

May 17, 2021 Special Board Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK,  
HELD MAY 17, 2021 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK  
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM .....**

**PRESENT: Mr. Ed Brown, Councilman**

**Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman Mr.**

**Douglas Needham, Councilman Mrs.**

**Susan Shepler, Supervisor**

**ABSENT: Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman**

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E Staples**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Councilman Needham arrived at 6:02 pm.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.**

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted the sole purpose of this meeting this evening is to go over the proposal again for the purchase of a new HV607 SBA garbage truck for the Town of Thurman. When we met last there was some discussion, in regards to the Fund Balance. Everybody has got a copy of that, and, also we had talked about putting together 2 Resolutions for the 5 year and for the 3. So, the Board can make a decision on which way they want to go. Has the Board had an opportunity to review the information? Oh, and **Randy** just before we go any further, I confer with **Randy** the actual bid information was up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. I spoke to the gentleman who is in charge of it, and he said he would honor as long as I could get it emailed to him tonight. So, it is just a signed contract is what they are looking for. A signed agreement, and then we would go into contract he said, but he will honor the prices through tonight (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted could ..... Before we get into Resolutions could I ask that we have privilege of the floor in case somebody wants to comment on what we are going to discuss here. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well usually at Special Meetings there isn't privilege of the floor. **Councilman Galusha** replied I know, but we passed a Resolution that made no distinction. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but that was for Regular Board Meetings. The **Town Clerk and Councilman Galusha** noted no it was not. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it didn't say anything in there about Special Board Meetings. The **Town Clerk** noted it didn't say anything about not. It said Board Meetings. **Councilman Galusha** noted it didn't say anything about Special it said Board Meetings, and quite honestly there is no distinction. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well there is, but **Councilman Galusha** noted I mean someone might have something they want to ask a question..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting would somebody like to ask a question in regards to purchasing of a new garbage truck for the Town of Thurman? **Keith? Keith Parent** noted it would be nice to have something in front of me so that I can look at it, but that is OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Sue** would you be kind enough to make him ..... I made 2 copies. Just give him 2 copies. You can give him the Resolutions. Thank you. **Councilman Galusha** asked are you looking for the detailed information on the vehicle. **Keith**

**Parent** noted this isn't really what I am looking for. The **Town Clerk** noted that is all I have. **Keith Parent** noted this isn't what I am talking about. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK, so you are asking for the stuff from the company with the specs on the vehicle. **Keith Parent** replied that would be something that I would be interested in looking at. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Keith Parent** continued noting just to kind of look at, and think about (inaudible). That is what I am talking about. I am not .... Not everyone would need something like that. I'm not sure that I would find something on it that I would question, but that would be something that I would be interested in going forward. **Supervisor Shepler** noted please rest assured that **Pat Wood** and I do believe **Ed Brown** have gone through it though by nail, screw by bolt by nut, and I worked with the gentleman from **HL Gage** to make sure that what we are getting is what the Town requires. And will meet our needs. **Keith Parent** noted I am not saying that I would have a question as to what has .... What has been decided just that is what I could look at and maybe find something. **Councilman Galusha** noted maybe in the future we could post this along with the Meeting Packet before the meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't know that we will post it before the meeting, but it will be available if you want to come upstairs, I would be more than happy to share it with you. Not this evening, but another day. Does anybody else have any questions? **Bernadette**, do you have any questions. No? **Wesley**, still no? OK. So, what I did I made up the 2 Resolutions as I did for the purchasing of the Dump/Plow Truck for the Town. The first one that I made up, and was presented at the last meeting was for a The total cost of the Truck is going to be \$150,970.14. It is a lease agreement. It is a lease to own, and the 3 years is what I gave out for \$55,354.45 including interest of \$15,093.21. Along with a one time, which is the same thing we had to do with the truck if you remember, one time documentation fee which must accompany the documents at signing. Then the request for the second one. The total cost was still the same \$150,970.14, and it was a 5 year lease amount of \$33,788.24 with interest of 17,971.06, and including the onetime documentation fee which was standard. Trial Balance that everyone is in receipt of has an Unassigned Fund Balance of \$358,091.16. Taking the 55,000 for the year contract so it would be 55,354.45 from that stiff leaves 788.24 from the 5 yearly payments for just this one year it would be \$324,302.92, and the 5 year, excuse me, the 3 year payment of \$55,354.45 is a one year payment out of that Fund Balance. These are yearly payments, and I do not believe there is a balloon at the end because I did inquire about that with trucks. **Councilman Brown** noted there wasn't supposed to be. **Councilman Needham** noted if we go with the three year, we save pretty near \$3,000.00. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that and it is the Town's property in 3 years versus 5 years. So I am going to..... How do you want me to start? Which one..... **Councilman Galusha** replied well I have a couple of questions about Fund Balance before we actually get into entertaining the Resolutions, but think then we need to decide to entertain one of the Resolutions before we have any detailed discussion about (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well I need to have somebody introduce one of them. **Councilman Galusha** noted before we get to that I just have a couple of questions about the Fund Balance. This may be that I just don't understand something about it so if somebody could enlighten me great. My first question is my understanding of what Fund Balance is, is that it is money left over from previous Budgets that were not expended. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is correct. **Councilman Galusha** noted so that should be money we have sitting in the bank. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that should be correct. **Councilman Galusha** noted the Fund Balance exceeds what we have in our checking account. **Supervisor Shepler** asked by how much. **Councilman Galusha** responded well almost \$20,000.00. **Supervisor Shepler** responded 20,000. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and our. .... Some of the money that is in our checking account I'm pretty sure is Sales Tax that we received

for this year as part of the first quarter of 2021. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is the correct Budget line. **Councilman Galusha** replied well I understand, but what I am saying is have we received 20 ..... The first quarter of 2021 Sales Tax so that is included in our bank balance. So you are actually ..... I guess what I am getting at we should have \$358,000.00 Fund Balance plus we should have the first quarter Sales Tax minus whatever expenditures we have made ..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting actually that did not come in until May I do believe is what I explained to you (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so that wouldn't appear in the April. None of the April paperwork at all. It won't appear until the May paperwork. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. Actually it is a bigger difference. I was looking at the balance the end of March. I'm sorry the balance at the end of April in our checking account for the General Fund is \$311,692.11, but yet we are showing a Fund Balance of \$358,091.16. I just can't get my head around how ..... I am asking for somebody to explain this to me because I can't get my head around how we have more Fund Balance than what we have money in the bank. Where is that extra Fund Balance. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'm sorry you said it was 311. **Councilman Galusha** replied 31169211. **Councilman Brown** noted total cash. **Councilman Galusha** noted that is the cash we have in the bank as of the end of April. And, also at the end of April we have a Fund Balance of 358,09116. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yeah. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting, so somehow we have more Fund Balance than we actually have money on hand. Where is that extra Fund Balance if it is not in the bank? I mean maybe I am missing something about how accounting works because I am not an accountant, and I don't pretend to be one. But to me if you have Fund Balance left over from a previous year until you spend it, it should be sitting in the bank, and then any other revenue you take in should be on top of that minus any expenditures you make that year. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you are close. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so it is making me wonder if our Fund Balance number is correct, and I am concerned that we are spending money when we don't have a good figure to start from as to how much money we have to spend. I just want to make sure that the money we are spending we actually have. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the Fund Balance is, is the Fund Balance. The money that we have in the checking account for the General Fund is what I will tell you about what 46,000. **Councilman Brown** noted 47. **Supervisor Shepler** responded 47. **Councilman Brown** responded between 46 and 47. **Councilman Galusha** noted there is 47,000, and plus there is other Revenues that we probably received this year, I haven't gone through the thing, that are included in the General Fund checking account balance. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is a true statement. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting but those were accounted for in our Budget so they wouldn't be part of our Fund Balance so that would reduce the actual amount of Fund Balance present in the checking account even more. So, I mean ..... **Supervisor Shepler** responded it wouldn't reduce the checking account amount it would increase the checking account amount which would bring it closer to what the Fund Balance is. **Councilman Galusha** replied so what.. ..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting there would be a closer ..... There wouldn't be as much of a difference. **Councilman Galusha** noted so what I am getting at is the checking account should include Fund Balance and it should include revenues we have received this year. So, if it includes the Fund Balance, and the Fund Balance is 358,000 that should be what you start with plus you've got other revenues added on top of that so your actual checking account balance should be something far in excess of \$358,000.00. Unless I am missing my ..... **Supervisor Shepler** responded well over here on page 2 you've got your assets. You've got your liabilities and Fund Balance. Your assets show you've got \$311,692.11 in the cash. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that is page 2. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK so that matches ..... OK that is making sense. That matches what is in cash. **Supervisor Shepler** replied right.

**Councilman Galusha** asked so where is the rest of the Fund Balance. **Supervisor Shepler** responded the unassigned Fund Balance is monies that have come in from the previous years that was left over monies. **Councilman Galusha** responded yup you've got that. **Councilman Brown** noted not earmarked for Anything it just .....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no (inaudible). It is unassigned. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK on page 1 under Budgetary Expense Accounts the fifth item is Appropriated Fund Balance, and there you have \$74,796.00 but, yet under Fund Balance we don't show anything as being appropriated. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that was monies I think that we had appropriated for the Budget. What I would like to suggest **Randy** if you are not comfortable with what I have here in the fund balance, and you would much rather look at the dollars and cents for the cash. For the total cash that is something that we could certainly look at instead of looking at it from the Unassigned Fund Balance portion we can look at it from the cash perspective. At any rate there is more than sufficient funds to take either one of these payments out of. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and it is This is only for this year. **Councilman Galusha** responded yup I understand. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting not going forward. **Councilman Galusha** responded don't get me wrong I am not trying to torpedo the Garbage Truck because I understand that we need it. The truck is in bad shape, and I support it I do. I have some questions. Various people have called with some questions that I couldn't answer. When we get into discussion I'm sure we will talk about that, and I know **Ed** has Can explain or answer those, but I just can't get my head around this how you know ..... And to say that we are going to take it out of the cash that cash is already appropriated for expenditures in our Budget. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am not saying take it out of cash. I am saying look at the number 311 versus the 358,000. Look at that number. **Councilman Galusha** noted I don't doubt that we have money to pay for it right now, but come the end of the year are we going to run short. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we will. .... There are a couple of Budget Codes that are going to be over, and hopefully I can do what I did last year and make it whole, and if I can't then I will have to delve into the Fund Balance which is something I do not wish to do. I firmly believe that I can hopefully manage it all with what we have in the current Budget. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and I would come to the Board if I had to go into any of the Fund Balance. **Councilman Galusha** responded if you guys want to go on and we'll discuss the Resolution I just want to express my concern about the fact that we still a year and a half into our Administration as a Board together we don't have a good handle on our Fund Balance what's appropriated, what is not, where it is. That bothers me. I mean it seems like we should have a better handle on it than we do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded this is unassigned which mean inappropriate. There is no attachments to it. There are no strings attached to that money. **Councilman Galusha** replied oh right, but on the first page you've got a figure of Appropriated Fund Balance of 74,796. I mean one place .....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is the money that came out the beginning of the year. That was money that you had ..... We took out. That was that money. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** responded OK. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I guess is that already taken out of this. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, it has been taken out. **Councilman Galusha** responded that is what I am trying to understand. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is my understanding. So can I have a ..... Will somebody introduce the Resolution to purchase a new HV607SAB for the Town of Thurman? I am going to go back to the 3 year payment of \$55,354.45. **Councilman Galusha** noted I'll introduce it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Randy** will. Do I have a second? **Councilman Needham** noted I will.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution # 47**

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

**Resolution to Purchase a New HV607 SBA Garbage Truck For Town of Thurman**

**Whereas,** The Town of Thurman is in need of a new Garbage Truck

**Be it Resolved,** That the Town of Thurman is able to purchase a New HV607 SBA Garbage Truck at the following lease to own price:

Total Equipment Cost: \$150,970.14

Lease amount for 3 yearly payments of \$55,354.45, including

Interest of \$15,093.21 Along with:

A Onetime Documentation Fee of \$500.00 which must accompany the Documents at signing.

**Discussion:** **Supervisor Shepler** noted this is the total cost for the equipment of \$150,970.14. Lease amount for 3 yearly payments of \$55,354.45 including interest of \$15,093.21 along with a one-time documentation fee of \$500.00 which must accompany the documents at signing. Do I have discussion? **Councilman Galusha** noted we should have one line in here that says it is being taken out of the General Fund, Fund Balance. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I didn't put anything in there because I didn't know which one we were going for so what I would do is it would come from the General Fund, Fund Balance and it would go into Garbage and Refuse A8160.4 is where the payment will come from. And that would be the same scenario if we had chose or we do choose to go into the 5 yearly payment alright. **Councilman Galusha** responded that would be the monthly or the annual payment plus the \$500.00 documentation fee. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is a one-time documentation fee for this year. Right now only. In the future it will be 55,354 45. **Councilman Galusha** replied I understand. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting for 3 years including this year. Do I have an additional or do I have any comments or discussion? **Councilman Brown** asked do you feel that this .... You were saying that (inaudible) quite sure. You think this 55 would jeopardize our finances by the end of the year. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I don't think it will jeopardize the finances by the end of the year. No. **Councilman Galusha** noted so a couple of people have asked me why we are doing this instead of a compactor, and I think the last meeting you said something about a compactor would be way too expensive. What kind of price range are we talking about for a compactor? **Councilman Brown** responded I went back on line today (inaudible). Most of them, you know we don't have (inaudible) up there. (Inaudible) ends up there by the Fire House. It might blow up transformers. It has been tried. One of our Town Board people (inaudible) visit a large generator. They are expensive you know. We don't have a Roll Out Truck. If you took. I'm sure you got the paper on it with the contracts for the year. Every time they pick a hopper up it is \$325.00 to move it now every time. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilman Brown** continued noting the cost, and the last time they had top you know containers..... Were you there when they had he open containers. The 8 yards. **Keith Parent** replied yeah I think it was..... **Councilman Brown** continued noting they were 8 yards. You had one at one time then it went to 2. **Keith Parent** noted in 2 days it was full, but there was no compactor. You just threw it in like throwing it into the back of a truck. **Councilman Brown** noted each one of them was 300 and some dollars to have it... .. It was 600 and some dollars each week to have those moved every week. **Keith Parent** replied well it was something that was

tried. **Councilman Galusha** noted just as a ballpark what would a compactor cost to have it installed up there. **Councilman Brown** replied I can't give you an honest answer because then we would have to rely on them. I am going by the cost of hauling all it. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. The other thing that people expressed concern to me is that. ... You've got 2 different groups of people in Town. You've got people who are paying for trash pickup at their household. **Councilman Brown** spoke over him noting oh sure yeah, yeah. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting you've got people who are taking it to the Transfer Station, and those people have to buy stickers to take it to the Transfer Station. The amount of revenue generated by the Garbage Stickers does that... ... That covers the cost of taking that waste, well (inaudible). So, it covers the cost of that. **Councilman Brown** responded yeah. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting but it is not actually going to cover the cost of the new truck. **Councilman Brown** replied oh no. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so people that are paying for curbside pickup are paying for their pickup plus they are going to be paying their taxes for the Garbage Truck which they are not actually using so they are subsidizing..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting can I say something I use both. I have curbside pickup and I also use the services of the Landfill. **Councilman Galusha** responded well I mean we go to the Transfer Station too, but not with our household garbage. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I take both (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I'm talking just household garbage. So I mean some people are thinking well gee I am already paying for curb side pickup now I've got to pay for a Garbage Truck that I am not using so other people can I get their concern. **Councilman Brown** interrupted noting I understand. I understand what you are saying. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and really other than the compactor or a garbage truck we are looking at there really isn't any other option. **Councilman Brown** responded I don't see any other way. **Councilman Galusha** noted I mean just dumpsters wouldn't do it because you can't compact the waste so. **Councilman Brown** noted then you have animals all the time. And the cost because you can't compact it. **Councilman Galusha** responded yeah, yeah. **Councilman Brown** continued noting it is very expensive, and another thing a lot of people don't realize now they tell us that we have to recycle you know New York. We used to make money on the cardboard now if you look at the master contract from Casella ad Waste Management it is \$125.00 a ton to get rid of it plus \$325.00 delivery fee so. **Councilman Galusha** replied yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and that is only the brown corrugated. That is not like your cereal boxes, your soda boxes, your beer boxes. **Councilman Brown** noted they don't take that anymore. They started that well shortly after (inaudible) left. Waste Management won the contract for removing that stuff. I had sort of (inaudible). They didn't tell me. It went into effect in February, but they didn't let me know until March 6<sup>th</sup>. And the same with the plastic. We get a high volume of plastics. I'm sure you (inaudible). It is \$95.00 a ton to get rid of and \$325.00 to deliver it. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilman Brown** noted we don't have any means. You would have to have a Roll Off Truck. That is another cost, and I'm sure it would be 50 60,000 or more. You know, and the compactors I have talked to a lot of the people, and maybe ..... Just people I have talked to that work for Casella, in fact we have one gentleman that works at the Highway. He worked for Casella for years. He said they have a lot of trouble with them in the winter freezing up. You've got to clean them. There are a lot of pros and cons about both. You need a building over it you know, and to me that is a big expense. The price of materials now is (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted plus the cost of three phase electric to have it taken up to the Landfill and have it installed and maintained, and (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** spoke over her noting they would never do that. **Councilman Galusha** asked you couldn't do a compactor without three phase. **Councilman Brown** replied well you probably if you went with transformers and generators and whatever. It will cost. It is still maintenance cost. And I

understand your concern very well. **Councilman Galusha** replied yeah. **Councilman Brown** noted and it has been this way forever. Even when we picked up, we still had people who didn't have their trash picked up. **Councilman Galusha** responded I mean some people have also wondered if we get a new truck should we go back to pick up. **Councilman Brown** replied well that is an option..... **Supervisor Shepler** noted it's (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** continued noting brought up by a lot of people. I know but I'm just saying there are people that have come to me about that also and we just haven't had time to discuss it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it is something that is prohibited. It would be taking 2 men on how many days we do it and we would also be picking up recycling which is something that we used to pick up. Garbage on one day and recycling on another day. And then you've got the wear and tear, and the cost of fuel that you have to consider. Right now you take your household garbage and the non brown cardboard with them and it goes into the garbage to be compacted and then every other week is it Ed it goes down to the Hiram Hollow. **Councilman Brown** noted we have been trying to hold off for 3 weeks. You know that would be nice. Well this weekend was very busy so we are going to have to.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted and with the holidays and summer coming last year we saw an increase, but I think that was Covid driven. It is just that it increases naturally during the summer months. **Councilman Galusha** responded so like how many bags of garbage can you throw into the truck before you have to go down and dump it. **Councilman Brown** responded well last week it was what 372 tags we sold last week, and we have been averaging between 250 and 350 a week on tags. Sometimes more. The **Town Clerk** noted so that is half. Half of that counts for bags. **Keith Parent** noted you said you sold that. The **Town Clerk** noted but half of that is bags. You've got to divide that by 2. **Keith Parent** replied no, no. **Councilman Brown** noted every week, every week we sell that. **Keith Parent** responded let me finish. You said you sold that. We used to count bags going in. **Councilman Brown** noted we count them. **Keith Parent** continued noting I'm not saying you're not. **Councilman Brown** noted we still count them. I don't see any need to count them when they've got a number there you know, but I went back to counting because the question was ..... Well like **Randy** said people want to know why you know. Last weekend we had over 110 customers. **Keith Parent** noted we used to count them because then we could turn around and tell **Pat** if we think we are getting close. **Councilman Brown** interrupted noting oh I used to too. He continued noting I used to too, but the proper way on that trash truck is you run that cylinder all the way forward to pack her. Let it push itself back. That actually compacts it even better. I can tell when it is full. I used to get 3, 3 weeks to the day, and it has been pretty consistent for the last 2 years. **Keith Parent** noted the problem that I always thought was you've got the truck sitting there and if you are full on Saturday you've got a whole other day. **Councilman Brown** responded oh yeah. You've got to pay attention. I agree with you. **Keith Parent** responded we had (inaudible), we had 2 compactors. Double (inaudible). There were 2 dumpsters, 2 compactors. **Councilman Brown** responded they were 8 yard hoppers. 8 yard dumpsters yup. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they weren't compactors were they. I don't think they were compactors. **Councilman Brown** replied no they were compactors. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they weren't compactors they were dumpsters. **Keith Parent** responded no, no, no where I used to live. Where I worked. **Supervisor Shepler** responded oh I'm sorry where you used to live. **Keith Parent** responded right, I worked for the Highway, but we also ran the Transfer Station. We had 2 separate compactors with boxes to each one, and you know we would run that until they were full. You pulled the switch on that one shut it off. Closed the door. Opened the other door. Start throwing it down the shut there. Once it starts coming up the shut, you hit the button run again. You could go until that one was full. You know that is one of the things that I always worried about over there. What happens at noon on Saturday if you're full? **Councilman Brown** replied luckily it hasn't happened, but I

watch it close, and I know how many ..... I really do keep a close eye on it. **Keith Parent** responded I'm sure, but.. .... **Councilman Brown** noted I haven't had it happen yet. **Supervisor Shepler** noted knock wood. I'm sorry, but I am being superstitious here. **Councilman Brown** noted not yet anyway. **Supervisor Shepler** noted but also, I think **Ed** takes into consideration the age, the wear and tear on the truck, and how much he feels he can actually push it because I don't know how much is left to push quit honestly. It has been a few years since you have been there. **Keith Parent** responded well before I went there, long before I went there, actually when they stopped using it for curbside, it was considered at the end of its life. **Councilman Brown** replied yeah. **Keith Parent** continued noting then it went over there, and it kept going, and before I went to work there it was determined that it was really an unfixable box. And then miraculously you got a welder to fix it, and it stayed in service. And it is still there. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well there is only so many welds that you can put on a weld so. **Councilman Brown** noted excuse me **Susan**. They did repair the driver's side. **Jeff Ackley** did that before he retired, and now that is totally gone again. Right from the back. The whole side. Now it is moving back to the second rail, a couple of feet up. You can go up and look at it. **Keith Parent** noted responded you, you got a good welder, you got a good guy (inaudible), you could patch, patch, patch, but sooner or later you've rebuilt the whole thing and what have you got. **Councilman Brown** noted its gone. **Keith Parent** responded right I'm not saying that I would want to see that stay and not a new one. Not at all. I'm just saying you know. **Councilman Brown** responded it is pretty well gone. It is going to be 22 years old this year. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it has served the Town well I think quite honestly. So back to the Board. Do you have any further discussion? **Doug** do you have any discussion you want? (Inaudible). **Councilman Needham** replied nope. **Supervisor Shepler** asked **Ed** do you have anything else you would like to add? **Councilman Brown** responded no, my main concern was that this 55 would stress us on our finances for the year. You know until our next Budget comes in. That is my main concern. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well I think we are going to be fine, and we don't pay for it until it arrives so we are going to be in good shape I think in that regards. **Keith Parent** noted how long out from the time you ordered it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they are saying probably late fall if we are lucky. They are not giving me a commitment because we haven't given them a committal. So, once we get a commitment. I don't know that they will give us an exact date, but I'll say fall. **Keith Parent** responded one truck is being ordered when I was working for the Town of (inaudible), they said a year and a half, and the boss knew that the dealer had a truck that was to spec around. So he knew that he could have one in a few months. But he didn't let that out of the bag until after everyone approved it. **Councilman Brown** noted they said roughly 15 weeks on the contract. (Inaudible) an estimate. **Keith Parent** noted yeah and that is if everything works out. Sometimes it works, sometimes its better, sometimes its not. **Councilman Brown** noted you don't know. **Supervisor Shepler** asked **Randy** do you have any other discussion about this or any other concerns (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** responded no, my main concern at this point is really just the Fund Balance, and I'll be right up front with you I said I support buying the truck. But, I am going to abstain from tonight's vote just because of the issue with the Fund Balance, and I just feel like I don't know. But if you guys are comfortable voting for it I would say, go right ahead, but this Fund Balance thing is still bothering me. Maybe it is just my lack of understanding. That may be all it is, but that is how I feel so. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no further discussion I would like to call for a Roll Call Vote please.

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes -3 Brown, Needham, Shepler, Nays-o, Abstained=t Galusha**



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**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted thank you, so it passed. I will be in contact with NCL. I will send them all the information this evening (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** made an inaudible comment. **Councilman Galusha** responded yeah, I mean it could be just my lack of understanding about how the accounting works. That could be all it is, but I just somehow I am not getting my head around it. **Supervisor Shepler** asked can I have a motion to adjourn please.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Galusha** the meeting was adjourned at **6:37 pm**.

**Motion Carried: Ayes-4 Brown, Galusha, Needham, Shepler, Nays-0**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan E Staples, Town Clerk**

**June 1, 2021**