

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD MAY 22, 2019 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.....

PRESENT: Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

ABSENT: Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples

The Meeting was called to order at **6:43pm**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde stated there is one Resolution on the agenda, and the other thing I wanted to let the Board know that the Attorney is working on a contract for the Snowmobile Club. They have changed the way deal.....They have changed the way that they give the money out, and the Town is going to have to actually give the Snowmobile Club the \$27,000.00 out of the General Fund. So we have to take Town money and give it to the Club. Then when they cash a check, Then when the check comes in, and we have a picture of it we can send it to the county, and they will reimburse us. Therefore, we'll need a.....It's very similar to what we do at the Thurman Station Association. And we have a contract with them. We enter into a contract, and then we give them.....In that case we also front the money.

Councilwoman Seaman spoke over the **Supervisor** noting I have a question for you. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and so we have a contract in how that money is supposed to be used. So.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting um wait a minute. Before we.....**Supervisor Hyde** replied wait a minute I wasn't done talking. That was an FYI just to let everybody know what is happening, and it will be ready at the next meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting now let's have a little more of an FYI. Apparently every other Snowmobile Club has already been paid, and no contract needed to be signed. This is strictly a pass through. It is already written in the budget for \$27,000.00 for the Snowmobile. We have already passed three Resolutions saying to pay the Snowmobile Club. Please pay the Snowmobile Club. **Supervisor Hyde** replied excuse me, but I do not write....I am sorry....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting and who gave you the right.....Who gave you the authorization to go to the attorney's for contracts? **Supervisor Hyde** responded I don't write....I don't write \$27,000.00 checks out of General Fund money. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated really. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't have the authority to do that without a contract. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied we already passed three Resolutions. In February, March and I believe in April. So why are you refusing, and who gave you permission to go to the law.....The attorneys to ask for a contract that we don't need? A matter of fact we have a contract here.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting I do have....I do have an email from Hauge with their contract that they have with their Snowmobile Club. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted here is an agreement that was made for 2016 with the Snowmobile Club. It is one page. Easy. It is strictly a pass through, and the money is already budgeted. It is not consistent with the TSA

funds because that money is given to the Town. We choose to contract with the TCA for them to spend that money. Not otherwise. **Supervisor Hyde** replied No. Sorry but the agreement between the County and the Town. But the agreement with the County is with the Town. If the Town wanted to use that money and somehow maintain the trails they could. It is exactly the same as the TSA. And without a contract we have no business.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted remarking (inaudible) don't have any equipment. **Councilman Needham** noted you are saying that the Town could take over some of the club then. They could gladly have it. **Supervisor Hyde** continued we have..... I am sorry but I am not going to write a check for \$27,000.00 without a contract. That is not how you conduct business, and my guess is most taxpayers wouldn't want me to do that. You need to have a paper trail. **Councilman Needham** noted good luck there is nothing you can do. This money comes from the County. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they contract with the County. **Supervisor Hyde** stated we are giving them money from our General Fund **Doug**. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I am going to make a motion to pay the Snowmobile Club the \$27,000.00 that we have given them every year as a pass through. **Supervisor Hyde** stated this is different this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and we need to pay them the money. Every other Town has gotten it. We could use, as a matter of fact, this agreement that is just like the ones we have done every other year. We could just change the numbers on it. I'd like to make that motion. Do I have second? **Councilman Needham** stated I will second it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh good we have a second on the floor. A resident asked can you vote on that **Mr. Needham**? **Councilman Needham** responded I am not the President of the club. I am not the Secretary. I am not the Treasurer. I am a member is all. **Supervisor Hyde** noted please no comments from the Board. No comments anymore from the Board please. We are not having privilege of the floor, OK. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we have a motion on the floor to pay the Snowmobile Club the \$27,000.00 that is directly given to the Town by the County for the maintenance of the Snowmobile Trails. Do you have any comments on this, or can we just vote? Well I guess we are going to need to take a vote then. Could you please have a Roll Call Vote. Any questions on this? **Supervisor Hyde** replied well I don't agree with it because we need a contract. We are handing them \$27,000.00 of Town money that the taxpayers have paid. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting it is not Town money. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and it is not proper to give it to somebody.....Just to a person in Stoney Creek without a contract. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated it is not the Town's money. It is the County's. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is most certainly the Town's money that I have.....The General Fund money is.... We don't have any money from the County at this point in time. We only have our Taxpayer money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted because they have to cash the check. That's way the County knows that you actually paid them. So.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted hang on a minute. Let me.....Let me get this.....**Councilwoman Seaman** asked so do you have any other questions? Is there anybody got any questions? Should we pay the Snowmobile Club? We already passed three other Resolutions to pay them. **Supervisor Hyde** noted hold on a minute please. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued all of them that you wrote. Oh, here we go. I would like to show this to **Brenda**. Here I would like to show this to **Brenda**. **Councilwoman Seaman** remarked only to **Brenda**. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well I can't show it to you all at the same time. Here is the agreement between the Town of Hague.....**Councilman Needham** interrupted noting agreement between the Town of Hauge. It is not a contract. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated agreement. It's an agreement. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and they don't get their money.....The agreement between the Town of Hague and the Hague Snowgoers. And they don't get as much. They only get \$9,000.00. So before they give the Snowgoers the money they enter into an agreement, and that is how it is done. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I'll tell you what. I say you print that agreement out, change the names,

and the dollar amount. And we'll authorize you to sign that. So that we can pay them. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well we can't do that either because you don't know that the Snowgoers and the Thurman Connection are one and the same sort of entity. That is one of the reasons we have an attorney.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting why are you trying to not give them the money? **Councilman Needham** noted why would not be? We are Warren County. It is Warren County money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it is Warren County's money. It is not the Town's. **Councilman Needham** noted it is the Town's equipment. It is Warren County's money. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they want to make sure that you have paid them before they give you the money. **Supervisor Hyde** responded I am sorry, but I am not in agreement with handing \$27,000.00 over to a club until we have an agreement. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated but you know what the question is on the floor. So we need to vote on it. And let me remind the Town Clerk that according to this the Supervisor is one of fi.....Only one of five Board Members. It is not necessary to have her approval in order to vote on a Resolution by Kristin O'Neil Association of Towns open meeting laws March 13, 2019. Would you please call the Roll Call. The **Town Clerk** stated well I am not even sure if, first of all if **Doug** should recusing himself on this.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating you don't have to be sure. The **Town Clerk** noted you are right I don't have to be. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated you just need to call the vote. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I don't think he is part of the Snowmobile Club anymore. Are you in any way (inaudible) of the Snowmobile Club. The **Town Clerk** stated he's a member. He just said he is a member. **Councilman Needham** stated I am a member. **Supervisor Hyde** asked you are a member? The **Town Clerk** repeated he is a member. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated like everybody else is the Town. The **Town Clerk** noted no, everybody else is Town is not a member. **Supervisor Hyde** asked are you an active member of Thurman Connections. **Councilman Needham** stated I am not the President. I am not the Secretary. The **Town Clerk** noted he is an active member. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I would say that is a conflict of interest. Yes the **Town Clerk** responded. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is up to him to decide. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you are voting to give your club money out of the General Fund with no agreement. **Councilman Needham** interrupted noting it is not my club. **Councilwoman Seaman** also interrupted noting it is not his club. **Supervisor Hyde** stated let me clarify that again. He is part of this club. He wants to vote to give the club that is part of \$27,000.00 without an agreement. That doesn't make a whole lot of sense legally, or ethically or any other kind of way. That is not how the thing is done. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes, actually it is. He has no conflicting interest. He doesn't handle any of the moneys. So call the vote. The **Town Clerk** note OK we want to call a Roll Call Vote. **Councilwoman Ackley** stated I say we table it. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded no the money has..... I say we have to.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted I agree with that. The **Town Clerk** noted OK we have two to table. Resolution tabled. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued money has to be paid to the.....To the Town. **Supervisor Hyde** noted by next week....By next meeting the contract will be ready. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting we don't need. We are voting on an agreement. **Supervisor Hyde** continued we can vote on in a proper way. The **Town Clerk** noted you had two table it. It is tabled. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied no. We don't have to table it dear. You don't get to make the decision. The **Town Clerk** stated you don't either. They did. They made it for us. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted so we don't.....So **Brenda** we don't need to make....To vote on this. What.....Do you have any questions? **Councilwoman Ackley** noted **Cynthia** does have a point. If there is no contract or anything so. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what about this agreement that has been good for the last I don't know how many years? And we can say.....**Councilwoman Ackley** asked wait a minute. Was it used last year the same (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes it was. It was used last year. **Supervisor Hyde**

noted this is a whole different scenario then it was any other year. They use to give us the money. We didn't give them the money until we had the money from the County. Now we have to give them the money before we get the money. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting that is because the County has.....**Supervisor Hyde** continued we are dipping into our operating money out of the General Fund, and giving them.....We are fronting them \$27,000.00 just exactly the same way as we front the TSA.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating no. **Supervisor Hyde** continued their money, and every year.....So instead of it being like it used to be it's like the Occupancy Tax money. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no it is not. **Supervisor Hyde** it is always.....The Occupancy Tax money was given to the TSA, and it was fronted out of the General Fund. However, we always have a contract before we do that. Each year we have a contract. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no. OK, and the TSA or TCA is totally different because the money regardless is given to the Town (inaudible) Occupancy Tax, and that money doesn't come in until October. And then another little bit comes in probably in February or March. However, this is strictly a pass through. They are going to give you the 27,000 as soon as the check comes in. There is no waiting. They just want to see the check. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked when is this.....In previous years, like when has it been paid? **Councilwoman Seaman** replied January, February. **Councilman Needham** noted February we had it. **Supervisor Hyde** replied no, it was paid in April last year. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that is because you chose to, but it was always due in February. **Supervisor Hyde** responded all the towns that are.....Not all the towns in Warren County are involved in this. There are a few towns, and everybody.....It was done differently, and why it was done differently I have no clue. But they decided to do it differently, and so I did not check with Stoney Creek I think they are the only ones.....No it can't be there has to be someone else, but I did check with the Town of Hauge, and I asked what do you do? And they do a contract. That was the attorney's recommendation. He said you want a paper trail. You know in case of an audit. You want a good paper trail as to where that money went. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the paper trail is the County will give you the check as soon as you give.....**Councilman Needham** interrupted noting the money is sitting there. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated it has been sitting there for months waiting for you to approve, and give them the check. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't.....I don't.... I'm sorry I don't write checks.....I do not.....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting this agreement has been used every single year. She continued I do understand that the people who support you don't want the snowmobilers on their land, and would like to see them go out of business. **Supervisor Hyde** replied that has nothing to do with anything. I don't write.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted that is not what we do in this Town. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't write \$27,000.00 checks that I have no authorization to write. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied you have been authorized. We are giving you authorization to do that. We have actually passed a Resolutions three times telling you to pay the Snowmobile Club. **Supervisor Hyde** responded as **Mrs. Seaman** stated at the meeting last month, I was going to bring this up last month. However, she left before we could conduct business. That is another reason it is going on three months. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting **Cynthia** you didn't say that you where even going to the attorney until a week after that meeting. So what....How could you have brought something up that you didn't know anything about? Cause you emailed us after that meeting saying that you were getting the attorney to write out a contract, and nobody from the meeting gave you authorization to talk to the attorney and spend money. Just....I mean we use this contract, this agreement every year. I think we should use that agreement and we should pay them their money so that the County can give the Town back the money. Because they are waiting for the check. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked who is the president of the Snowmobile Club? **Councilwoman Seaman** repeated who is the president? **Councilman Needham**

replied Ken Brooks. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked so can we vote on this tonight? **Brenda** do you see any reason why we can't use the same agreement? **Councilwoman Ackley** replied I have another question for **Cynthia**. So there has to be....There is a different contract? This one isn't suitable? **Supervisor Hyde** replied I don't even know what that one says. That....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating you signed it last year. **Supervisor Hyde** continued (while looking at the contract) I don't see....I don't know where this came from. I didn't.....I don't know that I have ever seen it. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied that is the last one that was written for them. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that doesn't look a whole lot like what Hague (inaudible). I sent the one from Hague to Mark Schachtner. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her with **Councilman Needham** then noted so you didn't even have them sign an agreement last year you just gave them the money. So it was OK to write that check last year without an agreement signed. This was the last agreement signed by the Snowmobile Club. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't see anything signed here. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted a no, this is a copy of the bank.....**Supervisor Hyde** replied well that is here say since we don't know that to be true. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting oh yes it is. Is this a true copy of the one you received to sign? **Councilman Needham** noted (inaudible) the one we have used for the last 20 years as far as I can remember. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied thank you. **Councilman Needham** continued I have on dated back with **Evelyn Wood's** name on it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted so you handed out \$27,000.00 last year. **Supervisor Hyde** noted did you hear what I said? This is a whole different scenario this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting with no agreement and it was OK. **Councilman Needham** noted no agreement at all last year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted no agreement at all last year, but it was OK to spend Town money last year. So what is your excuse for wanting to try to....Are you trying to get rid of the Snowmobile Club? Is that the idea? **Councilwoman Ackley** asked why is it a different scenario this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah why is it this year. **Supervisor Hyde** responded because we never had to give them the Town money. We got the money from the County. We got a check in the mail from the County for \$27,000.00. **Councilman Needham** responded right. **Supervisor Hyde** continued then we put it in the bank. Then we gave it to them. This year we don't get the money. We have to front them the money. **Councilman Needham** interrupted noting the money is sitting in the County. As soon as she shows them the bank.....The cashed check, they will give her the money. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and because we are using Taxpayer money.....She was asking me, and I am being interrupted. So the attorney who.....Attorneys are usually the people most up on what is legal and proper.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and the best thing to do, and his recommendation is a contract which is also what the Hague people did, and so I have a tendency to like to do things the proper way,.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting except for last year. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and the way the most protects the people of this Town. And as far as.....When it comes to that you guys can do whatever you want, but I will not budge on doing what is proper, and legal, and right. That is all there is to it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted in other words if we pass a Resolution you are going to ignore it. We might as well pass it. **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting everybody else can do what they want. I want legal, proper and what is best for the Taxpayers to protect them. **Councilman Needham** noted this has nothing to do with the Taxpayers. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it is legal. North Warren and South Warren have their money. Hauge. It has nothing to do with the Taxpayers of Thurman because the County....The County....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting it most.....\$27,000.00 of taxpayer money has to be fronted. So yes it does have to do with their money. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied for one day because Warren County wants to make sure you have actually given them the check. Maybe they are interested in making sure

that you have given them the check. That is what they want proof of. **Supervisor Hyde** noted here we go. Here we go. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked how long.....So if we give them this money how long does it take to get it back from the County? **Councilman Needham** stated the next day. **Supervisor Hyde** stated well we can't get it back until we get the bank statement, and we get a picture.....We have to take a picture of it. They have to cash it. Then we have to get a picture of the check. Then I have to take the picture of the check or I have to send the picture of the check down to the Auditor at the County. Then they will.....I don't know once they get that I can't say well they are going to give it to us the next day. **Councilman Needham** interrupted noting (inaudible) 10 minutes. **Councilwoman Seaman** note 10 minutes because it is all online. **Supervisor Hyde** continued because for instance I have had checks that I don't know how long. I don't know how long. I don't know what their time frame is on that. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting the same day because as soon as the bank post the picture online it is available online, and you just print it off or send it to the County. It takes less than one day. Ten minutes. **Supervisor Hyde** replied I don't know how long it takes the County to reimburse. I don't know the answer to that. They did not say well once we get the picture we are going to send you in a week, two weeks, three weeks, one day. 24 hours. I don't know. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well every other place has gotten their money. You have waited five months now. **Supervisor Hyde** replied I would have brought it up at the last meeting, but we were not able to conduct business at the last meeting because we didn't have a quorum. **Councilwoman Seaman** we actually....You didn't conduct any of this business, and these have already been past debated. **Supervisor Hyde** replied I'm sorry **Mrs. Seaman**, but you walked out, and we were not able to conduct anything at that meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating that has nothing to do with this. She continued here is an agreement we could sign, and have you sign with the Snowmobile Club so you can give them their check. All written out (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** stated I am sorry, but agreements from the past aren't necessarily (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** talked over her noting like I said last year you didn't have them sign anything, and you gave them a \$27,000.00 check. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it looks like I have to sign it. I am not going to sign an agreement unless the attorney has approved it. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated if the Board tells you to sign it you have to sign it. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I will not sign an agreement that the Attorney has not approved. Do you hear me Taxpayers. I will not sign a contract that the Attorney has not approved. Shall I say it one more time. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated **Cynthia** if you don't want to do the duties of office resign. **Supervisor Hyde** responded my duty is to keep the Taxpayer safe. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting you have to carry out the Resolutions of the Board. If you feel that it is an error.....If you don't agree with it then resign your position because you are dutilly.....You have to carry out the Board Resolutions. That is the law. That is your duty of office. A resident asked does that mean when you don't pay bills you should resign **Mrs. Seaman**? **Supervisor Hyde** stated I really don't want the comments from the floor. That is a really good point though. **Councilwoman Seaman** remarked no. **Supervisor Hyde** continued **Mrs. Seaman** doesn't think it is necessary to pay bills, but she wants me to sign a contract that has not been approved. That does not make sense. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated **Cynthia** could you stay on topic? Here you go dear. Here is an agreement that we are happy for you to sign to have the Snowmobile Club sign. Give them their check. So do you feel comfortable voting on this **Brenda**? **Councilwoman Ackley** responded I don't know considering how things are different this year. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I don't know what is different? It is not Town money, it is County money, but they are trying to force the Snowmobile Club out I guess. Because that is what they want to do because Heaven knows Mary doesn't want them coming down Bear Pond Road. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are not having privilege of the floor please .

Keep your comments to yourself. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they can come down Shannahan Mary. I don't go out like your family does and threaten people to get off their land. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Mrs. Seaman** because she is a Board Member she can run her mouth as much as she likes. Did I just ask people not to comment from the floor, and I am not kidding. She's a Board Member. If she wants to sit up here, and say these things then we can't stop her OK. You people I can stop, and I am stopping you because I don't want....I do not want rude things or anything said from that floor so please no more we are not even having privilege of the floor. We are going to try and get through this business, and whatever she wants to say we are forced to have to listen to her so please be quiet. Thank you.

Councilwoman Seaman asked so you want to table it rather than vote on it? **Councilwoman Ackley** asked are you speaking to me or to her? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yeah you. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted yeah, I say table it. I mean it is not even signed by either person. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well no, this is one I printed off. The dates would have to be changed, and it would have to be filled in, and she would be instructed to have them sign it prior to signing the check. **Supervisor Hyde** noted another point the Snowmobile Club wants to see the contract before anything happens. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated this is not a contract this is the same agreement that they have signed. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I know that was requested by what's her name.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted but again remember **Cynthia** wrote a check out for \$27,000.00 last year with no agreement signed. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Sue Brooks**. **Sue Brooks** asked she wants to see the contract before she signs it. So that.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted like I said **Cynthia** wrote a check out for \$27,000.00 to the Snowmobile Club last year with no Resolution, no signed agreement. She just wrote the check. I think we should write the check, and have this agreement signed. They can sign it before they receive the check. Putting of course the correct dates. It is a pass through. The County has to make sure the Town actually gave them the money. They don't want the Town's misusing the funds because it is County money. It is Snowmobile money strictly for the snowmobile clubs. It has to go to the clubs. **Councilman Needham** noted if it doesn't go to the clubs it goes nowhere. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated so can we at least call the vote? The **Town Clerk** stated it has already been tabled. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I agree with **Brenda**. We have two people who want to table it, and two people who want to vote on it. I guess that is what it sounds like.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted so you don't want to vote on it then **Brenda**? **Supervisor Hyde** continued I agree that it needs to be tabled until next month which is when it was going to be brought up anyway. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked so by next month you can have a contract signed? **Supervisor Hyde** replied no, I can have a contract. I can have shown it to Thurman.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting we have to see the contract first. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I can have the contract written. I can have the Thurman Connections look at it, and be comfortable with it. Then I bring it to the Town Board, and the Town Board will approve the contract then we sign it. Then we write them a check. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** no contract is supposed to be given to anybody until the Board approves it. **Supervisor Hyde** noted oh. That is right. That is what we are trying to do. We are trying to.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupting noting no you said exactly the opposite. **Supervisor Hyde** continued the Town Attorney is going to write a contract. Present it to me. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupting noting doesn't mean we accept it. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I am going to present it to the Board like I send every other thing that we have to do business with. I think **Brenda** will agree that I have always included all of you people.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating no you don't. **Supervisor Hyde** continue so then we bring it to the table. Then we will vote on to give them their money. In the contract. Just like any other contract. Just like the Thurman Station Association one. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting so in this contract what

have you.....What have you.....The Thurman Station didn't.....Our attorney didn't write that contract. The Thurman Station wrote that contract. Isn't that an interesting thought? As a matter of fact that is the type of topic we are going to have to touch on too. Because I want to know where the playground equipment is. I haven't seen any brought yet. And that is supposed to be done before the concerts. And that was how that contract was written on for them. The Thurman Station is nothing and the TCA is nothing like the Snowmobile Club. **Supervisor Hyde** asked how much longer are we going to talk about this? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well.....**Supervisor Hyde** responded I am sure the people in this room have things that they would like to do tonight. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied well I'd like to get people paid that are supposed to be paid. OK so we have two that don't want to pay the Snowmobile Club. **Supervisor Hyde** noted do I have a motion. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting I'd like to make a motion on the Resolution that I have to get the septic system.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted stating excuse me, but I am going to stick with the agenda. The Resolution..... Excuse me. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued interrupting noting no I already made a motion **Cynthia**. **Supervisor Hyde** stated the Resolution that is on the agenda will be brought up first. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting I made a motion **Cynthia**. **Supervisor Hyde** again asked do I have a motion to get the claims paid on the floor. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no we need to do that afterwards. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I make a motion do I have a second to get a Resolution to pay the claims on the floor? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I made a motion.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked do I have a second? I have no second to get a Resolution to pay the claims on the floor. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted continuing noting to (inaudible) the septic system **Cynthia**. **Supervisor Hyde** asked I have no second to pay the claims on the floor. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I have already made a motion to put a Resolution on the floor to get the septic system taken care of. So I think we need to do this. The **Town Clerk** stated actually **Cynthia** made her motion prior to you. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I didn't hear any motion. The **Town Clerk** noted she said I make a motion prior to **Gail** saying I make a motion. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I made a motion to bring the Resolution to pay the claims to the floor. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating I make a motion to table it then until after the other Resolutions. **Supervisor Hyde** continued do I have a second? Nobody wants to get the bills paid please? We have two credit cards in here that are going to be late if you don't pay the bills. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we can pay after we deal with the rest of the Resolutions. **Supervisor Hyde** stated OK I don't have a second so I guess I cannot bring the one Resolution that was on the agenda on the floor so (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting now I would like to make a Resolution. Whereas the Town Board previously passed Resolution 27 directing the Supervisor..... **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting wait a minute is there a motion on this? You can't just can't start reading. Is there a motion on the floor? **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating I'd like to make a motion. Do I have a second to get this on the floor? **Councilman Needham** stated I will second it. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied thank you. The Resolution.

Resolution # 42

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

Resolution

Whereas the Town Board has previously passed Resolution #27 directing the Town Supervisor to have the Town Engineers inspect and certify the Town septic system, and

Whereas the Town Board is legal..... Is the legal governing body of the Town as per the laws of the state of New York, and

Whereas the Town Highway Department has previously done excavation work for the Town when needed, and

Whereas the Town Attorneys works for the entire Town Board not one single member, and

Whereas the Town Supervisor has stated she will not follow legally adopted resolutions because the Town Attorneys have non-specified.....Have specified questions regarding the resolution, therefore

BE IT RESOLEVED that the Town Board directs that a copy of Resolution #27 and a copy of the Letter with the Cost Estimates from Cedarwood Engineering dated February 21, 2019 along with this Resolution be forwarded to the Town Attorneys Miller, Mannix, Schachner an Hafner by the Town Clerk no later than the end of business on Friday May 24, 2019, And

Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Attorneys are directed to write a Resolution, for the Town Board, accepting the Town Engineers proposals, including the specific timelines and progress updates to be presented to the Board, as noted in Resolution #27, to be reviewed and discussed at the June Regular meeting, and

Be it further resolved that the source of funding will be identified as coming from the Contingency Account expense code 19904.1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any questions arise regarding this Resolution that said questions be emailed to all Board Members to seek accurate interpretation, if necessary, a special meeting can be requested, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Town Attorney finds anything in this Resolution questionable it will be considered that all parts will be in full force and followed until addressed separately at the next Regular Board Meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because accurate information is not forwarded to the Town Board in a timely manner the Town Attorneys are directed that from this day forward all correspondence between the Town Supervisor, the Town of Thurman and the Town Attorneys Miller, Mannix, Schachner and Hafner whether by email, U. S. mail, fax or phone (a summery) will be emailed to each individual board member at the same time at which it is sent or received by any party, the Town Clerk will supply all email addresses to the Town Attorney with this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED because the Town Supervisor has refused to follow adopted Resolutions the Town Attorneies are directed to explain in writing to the Town Supervisor her duties regarding following adopted Board Resolutions, and the consequences of her repeated refusal to follow said Resolutions. A copy of which to be forwarded to each Board member.

Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman asked discussion. **Supervisor Hyde** noted yes. First I would like to point out that the Supervisor never stated that she would not follow legally adopted Resolutions. She only stated that she would not follow non-valid.....Resolutions that were not valid. And there.....Feel free, but this Resolution is full of holes. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and you know what I think we will let the attorney look at it (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting it is also going to be a very

expensive Resolution by the time you get done. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted hey that is what you want. You told them you will refuse to follow Resolution #27, and you said they had to do it so (inaudible). (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** stated the Town Supervisor has never refused to follow Resolutions that were legal. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded there it is. Any adopted Board Resolution is legal. **Supervisor Hyde** noted unfortunately many of the Resolutions that were brought like for instance, let's use as an example, that the Town Employees can't use the bathroom. That can't be enforced. There are many such Resolutions written by **Mrs. Seaman** that were not proper so I cannot follow them. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the **Supervisor** stating **Cynthia** do you have anything of substance to say on this. **Supervisor Hyde** continued they are not proper. So I cannot follow anything that is doesn't make sense or is not proper, or is not legal. And I still can't. I can't do that. I can't do that, and.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating good thing is that you don't have to do anything. The **Town Clerk** is directed to do this. To send it to the attorney. So that way the Board will know exactly what the attorney thinks, and all correspondence on this then will be directed to all Board Members so we will know what is going on. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I think you are going to find that you are not going to like the answer that you get from the attorney, and this is going to be a very expensive Resolution with all these terms in here to have the attorney do this and that, and this and that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and you are spending money unnecessarily because this is really a Resolution that seems to be more about **Mrs. Seaman** making..... **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting oh because you won't.....you won't.....you won't follow the one we wrote. **Supervisor Hyde** continued saying bad things about me than about proper Town business is what it appears to be. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated this is town business. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and I would recommend that this.....I certainly do not support this Resolution in any way, shape or form. And I would be happy to send.....If that is what the Board wants. If they want me to send this Resolution to the Town Attorney. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked any other comments or questions. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted I have a question. So this pretty much boils down to not certifying the septic correct. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated this boils down to getting it certified. She won't. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted my question is for **Cynthia**. So why won't you not certify the septic? **Supervisor Hyde** asked why would I not cert.....When did we ever talk about certifying the septic. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted here you go. When Resolution # 27. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted we passed a Resolution (inaudible) actually. **Supervisor Hyde** asked when did....What.....Who said besides **Gail** that we were supposed to certify the Resolution. Certify the septic That was never even a question to certify.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating yes it was. **Supervisor Hyde** continued that was not anything that was even brought up by the Department of Health. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and the reason it was evaluated **Brenda** is because no one asked. They waited until the last minute, and the last.....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the **Supervisor** noting Cedarwood's letter is right here. Based on the phone conversation and discussion with the NY State Department of Health the following is Cedarwood Engineering proposal to fully evaluate and document the Town Halls septic system. You were supposed to do it in 2017. 2018. **Supervisor Hyde** stated evaluate and certify are two different words **Gail** with two different meanings. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted evaluate and document and certify the septic system. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Gail** certify and evaluate are two different words **Gail**. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied oh we are going to try to split a hair. You were told to certify the septic system. **Supervisor Hyde** replied do you have any idea? I don't. Who ever asked us to certify our septic system. Show me in writing were somebody said you need to certify your septic system in order to have a party were you serve the public. **Councilwoman Seaman**

stated Department of Health. **Supervisor Hyde** continued show me somewhere were it says you need to certify your septic system. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked are you done? **Supervisor Hyde** noted that was never an issue. No one asked us to certify the septic system. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it is an issue. That is why the Board of Health food permits have been withheld by the Department of Health.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting that has nothing to do with it. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued because you do not have a documented certified septic system so that is why we could not have the Jack Wax party, remember. **Supervisor Hyde** responded prove....Show were we said anything about certifying a septic system. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her stating you said you weren't going to have the septic system certified for any party of Susan Shepler. That was the exact comment. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I know what I am talking about. No one said for the septic system to be certified. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes they did. That is why we didn't have the Jack Wax party. That is why the children were not able to have the Hallow....The Easter party also. Would you like to try for Halloween also. This way the attorneys can do it. Any other questions or comments. **Supervisor Hyde** replied yes. If these people want to spend this amount of money on nonsense. If you want to give the attorney all kinds of nonsense work on the taxpayers dime then go right ahead. I however do not approve of paying the taxpayers' money on a bunch of nonsense to have the Town Attorney do because you are trying to prove some point. And I believe the point that you are trying to prove is that you want to be critical, and demeaning, and degrading to a certain person on this Board, and that is basically the extent of your Resolution. This isn't proper. This doesn't even make sense. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting yeah it is does. It make total sense because you see once an attorney writes the Resolution you haven't got a leg to stand on. You have to get it take care of. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it is not....Go ahead. I am telling you I do not support it. I see a lot of holes in it. I see things that don't belong in a Resolution. That....Resolutions are about conducting business. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting yup, that is what it is conducting business. **Supervisor Hyde** continued they are not about putting other people down. They are not about any of that, and I think anybody that has noticed my Resolutions has never point out anything. I mean it is ridiculous. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting oh. No. Absolutely not one. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I am just saying I don't support it. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied good. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we will be very interested to see what kind of attorney bill this runs up. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted not half as much as you have already run up with no Board approval to do it. So this way we will know what you are doing, and running the bills up and get more of an answer when I ask what was this bill for, and you said attorney services. OK well now we will know. **Supervisor Hyde** asked did you get for the record that I do not support this (inaudible)? The **Town Clerk** replied yes I do. I have not received any copies of these Resolutions. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted can we call for a vote. The **Town Clerk** continued I don't have a copy of the Resolution. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that is OK I have a copy for you. The **Town Clerk** responded no you never give me copies of your Resolutions. **Councilwoman Seaman** claimed I always hand you copies. The **Town Clerk** stated no you do not. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I would like to add to that that I was not given this Resolution until tonight. I noticed that **Mrs. Shepler** was given to it even prior to me, and I happen to be the Town Supervisor and **Mrs. Seaman** didn't seem to think that it was necessary to share a Resolution that she wanted to blindsides and bully everybody into passing. She didn't see any point in sharing with me, and I believe the reason is she does not want me to be prepared because she knows if I see her Resolutions before she knows that I will be able to tear them apart. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh right. You saw the Resolution #27. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and that is why she blindsides us with these Resolutions. She does not want anybody to see them ahead

of time because that gives them the chance to read them, look them over, and find out if they are OK not OK all that good stuff. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting can we have a vote please. Can you call the vote. **Supervisor Hyde** continued that is why she doesn't share them with the rest of the Board, or the Town Clerk or the public. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated **Susan** can you call the vote please. **Supervisor Hyde** continued there might be public.....I know everybody doesn't know how things are done. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating we need to call a vote **Cynthia**. **Supervisor Hyde** noted excuse me I am still discussing. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah you are not discussing anything. You are holding the meeting up. **Supervisor Hyde** continued there are people in this town that would be able to read this, and see that it is not proper. And so that is why these are held back until the very last minute, and it is absolutely not respectful to the people of this town. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting full disclosure you knew exactly what Resolution #27 was. Can we have a vote please. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I am done with my discussion on it.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Needham, Seaman, Nays~1 Hyde, Abstain~1 Ackley

Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman stated that means that there is no certified septic system, and no children's parties. Thank you for the for the abstention. OK there is another Resolution to get on the board because we have to advertise for an Assessor. Do I have a second please. **Councilman Needham** noted I will second it. **Supervisor Hyde** stated excuse me please. Where do I have....I don't have any such Resolution. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted this was brought to the table a couple of months ago.....Or brought to the meeting, and it was tabled. **Supervisor Hyde** asked where is....Has any.....**Councilwoman Seaman** replied here is a copy of it dear. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't even have one. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yes you do. **Supervisor Hyde** stated oh now I have one. The **Town Clerk** noted I don't have one either. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied oh no I will give you one when I get it....When I finish reading it. The **Town Clerk** responded I would like to have it as you are reading it so I can make notes on it. I would like to have it as you are reading so I can make notes on it please. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded well you don't want to make notes on the only one you have. The **Town Clerk** noted well you should email me a word copy also. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I don't email word copies because.....The **Town Clerk** aske because why. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated because you won't change any of the word copies, and I lock them so that there can be no editing done. The **Town Clerk** stated I don't edit things. **Councilwoman Seaman** answered well just in case. **Supervisor Hyde** asked did any of the Town Board think to find out what the protocol was for this. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yup, yup. Now the Resolution, let's read it.

Resolution # 43

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

Resolution

Whereas the Town of Thurman Sole Assessor position ends in September 2019, and

Whereas the Town Board is governing body of the Town per the Law of the State of New York, and

Whereas the Town Board is required to fill the position of Sole Assessor, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to place a add seeking letters of interest and proposals from qualified Assessors for the position of Sole Assessor for the Town of Thurman in the Post Star and Sun papers as well as being posted on the home page of the Town website, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all letters are to be addressed to the attention of the Town Board and will be opened and reviewed at the July Regular meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the add read as follows

Town of Thurman seeking to fill position of Sole Assessor for term beginning 10/1/2019

All applicants must meet NYS requirements for the position. Please submit letters of interest,

Qualifications and proposals to the Thurman Town Board for consideration. Letters will be

reviewed at the July and August Regular Meeting and should be addressed to Thurman Town

Board, 311 Athol Road, NY 12810

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde stated I would like to comment that I went down to Real Property, and I spoke with the head of Real Property, and I asked them what the protocol was for doing this. And she informed me that it was a little too early to start that. She recommends possibly starting to talk about that in June, and we....I would also like to note that we have a fully qualified Assessor.....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the Supervisor noting nobody says we don't. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and that Assessor.....What is typical I believe in other towns they first consider their Assessor. If there Assessor is a good one and they are qualified, but I haven't had a chance to really look into how other towns do it because I was told this is a little early yet to bring this up, and I haven't really conducted all my homework yet. And I usually like to do my homework before I bring a Resolution to the floor. Unfortunately I could not do homework on this because I was not aware that this Resolution was going to be brought up tonight, and it was only just handed to me about 2 minutes ago. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted it was supposed to be brought up last month. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it was supposed to be brought up last time, and we have spoken about it for three months running now. **Supervisor Hyde** responded that is because you blindsiding everybody. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting because..... No, no. **Supervisor Hyde** continued **Mrs. Seaman** it is my guess that you don't know how it is done either. So you want.....This is a personal vendetta against our Assessor, and you know that. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded I don't.....Does anywhere in here say that Tuck can't apply? **Supervisor Hyde** replied no it doesn't say that. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated it is the duty of the Board to get as many qualified applicants as possible so we can make an informed decision. Do you not want us to make an informed decision? **Supervisor Hyde** responded well I think we have an excellent.....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her stating do you not want us to make an informed decision? **Supervisor Hyde** asked why would we get rid of an Assessor that we have as long as they are qualified, and a good Assessor? **Councilwoman Seaman** continued to interrupt noting you don't want us to make an informed decision. **Supervisor Hyde** continued that is not how it works. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** I asked you....We need to make an informed decision. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I know that is how you tried to have it work in 2017. **Councilman Needham** noted who said we are getting rid of him? We are doing this the proper way. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted this is the proper

way. We have to advertise. **Supervisor Hyde** asked where do you get your information on the proper way because I don't know what the proper way is.....**Councilman Needham** interrupted noting we do this because he has been here.....This is the same (inaudible as Supervisor Hyde continued). **Supervisor Hyde** continued this doesn't have to be done until September why are we doing it in May? Why are we doing this in May when it isn't until September 30th that the term is up? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated because it takes time. **Councilman Needham** noted it take time for letters of interest that is another month. (Inaudible) to the Board that is two months. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you want the letters of interest in July. Are you going to appoint your new Assessor in July? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated we could, but we don't have too. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you have one. You can't appoint somebody in July. You have an Assessor until September 30th. How are you going to appoint somebody in July if you already have an Assessor until September 30th? **Councilman Needham** noted nobody said we were. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what was that? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked where does it say we are going to appoint in him in July? **Councilman Needham** noted where does it say we are going to appoint? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted where does it say we are going to appoint him. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why are you doing this so early when.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting other towns did it three months ago. **Supervisor Hyde** asked which towns? **Councilwoman Seaman** replied there are other towns that have sent out.....They were in the newspaper unless you don't read. Well that is possible. **Supervisor Hyde** asked which towns did it. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied I can't remember off the top of my head at the moment, but when I brought it up three months ago.....I think the Town of (inaudible) and.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted alright, whatever. If you guys want to seek letters of interest be my guest. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded oh goody. Thank you for your okey dokey to pass a Resolution that we have the ability to do without you. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked what is the term for Sole Assessor, two years? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated 4 years. **Supervisor Hyde** stated 6. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh it is 6. I thought it was 4. **Supervisor Hyde** repeated 6. So you want to make sure you know what you are doing when you appoint an Assessor because it's a.....Let me say that nice and loud it is a 6 year term. You want appoint somebody that knows what they are doing. Is on the up an up, and is doing it for everybody in town. It is a very important position. It affects the Budget. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating yeah it does. **Supervisor Hyde** continued it affects our sales tax. You want a good Assessor, an once you appoint him you are stuck with him for 6 years. Just be aware that this is a very, very important decision. It is not a decision to be entered into lightly. It is not a decision toFor a Board Member to bully ahead without doing all the proper homework. That is my opinion. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what proper homework? This is seeking letters of interest. **Councilwoman Ackley** asked an inaudible question. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted he doesn't (inaudible) on anything. **Supervisor Hyde** noted no, not his 6 years. He has been an.....He was an elected Assessor. He has been an elected Assessor for probably something like 16 years, and in 2016.....Well several times over the last....Oh God it's been.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting before you.....Can we..... **Supervisor Hyde** stated can I please answer her question. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well we are getting off the topic of the Resolution. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I am trying to answer her question. In that time.....We had three elected system, and several times, I believe it was three times throughout the years, it came up form different Town Boards about going to Sole Appointed. You could either have 3 elected or you could have Sole Appointed. Obviously the elected get elected by the people. The Soles Appointed gets appointed by the Board. So in order....Three times different Town Boards brought in to vote.....It was put on the ballot in November along with the election. Three times it was voted down. Then in 2016 the Town Board, they didn't put it up for a vote,

they decided on their own, the 2016 Board that they were going to Sole Assessor. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting no, we didn't decide on our own. There was.....no. **Supervisor Hyde** continued when you go to Sole Appointed there was no vote. There was a public hearing. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting there was a public hearing and everything else. **Supervisor Hyde** continued so then they had....So then they hadThat is a local law. In order to go to Sole Assessor you have to have a local law. And so they passed a local law and they decided to go to Sole Appointed so by the time they did that, let's see 16, 17, 18, 19 there was only.....There was three years and a couple of months left of a six year term. And the Town Board in 2016 actually appointed another Assessor. Unfortunately, or fortunately actually, they were unable to do that legally because we had three sitting elected Assessors. And so when they tried to appoint somebody to a seat that was already held by three elected it wasn't able to fly. And so in 2017 the Board that year was able to.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating fire the Assessor, and appoint a new one. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting no that is not what happened. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that is what you did. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the Board in 2016 had no authority to appoint somebody. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating yes we did. **Supervisor Hyde** continued they did, but that wasn't a legal thing. And both.....**Mr. Birdsall** actually wrote a letter of interest to the Town Board in 2016. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating no he did not. **Supervisor Hyde** continued as well as.....He was willing to come and work like he works now. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated he did not write a letter of interest. **Supervisor Hyde** continued and then the Johnsbury Assessor wanted to work here, and he was only going to be able to work on Fridays. And so in the end **Mr. Birdsall** was appointed the Sole Appointed Assessor I think it was in January. Actually I think it was actually in February of 2017. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting because he (inaudible) some peoples assessments. **Supervisor Hyde** continued so he is finishing off the term. So whoever.....All sole appointed Assessors in the county, and maybe the state, I think it is the state start their new term on September 30th, and it will last for 6 years. So that is a key thing 6 years. So you really want to make sure that you get somebody that is qualified. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that means being that it is that important you want enough time to make sure that you get as many applications and resumes and letters of interest and proposals as possible to make that best decision that is so important for the Town. Nobody said the current Assessor couldn't apply. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I really would like to know which Town Boards are already.....**Councilwoman Seaman** stated the Town of Moreau has already put out for letters of interest in February it was. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I'll bet you.....I'll bet you I know what happened. They probably already appointed their Assessor that they had already because they had faith in him. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you know I don't know what they did. **Supervisor Hyde** continued but my guess is that the people who appointed the Assessor appointed the Assessor that they probably already have because I can't imagine why they would appoint somebody new to the job if they weren't starting until September. That doesn't make any sense. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the **Supervisor** noting but I can say that per the law....she continued per the law our due diligence is to make sure that we advertise so that we don't just play those back door politics, and hand somebody it because they are their buddy. You know we have to make sure that it is clear and above board that we have looked at everyone. **Supervisor Hyde** noted they have to be cert.....They have to have all this education, and anybody that...Anybody that is looking to be the Sole Appointed Assessor you have to take all of their education an qualifications and that has to be sent to the State. And the State has to approve it. So you can't just appoint anybody. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting what do you think.....What do you think this says? Duly qualified by the State of New York. **Supervisor Hyde** replied right, but the State

actually.....It isn't that you get to say yeah he is duly qualified by the State of New York. The State of New York actually has to say that. You have to send them all the information. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that is what it asks for. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I am just telling you that that actually means that all their education has to be sent to the State to see that they are qualified. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting um **Cynthia** where does it say that you can pretend? **Supervisor Hyde** replied I am not saying that. I am telling you that you won't be able to be the one that says they are qualified or not that is all. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied yeah the Board is the one who decides who gets the position. **Supervisor Hyde** stated only if they are qualified. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated the Board decides who gets the position. **Supervisor Hyde** noted only if they are qualified according to the State. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated and this is what we have asked for. Qualified applicants for the State. **Supervisor Hyde** noted if you get an applicant that is not qual..... **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting can we move on with this. **Supervisor Hyde** continued that doesn't qualify you can't appoint them. Just so you know. **Councilman Needham** noted that is what it says. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you do understand that, correct? **Councilman Needham** noted yes, that is what it says right here. Let's vote on it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted Judas Priest what do you think this says. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted I suggest to change it from July to August. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated well the only reason I.....**Councilman Needham** noted do you want to take letters until August. **Councilwoman Ackley** replied yes. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh we can take letters, but I would like to start opening them in July so we can at least see because another point that she is not understanding is that we have a budget coming up, and that budget is due on September 30th. And in order to make sure that we have that budget we to know what the possible cost is. **Supervisor Hyde** stated wait a minute. Wait a minute. You budgeted \$11,000.00 for our Assessor. Are you telling me that you are going to budget more for a new person. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no I didn't say that. **Supervisor Hyde** asked are you going to budget more than you did for **Tuck**. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I said we have to look at the letters. **Supervisor Hyde** noted so in other words you are planning.....Are you planning on changing the amount that you pay the Assessor? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I didn't say that. I'm just saying. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I am not saying that is a bad thing. I think our Assessor is being paid enough. However, you seem to be awfully concerned about how the Assessor is going to be paid all of a sudden. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Cynthia** this is a matter of it needs to be done in order to be transparent remember. We need to have..... **Supervisor Hyde** stated I am talking about the budget. You were adamant about only wanting to pay.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted we are talking about advertising for duly qualified Assessors. **Supervisor Hyde** noted if you were adamant about paying our Assessor \$11,000.00. Are you going to be not adamant about that next year? Is it going to depend on who gets the job. Then you decide how much they get paid. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked **Cynthia** where does it say that in here. Where does it say this? **Supervisor Hyde** noted you're just worried about the.....What does it matter what.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted you obviously are worried. **Supervisor Hyde** continued we will put in the budget what we want to pay an Assessor. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied well we need to know what we are doing. **Supervisor Hyde** responded why do we need to know.....No wait, why do we need to know who the Assessor is before we budget? Answer that. Do you understand what I am saying? Why does it matter who the Assessor is? In other words that sounds pretty fishy to me. That sounds very fishy to me. They want to know who the Assessor is before we start working on the Budget. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we need to know what the qualifications are, and if we open them in July we also can keep those letters, and then we also have, can go out also advertise again to get more if we want more. **Supervisor Hyde** asked so tell me about the qualifications. So the

qualifications.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting **Cynthia** you don't even know that qualifications. You wouldn't in.....If your life depended on it. **Supervisor Hyde** replied you didn't answer my question. Are you planning on changing the amount you pay the Assessor according to who you hire? **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting I am planning on advertising for an Assessor. I am planning on advertising for an Assessor for qualified applicants. **Supervisor Hyde** continued yeah you are. No question. You just put your foot in your mouth. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied What, no you did, but I am planning on advertising for qualified Assessors. **Supervisor Hyde** noted let's get on with this meeting please. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted because I think we should.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting I agree with **Brenda**. I think we should hold off until August. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued advertise just once, but I think we should advertise it once a month. Even through July and into August. We need to....We need to advertise it several times. **Councilman Needham** asked **Brenda** what do you think? **Councilwoman Ackley** asked when does the new Assessor start? When does the position start? September? **Councilwoman Ackley** responded no, October 1st. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the end of his term is September 30th. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated October 1st. **Supervisor Hyde** noted so the new Assessor has to be appointed by....We should have appointed an Assessor by the October Regular Meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well no it starts October 1st. We need to have an Assessor appointed before then. **Councilman Needham** noted the September meeting. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the September meeting. I meant the September meeting. We should appoint a new Assessor at the September meeting. **Councilman Needham** noted this is just taking letters of interest. **Councilwoman Ackley** stated I know that is what I am saying. Hold it open until August. That gives us plenty of time so. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we have to make sure we advertise it at least once a month for May, June, July, and then even in.....You know so that we get applicants that are available, and that it is posted everywhere. **Supervisor Hyde** responded you know this is quite.....**Councilwoman Seaman** noted none of the letters are to be opened except by the Board. **Supervisor Hyde** continued what I find interesting is that these Board member, and I mean the ones over here (Seaman and Needham).....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting oh the ones over here. **Supervisor Hyde** continued are so adamant about letters of interest. Yet when they had no interest in letters of interest to fill the Landfill position. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied well I do have an interesting question, but we'll go after that later. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I just find those things odd because there is no consistency to the thinking here, and smacks, smacks of discrimination. Absolutely smacks of it. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted the Landfill position has been taken care of by the Highway Department. **Councilman Needham** noted what happened to the guy you hired? **Supervisor Hyde** stated the Highway Department is not in charge.....That is a whole other thing. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I have a question as to why we are paying unemployment for the person you hired as a Assistant to a what is it Maintenance Man. You hired a assistant to a maintenance man, and now we are paying unemployment? What for? **Supervisor Hyde** asked what is she talking about? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded well you wrote the check right in here. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what are you talking about. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated unemployment. Um December Department of Labor. Unemployment? Oh this is unemployment insurance, yeah. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted I was going to say it has to be the insurance. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked is that what you paid or is he still working? **Supervisor Hyde** noted what you are talking about. I'm sorry, but I don't know what you are talk.....**Councilwoman Seaman** asked is he still working? **Supervisor Hyde** asked who. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued the maintenance helper. Is he still employed by the Town. **Supervisor Hyde** replied no. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why. **Supervisor Hyde** stated because he got another job that pays more money. Just

exactly like **Doug** did when he was the maintenance person. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked well why didn't you tell us because that hasn't gone out to be advertised yet either. **Supervisor Hyde** replied right, it is on the agenda for next month. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh, but when did he leave? **Supervisor Hyde** stated I just found out. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted really. **Supervisor Hyde** stated he got another job. **Councilman Needham** noted like a month ago. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted alright, well anyway we need to vote on this. The **Town Clerk** stated actually no one has introduced it or seconded it. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes technically we did. The **Town Clerk** stated no technically no. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes, technically I made a motion, and he seconded it. The **Town Clerk** stated not for this Resolution. Would you like to do that now? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted for this Resolution yes. The **Town Clerk** stated you just started reading. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I did it before I read the Resolution. Well I'll make the motion again. Do I have a second? **Councilman Needham** noted yes. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated thank you. Do I have to read the Resolution again for you? The **Town Clerk** replied no you don't. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated oh good. The **Town Clerk** stated but you do have to introduce it, and second it in order for it to be legal. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied already did. You just didn't hear it. **Supervisor Hyde** stated I would like to.....Please for the record would you please include my comment that this also is a Resolution that was given to me a mere what one minute before it was brought to the floor. The **Town Clerk** noted it will be on the record. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted please read in also that this is a Resolution that she asked me to write two months ago because we brought this up, and she said you don't have one. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting another Resolution that we were not aware of. I was not done. I said I would like in that comment on the record. I would like to comment that I was not aware that this Resolution was going to be pending at this meeting. (Inaudible). It was not shared with me. It was not shared with the **Town Clerk**. It was not shared with the public, but if they want to do it that is fine. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted when you say you want to do this also through August **Brenda** we can put it in that the letters be addressed to the attention of the Town Board, and will be opened and reviewed at the July and August Regular Meeting. That leaves it open until July. Is that good. August, until August. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted yeah, but what date are you going to stop accepting bids? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they can bring it right in until the day.....You know it is not bids. It is just letters of interest and proposals. Right up until the meeting day, any time. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it doesn't matter to me if they want all their letters in by July so be it. What is today. It is May. I mean we are talking from May all of June and July. I mean that is quite a bit of time. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted better make a note down here to advertise. **Supervisor Hyde** noted then we won't have to keep paying for ads. The **Town Clerk** stated these help wanted ads are very expensive. **Supervisor Hyde** noted yeah I know. **Supervisor Hyde** noted yeah I know they are very expensive. So maybe have all the letters of interest due the day of the July Regular Meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no she wanted it done through August, and that is fine. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well **Brenda** I'm just saying that that is plenty of time if you don't want to have to change the Resolution you could have it August at the August meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well we are already changing the Resolution to add through open ended July and August. **Supervisor Hyde** noted the August meeting is the 14th. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated and we need to have it advertised in May, June and July. **Supervisor Hyde** stated the July meeting is the 10th. So which one do you want it due by? The 10th or the 14th. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they can have it due.....We don't have to have a due date. As long as it is open. **Supervisor Hyde** stated you have to have a date up until they can.....You do.....You have to have a date up till..... **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting the August meeting. **Supervisor Hyde** continued because if somebody.....**Councilwoman Ackley** noted

August 13th at 3pm. **Supervisor Hyde** noted August 13th. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted but we will if we have them in July we will open them at the July meeting also. It is not like it is.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted August 13th at 3pm. That is fine. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted it is not like it is sealed bid. It is just sealed so that the Board can see them all together first. The **Town Clerk** stated so the changes to the Resolution are that you are going to review the letters at the July an August Regular Meeting. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yes. The **Town Clerk** continued and you want it advertised in the PostStar and the Sun. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied yup. In May, June and July. The **Town Clerk** asked any particular weeks in those months? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well May needs to be next week if we are going to make it. The **Town Clerk** noted it is probably going to be too late for the Sun. I'll tell you that you will never get it in. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted most likely, but you could always I don't know. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted start everything on June 1st then. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted June 1st, July1st, and August 1st. The **Town Clerk** noted June first and the beginning of July. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and not in the Sunday paper obviously. The **Town Clerk** noted so no May. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I don't know what is a good date of advertise. **Supervisor Hyde** noted Thursday the middle of the week. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yeah I don't care. The **Town Clerk** noted start the ad on a Thursday. **Supervisor Hyde** noted wait a minute. How long is this ad going to run for? It is just one ad. The **Town Clerk** stated one ad they want it placed three times. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yup. The **Town Clerk** continued it is probably going to be at least \$400.00 every time. I can...Once I.....Once I.....**Supervisor Hyde** noted so that is a (inaudible) of money out of Town Board contractual. The **Town Clerk** replied yup. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated well it is better than just not doing anything, and doing the job correctly. The **Town Clerk** stated and that is just the PostStar. **Supervisor Hyde** stated we were going to do something we just wanted to wait (inaudible as Councilwoman Seaman spoke over her. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting yeah obviously, and we are going to pay the money to do it then. **Supervisor Hyde** stated whatever. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted so it doesn't even really matter. The only thing of it is the August....When you advertise it in August it should go out like August first. Which is a Friday because you have to have time to get it in by he 14th. **Councilwoman Ackley** stated if it is going to cost that much maybe we should take August out. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that is a good idea. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I think we....I think it needs to be in the paper at least 3 times. The **Town Clerk** stated what I can suggest you do is you can go online to the PostStar , and you could put the ad in word for word as she has it written and it will tell you how much it will cost. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I agree with **Brenda**. I mean.....The **Town Clerk** noted they are not cheap. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we are either going to advertise this or we are not. **Supervisor Hyde** noted advertise it.....Why is this all of a sudden advertising for this job is so much more.....I never heard you want to advertise so badly for any other position. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting every position we have tried, and you haven't done it. **Supervisor Hyde** replied yes you advertise, but you really want to advertise this one. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated oh you mean I want to do my job, an actually get the correct.....**Supervisor Hyde** stated no you are spending a lot of money that you don't need to spend. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated just like you spend a lot of money on attorneys that none of us OK. **Supervisor Hyde** stated **Brenda** has a very good point. It is going in July.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating I want it done in August also. **Councilman Needham** stated yes. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well it is a.....How much was the last help wanted ad? The **Town Clerk** asked the one that **Gail** complained about was 400 and something dollars right or 300 something dollars. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated the one you put in for me when we wanted to advertise for an Attorney was only 30 or \$40 because it was this big. The **Town Clerk** stated there is a difference

between a legal ad and a help wanted ad. We have gone over this with you several times. Legal ads do not cost anywhere near as much as a help wanted ad. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied well you know what this has to be put in because we have to do our due diligence and actually get people to respond. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what does it say? I don't have it. She only gave me a copy so I gave you my copy. How much of an ad are we talking about? What does she have in there? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded here you go dear. I read it to you. It is not difficult. **Supervisor Hyde** asked don't you think that the people that are going to be putting in letters of interest are going to want to know when the term ends? You only have when it begins. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded they know. They know. **Supervisor Hyde** asked they do? **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yeah. I am pretty sure if they are an Assessor now they know when the term ends. If they are elected. If they are qualified by the State they know exactly when it ends. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you are putting the beginning of the term you are not putting the ending of the term. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you don't need too. **Supervisor Hyde** asked how do you know you are not going to get some elected (inaudible). **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted the Supervisor stating how do we know Bugs Bunny isn't going to apply? My guess is he isn't qualified. **Supervisor Hyde** asked who? Who isn't qualified? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked does that surprise anybody? **Supervisor Hyde** asked what? What is? **Susan** I couldn't.....The **Town Clerk** replied she is being sarcastic, and she said how do we know Bugs Bunny won't qualify, apply. She is just being sarcastic as usual. **Supervisor Hyde** asked can we get on with the meeting? I don't know what the Board has decided, but whatever they have decided let's move on with it. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded well we are going to open the letters in July and August, and I would like it....I want it advertised in June, July and August. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why are we opening them in July and August. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated so we can see them. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why don't we open them all in August? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked why not? **Supervisor Hyde** continued are we trying to be fair? What are we doing? Why are we opening letters in July then more in August? That doesn't make sense. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted why not. Why not. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why, why are you doing that? Apparently they think they are going to get a lot of letters. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting why can't we? What is your objection to it. What is your objection to having whatever we get so people can see. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting aren't you saying that you want all these sealed letters that can't be looked at until the Board.....Until they come to the Board, but you want to look at some in July and some at August. Wouldn't it be better.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating no **Cynthia** it wouldn't. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting to just collect them, and open them all at the same time and review them. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no because we can review them as we get them, but the idea of them being sealed until the Board gets them so that actually the Board gets them first so that we all get them at the same time. That way we can look at them. **Supervisor Hyde** asked are you done then? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I am done. I just want to vote on it. **Supervisor Hyde** stated go ahead this is your Resolution not mine. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted call the vote. Call the vote. The **Town Clerk** asked oh you want a Roll Call vote? **Councilwoman Ackley** stated how about you make sure she has everything correct before you just go calling a vote. The **Town Clerk** noted I asked, I asked for the change. I asked if the only change was July and August. That is the only information that I got. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well we said the change is July and August, and we would like it advertised June, July and the first of August. The **Town Clerk** replied right, but that is not part of the Resolution per say. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated right, OK, no I just want to make sure to have that.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting I have that written down. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated fine. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted I say take August out if it cost that much money for an ad. **Supervisor Hyde**

noted I agree. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked so you want to.....**Councilwoman Ackley** noted June, July. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued so you want to negate.....Then what is the purpose of.....**Councilwoman Ackley** noted that is two months of advertising. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just want to make sure we get as many people as we can. **Supervisor Hyde** noted alright we have two for and against. The original Resolution says July why don't you just go with that? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what? No and I said the meeting also in August. **Supervisor Hyde** spoke over her noting your original that you brought. Your Resolution that you brought if **Brenda** is more comfortable with that fine. Just do it so we can please move on to yet another Resolution that we have to now discuss so we can all go home. We weren't supposed to be here this long. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting why don't we ah.....**Supervisor Hyde** continued there was one thing on the agenda. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted they can be opened and reviewed at July and August. So we are excepting them. She already said until 3 o'clock in August. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Brenda** and I do not want it like that. **Brenda's** idea makes sense. Let's go with July. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted **Brenda** said August. **Supervisor Hyde** noted she said July. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I could have sworn I just heard her say just July. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you know what this all rests on you **Brenda** why don't you right it. Go ahead. Decide what you want. **Councilwoman Ackley** stated I already said it. Advertise it for June and July. Accept all letters of interest until the 13th of August at 3pm. We have a meeting on the 14th. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated fine we will do it. Call the vote please.

A Roll Call Vote Was Called.

Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Ackley, Needham, Seaman, Nays~1 Hyde

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde noted I vote no, and I want on....In the minutes why I am voting no. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating just vote no. It doesn't matter. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I am voting no because I did not receive this Resolution until the last minute. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted it has been tabled for two months. Two months. **Councilwoman Seaman** repeated it has been tabled for two months. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting no this Resolution.....There was never a formal Resolution written. **Councilwoman Ackley** noted go back and listen to (inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** stated I never saw this. If **Mrs. Seaman** was going to bring this Resolution up tonight she should have sent it to me in the same exact way that I send every Resolution that I bring to the floor to the Town Board. At least.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating **Cynthia** we are voting. **Cynthia** votes no. Good. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I give it ahead. So I am voting no because I do not agree with.....I have no desire to vote on Resolutions that I have not seen prior to the night of the meeting. And that is why I am voting no.

Supervisor Hyde asked do I have a motion to pay the claims on the floor?

Resolution # 44

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS

General Fund \$7,235.53

Enterprise Fund \$50.00

Highway Fund \$10,007.34

Pre Audit \$4,451.63

Discussion: **Supervisor Hyde** asked any discussion? **Councilwoman Seaman** asked is this up until.....**Supervisor Hyde** responded this was as of the last meeting. That you and **Brenda** both looked at. Any discussion. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well yeah where did you.....Did you make the.....Where is the um.....Where is the bill that paid.....Where is that? Where is the bill to pay the Whitespace? **Supervisor Hyde** noted I don't know what you are talking about. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded the line. The line charge. **Supervisor Hyde** stated it is Frontier. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted yeah. **Supervisor Hyde** stated it is the same every month, \$950.00. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I understand that. Where is it that you paid it? **Supervisor Hyde** stated I looked at these bills last month. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated alright you would have thought it would be in the prepaid. **Supervisor Hyde** noted it would not be. Are you talking about the Frontier.....Are you talking about the \$950.00 to Frontier. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded yup. **Supervisor Hyde** stated that is not unpaid. That is in....That is a prepay. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I just said I don't see it in the prepays. **Supervisor Hyde** replied well I don't know. This is.....Well then I don't know. Maybe by then it didn't come in. I have no clue. **Councilwoman Seaman** asked what are you talking about. **Supervisor Hyde** noted It probably is going to show up on next month's prepaid. I don't know. That is your prepaid. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated OK let the record show **Cynthia** doesn't know where a monthly bill has shown up because it is not in here, but I'd be happy. **Supervisor Hyde** noted we are talking about bills that were brought to the Board several weeks ago, and I am sorry but I don't have all the bills in front of me right now. I did have them last month. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just showed you. Here you go I just showed you the abstract. **Supervisor Hyde** asked are we voting now? Are you done with your discussion? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted well I am just wondering how come that wasn't in since it was a prepay that wasn't there. **Supervisor Hyde** replied it will probably show up on the next prepaid. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated so we don't do the bills. OK. **Supervisor Hyde** remarked you do see the bills. Can we vote please. All those in favor.

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

Supervisor Hyde noted this should be the end of the meeting. Are we done? Does anybody have anything else? **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh I do have one other thing. You have for several months now not wanted to discuss selling the Whitespace system that they have told us we could. **Supervisor Hyde** responded wait a minute. We are not here to discuss.....We are here to do one....Now you are going to bring something else up. **Councilwoman Seaman** we're the Board. Only three months I a row since they went over that at the State. **Supervisor Hyde** noted if you all insist. If the Board wants to sell White Space the Board can do whatever they want OK, but I don't have.....I don't have a clear Resolution. Nobody has sent me any Resolutions about selling White Space. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated **Cynthia** we have tried to discuss this for three months running. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well if you were so.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting why don't you.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked where is your Resolution on it? I don't see one. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated I just want to ask you why haven't you done anything about finding out if we....We already knew we could sell the White

Space. **Supervisor Hyde** replied excuse me, excuse me. I do not support selling White Space. I am not going to do any homework.....**Councilwoman Seaman** stated even though New York, New York State told you to. **Supervisor Hyde** continued on the matter. If you would like to sell White Space you can do the homework on the matter. Not me **Mrs. Seaman**. I do not support that, and I will not sponsor a Resolution to sell White Space. You are on your own **Mrs. Seaman**. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated so New York State Broadband said that we should sell the White Space. I do know that the cur.....That the person that was operating it refuses to buy it because he says it won't pay for itself. So you won't try to find some entity to try and buy it like Microsoft or somebody that could actually operate it well and then take the burden off the taxpayers. You want...You want.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting excuse me quit using the word you. Don't ask....Don't direct me to do anything. You have no authority to direct me. If you want to sponsor selling White Space you do it. I do not support. I will not sponsor it. I am sorry it is out of my hands. If **Mrs. Seaman** would like to sponsor selling White Space you need to do your homework and get it together. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting so as the Supervisor.....**Supervisor Hyde** continued However, I will remind you that we did not ever get in writing that we could, that we could have whatever it is that we need. **Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting would you like me to play it verbally? **Supervisor Hyde** continued and that would be my recommendation that you find that out first. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted would you like for me to play it verbally. I do have it on.....**Supervisor Hyde** remarked sorry **Mrs. Seaman**, but I do not act on verbally. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted oh you were there on the phone, and they told you you could sell the system. **Supervisor Hyde** stated we don't act on verbally we act on written. We act on paper trails. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I suggest that you.....**Supervisor Hyde** continued we act on contracts. We don't act because someone said hey you can do this **Mrs. Seaman**, but we don't act on verbally. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted you were there on the phone, and they told you to sell the system. **Supervisor Hyde** state we don't act on verbally. We act on written. We act on paper trails. We act on contracts we don't act because somebody said gee maybe you could do this **Mrs. Seaman**. **Mrs. Seaman** you need to understand that is not how we do things. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the Supervisor noting maybe you could go to the New York State Broadband, and get the thing on paper. Yes you can. **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Mrs. Seaman** do whatever you want. Go for it. I don't care. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted OK let the record show that **Cynthia** does not want to take the burden off the taxpayers and sell White Space. That she would prefer that we have to pay for it forever. OK. Not a problem. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating I make a motion to adjourn. **Supervisor Hyde** continued I have a comment that.....I have a comment to make. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her asking do I have a second. **Councilman Needham** seconded the motion. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I have a comment to make. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted we have a second. All those in favor. **Councilwoman Seaman** and **Councilman Needham** said aye. **Supervisor Hyde** stated aye, I still have a comment to make. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated good she said aye. The meeting is adjourned. **Supervisor Hyde** noted I would like to make it to that video recorder. I would like to comment that I think after all these months that is pretty obvious that I am every single month subjected to abuse and harassment by **Mrs. Gail Seaman**. This is what could be described as work place violence. Public work place abuse and violence at the hands of **Mrs. Gail Seaman**. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at **8:03pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

May 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting

Susan E Staples, Town Clerk

June 12, 2019