discussion with the Comptroller's Office in regards to this too. Because I am not doing it wrong. (Inaudible) going to do it I am going to do it right. **Councilman Galusha** asked do you know what the penalty is going to be for us not having done this in January. **Supervisor Shepler** replied there is no penalty at this point in time. If I don't do it until next year there will be a penalty, but the money has not been expended, and it doesn't matter if I hold it in a Budget Code, or if I hold it in a Revenue Code or if I put it in the bank. As long as the money is not expended we are fine. **Councilwoman Harris** noted but if it is not in a code, and it is in a 100**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting it is in (inaudible).

Councilwoman Harris continued noting all the money comes out of 100. Your spending that money because it is in there. Unless you take it out, and put it in a separate code all to itself. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well I am. I am putting it in a revenue. It's a tax revenue. It's a reserve revenue account, and I think it is (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** noted so a revenue account and it has it's own code, and it can't be touched. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it cannot be touched until January, and then it all goes back to the Highway Department because it is Highway money. It doesn't go to the Town. **Councilwoman Harris** noted as long as it is combined in the Consolidated checking book someplace it's.....**Supervisor Shepler** responded it is not in a checking account. **Councilwoman Harris** note well in savings. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting it's in a code. It's not in the bank. Well it's in the bank, but its in a code. It is in a revenue code. A revenue reserve code. **Councilwoman Harris** noted so you can't touch it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no you cannot. **Councilman Galusha** noted this last page that you have got in here the Local Government Exemption Impact Report. I am just curious what is the purpose of that? What are we supposed.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted this is from **Pat**, from **Tuck**, and he is I believe legally required to put that in on a yearly basis. **Councilman Galusha** replied so it just gets attached to the Budget just for (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting it is attached to the Budget from what I understand. It gives you.....**Councilman Galusha** responded so there wasn't any attempt for us to use that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no. **Councilman Galusha** OK, I just wanted to make sure of that. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no, (inaudible) believe me I have been looking at every nook and cranny. **Councilwoman Harris** noted so we haven't received the OT money yet, and we haven't received the Land Tax money form the County. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I don't know.....We.....I have to call them, and find out, and I am not sure that we are getting anything that was above and beyond what was supposed to have been due us. **Councilwoman Harris** replied oh no, I get it. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and penalties, we are not getting penalties I don't think. **Councilwoman Harris** stated I was looking for money is all. **Councilman Needham** noted we used to get something. Didn't we get a check from the County or State in September too. **Supervisor Shepler** replied we get taxes. We get **Jamiee's** money, and then we used to get Occupancy Tax money in the fall, but that was broken up into three payments. And in the past I think they have got 1,500. There is an amount that you would get in June that....**Councilman Galusha** interrupted stating actually it was two. Because I know when they wrote us a check, the TCA, it was 15,000 in February, and 30,000 would come in October. **Supervisor Shepler** noted but there is a third amount that the Town gets that is pennies like 300, 200, 100 somewhere around there. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that the Town gets. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK I didn't know that. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and we have gotten nothing to date. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and I have been told that it could be significantly reduced. To the anticipation of possibly in the future not

having Occupancy Tax. **Councilman Galusha** asked have they.....Has the Occupancy Tax Committee actually met, and discussed that reduction? **Supervisor Shepler** responded they have met numerous times, and their decision was to hold all the money. With the exception of \$50,000.00 that was paid for Americade. **Councilman Galusha** noted I knew that they had reduced the Town's share of 45,000 to 42,050. Forty two five. 42,500 I knew they did that, but they haven't taken any formal action since then. **Supervisor Shepler** replied not that I am aware of. There have been a lot of discussions back and forth, but nothing has been solidified to my knowledge. **Councilwoman Harris** stated well I was looking for money, and stuff like that. I have here, and I don't know if we discuss it or not. **Councilman Galusha** noted at the risk of touching on a nerve. I don't mean too, but I am curious the money that we are spending on Stored Tech, and what we have spent on Williamson Law which code is that coming out of because neither of those were budgeted items. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they are coming out of the Contingency which will soon be drawing up, and we are going to have to look at taking it out of buildings. Cause we can. **Councilman Galusha** asked when you say Contingency where. **Supervisor Shepler** noted Contingency Fund. I think there was what \$30,000.00 in that. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK, contingency. I see Contingency Account 10,000. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what page are you on **Randy**. **Councilman Galusha** replied I am on page 4. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you are absolutely right. I misspoke. I was thinking of Occupancy Tax. It was \$10,000.00. **Councilman Galusha** responded I mean so those two things actually don't have a specific budget code assigned to them. Which I think we made a mistake when we passed those Resolutions without assigning a Budget Code. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well we did to the Contingency. We assigned them to the Contingency. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK, but we actually that would mean that we overdrew that because.....**Supervisor Shepler** responded we are not there yet, but almost, and then it could go depending on what is in the Buildings Code. That's \$40,000.00. We could look at putting some of it on there. We can't put it all on there. We can put some of it on there because Stored Tech is a Building item. It is not individualized, and Williamson Law is being used by the **Town Clerk** and my office. We are not going to.....I shudder to think that we are not going to be able to take huge cuts from any place in particular, but we are going to have to look at taking small and medium cuts all along. And where we are going to put it is what we are going to have to determine. Whether it's to cover Stored Tech and Williamson Law. **Councilwoman Harris** asked do we still need Stored Tech. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes we do. **Councilwoman Harris** noted they are pretty expensive. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they are. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting and we had**Mike Colvin** does it for the County, and (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I am aware of that. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting I know you are aware of it. I am just saying how come we are spending so much money if we don't have it. If we can already get it (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well **Joan** when we did this we were not anticipating Covid 19 alright. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I know so now you have to make a choice. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting but we will have to look at the future. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so you would still want to pay 1,600 and some hard dollars.....**Supervisor Shepler** stated actually they are looking.....**Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting actually it is a little over 1,000. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I was talking to **Alan** today, and we are looking at reducing it. Seeing what we can eliminate for now from our accountage to reduce it down. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I can't see why we have to have two. **Supervisor Shepler** replied we don't have two. We have one. **Councilwoman Harris** replied well **Colvin, Mike** is available. **Supervisor Shepler** responded he's.....But he's not been hired by the Town. We hired Stored Tech. **Councilwoman Harris** responded **Mike** is paid by the County to help us. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the individual Towns have to pay too.

Councilwoman Harris noted yeah, we might have to pay, but I don't think they have to pay as much as Stored Tech do they. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't know **Joan**. The **Town Clerk** noted it is significantly less. **Councilwoman Harris** noted your voice is getting mad. I am not trying to.....**Supervisor Shepler** replied I honestly don't know. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I am just thinking if it comes to.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted I hear, and appreciate what you are saying. I really do, but I don't know what he charges. I do know that the Town hired Stored Tech. They are an extremely reputable company, and they are looking to work with us now knowing fully well that all the Towns and villages are going through financial. Seeing if we can possibly reduce some of our rates, and eliminating some of the little pieces here and there. So **Alan**.....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted asking is everything into the computers now so that there is nothing sitting out that has not been entered in. **Supervisor Shepler** replied not to my knowledge there is not anything out there. **Councilwoman Harris** noted nothing out there. **Supervisor Shepler** noted not to my knowledge. **Councilwoman Harris** replied last month at the Town Board I asked you for something, and you turned around and said well it has not been in the computer yet. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you remember what it was. **Councilwoman Harris** replied no I don't. I would have to go back, and look at my notes. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright if you could figure it out let me know.....Are you talking about the financials? **Councilwoman Harris** replied it is something. **Supervisor Shepler** replied look it up, and let me know. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't know if I wrote it down in my book or not. Normally I write questions that I have. Oh I just think that we pay a lot of money to Stored Tech to train, and**Supervisor Shepler** noted Stored Tech didn't train us on anything yet. **Councilwoman Harris** asked who is up here training **Gail**. The **Town Clerk** noted it is Williamson Law. You are thinking of Williamson Law. **Supervisor Shepler** replied Williamson Law wasn't here it was on the phone. The same training that **Susan** is getting. **Councilwoman Harris** noted Williamson Law. **Supervisor Shepler** noted is our accounting system. **Councilwoman Harris** replied OK, alright. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and also our payroll system. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I talked to the gentleman from there he said that he was up there again he told me he already had training sessions with **Gail**, and they already had left. **Supervisor Shepler** replied he has never physically been here it has all been on the phone. **Councilwoman Harris** replied hum. The **Town Clerk** noted actually the original Resolution to hire them you stated training was included in it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it was up until a certain point. Then above and beyond that.....As a matter of fact your training package is being eliminated. We are not going to have to pay for that which I am quite happy about. The other, and they didn't want to charge us for putting the new system on your computer. **Councilwoman Harris** noted yeah, he said he wouldn't charge us when he was here. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no that was.....He was never here. That, you are thinking of.....The **Town Clerk** noted Stored Tech. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting you are thinking of **Grabowski, Tom Grabowski** who was here with Stored Tech. He was here twice. **Councilwoman Harris** replied and that's Stored Tech. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that was Stored Tech. That is not Williamson Law. That is not our accounting, and that is what I was talking about the accounting (inaudible). So then the best thing I can suggest is we take this information, and we try and digest as much as we can. I will contact Williamson to see if that is available to be plugged in or if we can create it. Plug in the information, and then once I have the information plugged in we can call another meeting. Is everybody in agreement to that? **Councilwoman Harris** asked so we are not in any danger in the next couple of months. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well I, I, I am not going to say no, but I don't think.....I think that we are going to be alright. We are going to be able to float for a little while longer, but much more than that I don't know. Depending on what comes in for us. It is not looking good. For the future, but I think it is better if we start looking at it now, rather than

waiting for.....**Councilwoman Harris** responded maybe we should learn from this. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I agree. You know it is a good day when we can learn from something. **Councilman Galusha** noted question on one of these line items here, I can't remember what it was. **Supervisor Shepler** asked where are you. **Councilman Galusha** replied I am on the Detailed Expenditures for the General Fund Town wide. Page 4 of 6 the very bottom it says contractual expense. Other Economic Development and Contractual \$45,000.00. **Supervisor Shepler** replied uh huh. On page 4. **Councilman Galusha** replied 4 of 6. **Supervisor Shepler** asked and where are we at please. **Councilman Galusha** noted at the very bottom, there is a line item that says Other Economic Development Contractual. It is \$45,000.00. We have only expended \$828.00 so far. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that was the Occupancy Tax money that was anticipated. **Councilman Galusha** noted oh that's fine, OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is what was anticipated. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilwoman Harris** noted and we didn't get it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we haven't gotten any of it, but it is going to be reduced. **Councilwoman Harris** asked noted we spent \$828.00 of something we haven't got. **Supervisor Shepler** nodded yes noting (inaudible) doesn't it. **Councilwoman Harris** responded it is scary. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well that was when we were anticipating the money. There was no discussion of threat that it wasn't coming in. **Councilman Galusha** noted the thing....The thing about it is a (inaudible) on the Town. It is a pass through basically, so. **Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you are wrong. It does go to the Town, and it is the Town's money. **Councilwoman Harris** noted so you are going to fight to keep Stored Tech. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well I am going to see what he proposes **Joan**. I think that is only fair. **Councilwoman Harris** replied do whatever you want. And the playground. The money that we got for the Youth Program. They sent down 1,500 for the equipment they are saying. Leave 125 for the Christmas Party. . **Supervisor Shepler** noted 125 would never do the Christmas Party. **Councilwoman Harris** remarked (inaudible) can't. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well we haven't gotten any money from them yet. At the County. They haven't sent out any money either. **Councilwoman Harris** noted maybe we should go through this, and tell us what we haven't got any money yet. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well we haven't gotten any money from the Youth Program. We haven't gotten any Occupancy Tax money. We are still waiting on.....**Councilwoman Harris** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I don't know. I have to find out about that. I honestly don't know about that, but I will check into that, and find out (inaudible) everything you said including property tax, thank you. So I will get back to you on that. So let me contact Williamson Law tomorrow. See what we are able to do with this, and hopefully we can plug the program in, and then we can plug the information into it, and go forward with it. And it would be a good tool. I agree. **Councilman Galusha** noted if you could generate that report at sometime before the next meeting so we chew on it for awhile. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that would be ideal, but I don't know if they have it loaded into the system. It needs to be loaded into the system. I've got to check with them first. We have to.....I mean it is what 8, 10, 11 days away. So I don't know. I have to work with them, and I will do my best. **Councilwoman Harris** noted to **Councilman Galusha** let me see that book so I can look the name up, please. Thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted kept it. I have another one. **Councilwoman Harris** asked do you. Good I like books. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I would like to thank everybody for coming out for this meeting. I think even though we didn't achieve a lot we have been able to discuss a lot, and chew on a lot, and I think information is good. So thank you very much, and you want to call the Workshop at what 8:14. The **Town Clerk** noted I have 8:12, 8:11. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. Thank you very much everybody.

The workshop was adjourned at **8:11pm**.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

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