

August 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD AUGUST 11, 2021 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, AHTOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.....**

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

**Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman**

**Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor**

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

**Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman**

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E Staples**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

The meeting started with a review of the claims at **6:30 pm**. The meeting was called to order at **6:59 pm**.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE: Supervisor Shepler** noted I would like to call for a moment of silence please for **Doris Bunker and Joyce Baker**, and all the other residents of Thurman who have passed between the last Board Meeting and tonight.

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted thank you. Supervisor's Report for August 11, 2021. The Town of Thurman hosted its second popup Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Monday, July 19, 2021. Sadly, only those who were getting their second shots came. Gleaning for the month of September will be on September 13, 2021. This is the second Monday of the month as the first Monday is Labor Day. Residents will be allowed in the Town Hall in small groups to gather their preferred foods with assistance. Just a reminder that according to the rules of reopening only those visitors that have not been vaccinated must wear a mask and maintain a 6 foot distance at all times. This pertains to not only Gleaning, but all functions of the Town. There have been a few complaints that SLIC has not been working well. I have contacted SLIC and was informed that after the severe storms of last week some of the fiber wires had sustained some damage and that SLIC was out and making the necessary repairs. I would like to share some news with our residents. The First Wilderness Heritage Corridor has a program that I find interesting, it is called Letterboxing Passport. Maybe some of you are familiar with it. I am just getting up to speed with it. The passbook.....The passport books, which look like this, are available in the front foyer of the Town Hall with a full explanation of how the program works. This is a fun event for all ages. Letterboxing is a fun treasure hunt activity incorporating orienteering, art and puzzle solving. So, pick one up. They are out there by the front door when you come in and go through it and perhaps you would like to try it. Monday night Concerts in the Park are entering its third week. We've had 2 very successful nights. The 16<sup>th</sup> is going to be **Big Fez and the Surfmatcs**. The 23<sup>rd</sup> will be **Warren County Ramblers**, and the 30<sup>th</sup> which is our last night will be **City Limits**. Bring a chair and enjoy the fun. I would like to call for Privilege of the floor, but just give me one quick second. I forgot about this. To the Board Members everybody has a quote that was given to them this evening. This is for the Tyvek bands that are used at the Landfill. We have to order more because we are very low, and there is a charge for a new setup because we are changing the dollar amount on there from \$1.00 to \$2.00. I just want to bring

it to the Boards attention it should \$1,099.00. The **Town Clerk** noted that is in line with past orders. **Supervisor Shepler** noted oh yeah. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded OK, so I am going to go ahead and order these then. Now I would like to call for Privilege of the Floor please.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** The following people spoke on the following topics. **Mary Eddy** asked about the plan to put the septic system up on the back field, the location. She asked if they had done a test pit up there. She asked if there was a cost estimate for the demo of the Harris House. She asked if they said how it had to be done. Do they have to separate anything? If it is done will the cost be in next year's Budget? What the maintenance for this building and the Highway. The Supervisor noted she had put in for a grant for the Highway Department to replace their building. It was at the County, and she was hoping to hear more. Mary Eddy asked if the Health Insurance had been paid back. She asked if there was a plan for what was to happen next. She also asked if the suit between the Town and the Huberts ever resolved. Supervisor Shepler noted that was a personal matter. Mary Eddy noted it was Town insurance. It is yes or no. Supervisor Shepler noted it was resolved yes. A couple of years ago. Three years ago. **Debra Runyon** noted when it comes to demolishing the Harris House if you are going to do it this year it is not in the budget. What codes are you planning on? What is the range? **Joyce Eddy** asked if the Board had considered the sale of the property. What are the plans for the property if there is no longer a house? **Debbie McIlwraith** noted someone could have an interest in purchasing the property. **Mary Eddy** asked what the range was to demolish the building. It was noted it was between 28,000 and 34,000. Privilege of the Floor was closed. **Supervisor Shepler** then read the Resolution.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **Resolution # 60**

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

##### **Resolution to Remove Piece of Playground Equipment**

**Whereas,** The Youth Commission is requesting the White Playhouse on the Rec. Field be demolished, due to the unit being unsafe as a result of the following damage: broken glass, broken rungs, mold inside and out and a haven for bees and wasps. This unit was deemed unsafe two years ago by the previous Supervisor.

**Discussion:** **Supervisor Shepler** asked do I have any discussion from the Board. **Councilman Galusha** responded how much and what budget code. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it is coming down from the Highway Department. **Pat** has offered to do it. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK so there is going to be (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is going to be in-kind services. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK so we should probably put that in here so that a future auditor doesn't think we spent money on it without Board approval. The **Town Clerk** noted we need to get this introduced too. **Councilman Galusha** responded true. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'm sorry what. The **Town Clerk** responded we need to introduce it. You are not supposed to discuss it before it is introduced. **Councilman Galusha** noted you are getting out of order. **Supervisor Shepler** responded can I have a motion for somebody to please introduce the Resolution.....**Councilman Galusha** noted I'll make the motion. **Councilman Brown** noted I'll second it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the motions and thanked them. She then noted discussion. In response to your question. It is in-kind services from the Highway Department. **Pat** has offered to

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remove that for us. And for 2 years it has had the orange fencing around it so nobody could get into it. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none I'll call for a Roll Call Vote please.

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0**

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted it passed thank you. Can I please have someone introduce a Resolution to demolish the **Harris House** please? **Councilman Brown** made the motion. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Ed** thank you. Do I have a second? I'll second it.

### **Resolution**

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

#### **Resolution to Demolish the Harris House**

**Whereas**, the Harris House has for years fallen in disrepair, and has become a liability to the Town. It has been evaluated twice, once in 2016 and again May 2021, for its structural integrity and both times was deemed unsafe by Cedarwood Engineers.

**Therefore**, the Town of Thurman Town Board is charged with the decision to have this unsafe structure demolished. This process should begin as soon as possible.

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** asked discussion. **Councilman Galusha** responded I have got a few issues with what is going on. First of all, at the last Regular Board Meeting we agreed that we were going to publicize the fact that we were going to discuss this tonight. You said we were going to put it in the paper, put it on the website, allow the public to have an opportunity to come and discuss it, and I don't think those things were done. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I didn't publish it no. Did you put it in the paper **Susan**? The **Town Clerk** responded not unless you directed me to do so, no. **Supervisor Shepler** responded OK (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted then given that I would make a motion that we table this Resolution that is done and considered it the next meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Randy** we have had the opportunity to have the residents present at previous Board Meetings for this discussion. They were also here when Cedarwood was here to discuss it and I also wanted to have further discussion at the last meeting with Cedarwood here when they came for the septic, and they said they would stay and answer questions at that point in time. I just feel like we are kicking the stone down the road. **Councilman Galusha** responded what I have stated before is my belief based on what I have observed and the presentation by Cedarwood, and their Engineers Report that ultimately the building probably will need to be demolished. However, there are things that need to be considered. For one our Resolution doesn't make any mention of the testing that Cedarwood has said needs to be done. They indicated we needed to do lead testing, asbestos testing, and there was a third thing. I don't.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting do you remember what it was. **Councilman Galusha** responded I do not remember what the third item was. So that needs to be done before we can even consider demolishing it, and that could have a direct impact on the cost of doing it. Also, there is no indication of who is demolishing it. Are we going to have Highway Crew? **Supervisor Shepler** responded we have.....I do believe we have to go out to bid for something like this because of the possibility of asbestos. **Councilman Brown** noted I don't think we do. I think we can discuss the point if we have inhouse. It would cut the cost immensely. That is why I say we have a lot of stuff to cover yet.

**Councilman Galusha** responded it is going to.....We've.....If we demolish it obviously we are going to need to rent an excavator to do it. You are going to have to have something with (inaudible).

**Councilman Brown** noted you should get **Pat** involved, and I know it needs to be addressed. And you are right it needs to be addressed, and you are right it does. **Councilman Galusha** noted so I mean to be honest.....Let me back up a couple of steps here. First of all, I have had a couple of people approach me about not demolishing it right now, and not with the intent of actually saving it or rebuilding the building, but a couple, one person mentioned putting it up to bid to have somebody salvage some of the material. Because as Cedarwood identified in their report there are things that some Salvage Businesses may find of value like the, I forget what they call it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the Gingerbread.

**Councilman Galusha** continued noting some of that kind of stuff. The **Town Clerk** noted the slate roof.

**Councilman Galusha** continued noting I don't have a clue if there is any real value in that I am not in that business I don't know. **Councilman Brown** noted it might be (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted it is something we could possibly entertain. And we do need to buy some time to take care of the materials that are in there. If we do discuss at some point getting a Historian onboard. Inventorying the material that is in that building. Deciding what we are going to do with it. There is stuff there that needs to be taken care of. Ultimately the building is in bad shape, but as long as we cut the utilities to it. Close the building up so nobody can go in, and it won't pose a danger to anybody that building can sit there until next year if it has too. It is not, I mean it is not going to collapse on somebody. All we need to do is get the stuff out of it, close it up, cut the utilities.....

**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting you don't think there could be snow will cause us a problem. A heavy wet snow this year. **Councilman Galusha**

responded if it collapses, and no one is in it what is it going to hurt. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I mean look I would like to see it addressed sooner rather than later also, but we talked last meeting about publicizing the fact that we were going to discuss this, and you didn't do it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and

throwing a Resolution in a few days before a meeting doesn't give the Public any real notice that we are going to do this. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright so then are going to.....I am formally asking **Susan Staples**, our **Town Clerk**, to please advertise at our September Board Meeting we will have a discussion regarding the status of the Harris House. **Councilman Brown** noted and we should get **Pat** involved in this. **Councilman Galusha** noted we should talk to **Pat**. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we also have to find out if **Pat** in fact can do it. **Councilman Brown** interrupted noting that old house isn't any different than 20 other that have come down in Thurman. (Inaudible). I don't believe it would be a problem.

**Councilman Galusha** noted I don't think so either. **Councilman Brown** continued noting we could do it in house. We could save a lot of money. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I am all for that.

**Councilman Brown** noted we can use that money for somewhere else. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am all for that. **Councilman Brown** continued noting I think we are all in agreement with that.

**Councilman Galusha** responded absolutely; I mean I tend to agree that it does need to come down. I don't see a way to salvage it. I don't think, I don't think there is any practical way to do it as much as there are people that want to see it done. I would like to see it saved. I just don't think that it is possible. I don't think there is a way economically to get it done. **Councilman Brown** noted financially (inaudible).

**Councilman Galusha** continued noting but I think we need to do this right, and give people notice, but there might be somebody out there that has a suggestion of a way to handle this (inaudible) that would be better than demolishing it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded and that would be great. If they do, I would like them to come forward before the September meeting because if there is any research that needs to be involved I don't want to see us again kicking the stone down the road because this has been

going on for how many years? **Councilman Galusha** noted so we agreed at the last meeting we were going to advertise it, we were going to put it on the website.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting um. Would you please (inaudible). The **Town Clerk** responded I think I did put the Report on the Website. I believe you asked me to do that, and I did that. I think I believe I did do that. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK because that is one thing, we talked about doing. **Supervisor Shepler** asked what was the third thing **Randy**? **Councilman Galusha** replied I think we need to find out what needs to be done in regards to testing. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright, I'll reach out and find out what we have to do. In regards to that. **Councilman Galusha** noted and then if we do ultimately decide to demolish it, we need to talk to **Pat** decide if we can do it in house. If he doesn't have the time, doesn't.....Decides he doesn't want to do it then if we are going to go out to bid.....**Councilman Brown** noted it has got to be budgeted for next year. Not this year, next year. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. The **Town Clerk** noted alright, so **Randy** has made a motion to table this. Is anyone seconding it? **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting is there a second. **Councilman Brown** replied I second it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Ed**. All in favor.

**Motion to Table:** On a motion introduced by **Councilman Galusha** and seconded by **Councilman Brown** a motion was made to table the Resolution.

**Motion Carried:** Ayes~3 **Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0**

**Discussion:** **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright so **Susan** basically what we have asked you to do as **Town Clerk** is to please advertise in the paper that we are going to have a meeting, our September Board Meeting we'll include a discussion on the status of the Harris House. Please post it on the Webpage and please check to make sure as you said that that report was posted also. The **Town Clerk** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then I will find out what needs to be done for testing, and can **Pat** do it, and then we will have to ask **Pat** to get involved if he is capable. If the Town is capable of doing it. **Councilman Brown** noted we are capable of doing it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'm sure they are capable, but because of the stuff that is in there. **Councilman Brown** replied I don't (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting the other thing that I was going to say is there is things from the Assessors that need to come out of there. They are still in that building, and there is....**Joan** has left some stuff in there. I know that you and **Perky** left some stuff up there. Did you guys get it out? **Councilman Galusha** responded we are all done. **Supervisor Shepler** responded she told me that there was stuff left up there that they didn't want. **Councilman Galusha** responded not that belongs to TCA. I think that what you are talking about there is stuff in the room where we were getting TCA stuff out that belonged to other groups had stuff. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. **Councilman Galusha** noted things to do with the Concerts We delivered some stuff to **Nancy Decker**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted there might be other stuff in there, but one room did have a bunch of Historical stuff that needs to be inventoried and find a place for it. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well I.....She continued noting I also have to call Warren County Historical Society cause they are involved with this, and also. **Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting how so. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they have some of our Historical Artifacts that they have been storing. And the other thing is a lot of things have gone down to Warrensburg and we need to find out if they have the capability of taking anything else on. **Debra Runyon** noted they don't. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they don't. **Debra Runyon** responded I talked to **Sandi Parisi**, and they don't. They only want **John Thurman Historical Society** things. What is left in there is just the Town of Thurman things, and that is why I did this letter. So, I can get it down, store it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright we will get to that eventually, thank

you. **Debra Runyon** responded but **Sandi** has no more room for anything she told me. **Councilman Brown** noted how come they can't store it up top in the Youth Building. **Supervisor Shepler** responded why, because the Youth Building is utilized. There is no heat in there either. **Councilman Brown** responded (Inaudible). There is not going to be heat over there either. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Ed** listen to me. There is no heat in there. There is no circulating air. The floor sweats and it is very wet up there. **Councilman Brown** responded yeah, that does too. Have you ever been in that cellar? (Inaudible) it sweats. I've worked with that since the 80s. (Inaudible) OK. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I've been in that cellar. I've been in that cellar. **Councilman Brown** continued noting I think what we should think about using the Youth Building. If not, we are not moving forward. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well the Youth Building is being utilized. **Councilman Brown** replied there are no Youth in that building. **Supervisor Shepler** responded as soon as we get the heat working and the water turned on there will be. The **Town Clerk** noted we can't have water there without putting a new well in. **Supervisor Shepler** responded don't be so quick to make that.....The **Town Clerk** replied I am positive that we can only have 4 pieces, 4 units on each well. They are maxed out. They had to take the Youth Building off to put the last resident on. **Supervisor Shepler** responded where is the Harris House on? The **Town Clerk** responded I don't think they have water. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they have water, and they have a system in there. The **Town Clerk** noted they might be spliced off of the Highway. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no, they have their own system. **Councilman Galusha** responded yeah, what I think she is referencing is the Municipal wells that we put in to serve the residents who were contaminated by salt.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting um hum, yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting under DOH regulations if you have 5 or more properties.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting then it is a water district. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting then it becomes.....Well it is not a water district it becomes a Public Water Supply, and that triggers a whole bunch of regulation. So you can only have 4 and so I don't think the Youth Building was ever hooked up. The **Town Clerk** replied it was hooked up, and they took it off when they had to put the last resident on. **Supervisor Shepler** also responded yes, it was. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so, so currently it is not connected. The **Town Clerk** replied correct. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and there is not an available connection. **Supervisor Shepler** responded so where was the Harris House in this thing because the Harris House was hooked up. **Councilman Galusha** responded the Harris House was never connected. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it was hooked up and the equipment is all in there. It is in that room right by the bathroom. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK, I don't know how that works, and I don't know how.....I don't know which residents are on which well or what the Town Hall and all that. She is correct about 4 per well is the limit. That is the legal limit. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright, what I will do is I will look into it and find out if there is any possibility for that to be hooked back up again or not because it needs to be utilized. And the floors, I am telling you the other night the floors were so sweaty it was scary. Almost like an ice-skating rink. **Councilman Brown** responded that is because of the humidity in the air. It sweats. The garage is the same way. There is nothing you can do with it other than to.....**Supervisor Shepler** replied but it is moisture in there, and you don't want a lot of artifacts.....**Councilman Brown** responded the Highway Building is the same way. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I am talking about the artifacts. **Councilman Brown** continued noting (inaudible) there is nothing (inaudible) when the humidity is up. All I am saying is we should move forward and try and get the artifacts out. At least store them for the time being. We are not going to be able to get the water up there right away. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Ed** we had talked about the artifacts, and possibly renting like a Pod. **Councilman Brown** responded how come you don't put some of them up. Why have artifacts if they are

stored away? You look at these other Public Buildings, and you see pictures, you see stuff hanging around. We have nothing here hardly. We have some quilts. Well, if we've got those artifacts why don't we use them? Put it out where the Public can see it. Instead of just storing some of it. I'm sure there is some good stuff there. **Councilman Galusha** noted one other point in regards to the Youth Building even if you hook the water up, up there you are still going to run into the same problem you have with this building is the septic system with regards to getting a Food Service Permit. So you are, you are back in the same situation that we are in, in this building. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well I can apply for a Food Service Permit through the Department of Health and get my permit and utilize this building in the manner in which we have been utilizing it for years. **Councilman Galusha** replied this building? **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes sir. I go for a permit. I bring in my water, and I take my water out. And we did that for the Jack Wax Party too. **Councilman Galusha** responded oh, yeah if you want to do that. **Supervisor Shepler** yup, and that is what we can do up there. There is no kitchen up there. **Debra Runyon** noted just a sink right. **Supervisor Shepler** replied there is a sink and microwave and refrigerator. So, it is not like it is a kitchen unit up there. **Councilman Brown** noted and we can also say that it never got utilized that much. When I was the Maintenance Man, I had to change the tank twice because it sits there closed and it rots out and it is (inaudible) up. **Supervisor Shepler** responded the hot water tank. **Councilman Brown** replied sure we might start using the building if we have it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied it would be nice. **Councilman Brown** noted that is what I am thinking. Really, I think we should instead of it letting it just sit there let's use it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright. **Councilman Brown** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted can we move on. **Councilman Brown** replied yup. **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright we are going to go on to payment of claims now please. I'll start out with can I have.....Well, can I have somebody introduce payment of claims and then I will read them, and then we will go through the finances. **Councilman Brown** noted I will. **Supervisor Shepler** replied Ed thank you. Can I have a second please? **Councilman Galusha** noted I'll second it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you **Randy**.

#### **Resolution # 61**

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

#### **Payment of Claims**

Total of Abstract 008: General Fund, August 11, 2021 \$21,772.88

Total of Abstract 008: Highway Fund, August 11, 2021 \$66,032.24

Total of Abstract 008: Enterprise Fund, August 11, 2021 \$50.00

Total Claims for August 11, 2021 \$87,855.12

**Discussion:** **Supervisor Shepler** read the claims noting a total for the General Fund of \$21,772.88, a total of \$66,032.24 for the Highway Fund, and \$50.00 for the Enterprise Fund with a total of \$87,855.12 for August 11, 2021. She continued noting can I have a Roll Call Vote please.

**A Roll Call Vote was Called.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0**

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted passed, thank you. Before I go on to reports from the Board, I would like to read a letter from **Debra Runyon** dated August 05, 2021, and it is addressed to the Town, to the Thurman Town Board. I am requesting the opportunity to fill the position of Thurman Town Historian. I would like to re-establish an interest in protecting and preserving the history of Thurman. I would do this by engaging the residents in Thurman's current history because their stories reveal how they met the challenges of the current time period and I feel this would be beneficial and interesting to future generations. I would also like to inventory and preserve whatever historical materials remain in the Harris House and perhaps have a presentation in the Town Hall. Sincerely **Debra Runyon**. Does the Board wish to take action on this this evening? I, I spoke to **Deb** before the meeting started, and she had indicated that she wanted to do this for 5 months until the election come about to see what the end results are there. She is also going to get assistance from **Myra Vopleus** who is a long-time resident of the Town of Thurman. So, the 2 of them will work together for 5 months and then depending upon what occurs with the election you will either resign the position and she will continue on or if it goes the other way you both will continue on in that position. **Debra Runyon** responded **Myra** already said yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. The position, the budget in the system is for one person, and it was for \$500.00 for the year with \$50.00 contractual. The **Town Clerk** noted .4, contractual. **Councilman Galusha** noted didn't we modify that for some reason. The **Town Clerk** responded you might have taken the pay for something else actually, but by law you have to have a Historian. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her noting (inaudible) 375. She continued noting yes, we do. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and yes, we did. It was brought down to \$375.00. The **Town Clerk** noted that is what it was, yes. **Supervisor Shepler** it was going to cover another expense in another area. I don't remember. **Debbie** made a suggestion. Do you remember what it was for? **Debra Runyon** replied what. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we reduced the \$500.00. **Debra Runyon** responded you reduced it No, I don't remember. The **Town Clerk** noted it was to cover payment for....Was it to cover for **Harry**? Because he wasn't in the Budget originally for the Meals on Wheels. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no he has always been on the Budget. **Debra Runyon** noted it is probably in the minutes. The **Town Clerk** responded yeah it will be. **Councilman Galusha** noted we still do currently still have money left in there right. **Supervisor Shepler** replied \$375.00 currently. **Councilman Galusha** replied right so. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and \$50.00. I don't think **Joan** spent the \$50.00. **Councilman Galusha** noted so what do you want to do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded discussion. **Councilman Brown** responded no I don't (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted I make a motion that we appoint her to the position. **Councilman Brown** noted I second the motion.

**Resolution # 62**

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

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution to appoint Debra Runyon to the position of Town Historian.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0**

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted **Randy** made the motion. **Doug** seconded it. All those in favor. The **Town Clerk** noted **Ed**, **Ed** seconded it. **Councilman Galusha** replied yup. The **Town Clerk** noted it is a



Resolution to appoint **Debra Runyon**. **Supervisor Shepler** noted yes, and you have to include **Myra Voplous**. The **Town Clerk** noted **Myra**. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting in there, and both of you will have to fill out paperwork. And are you going to split the \$375.00 between the 2 of you. **Debra Runyon** responded I think that we are not going to take any payment. We are going to use it possibly for storage boxes. It is all going to go towards.....We are not taking any money. **Supervisor Shepler** responded there is \$50.00 in the .4, but you are not taking the 375. **Debra Runyon** replied but we can move the 375 to the contractual. We are not interested in getting paid. **Supervisor Shepler** responded the .1. **Debra Runyon** noted we are not interested in getting any payment. We are interested in getting that stuff out of the Harris House and having a decent place to put it. So we want.....I mean I can't speak for her she is not here, but I would prefer it all go to contractual to use to box up, store. We may need bubble wrap. I don't know what we are going to need. I don't know, but we are not interested in a salary payment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright, let me see what we can do with the 375 as far as making sure you move it into contractual, alright. **Debra Runyon** responded yeah because that is what we are going to need if we are going to have to store it in a storage unit. It is going to be at least 65 a month. That will get us 5 months, and then we will see where we are at then. I don't even know what is over there. I mean I have seen it. I have been in there. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting they have taken a tremendous amount out of there. **Debra Runyon** responded yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that is for the Historian portion of it. There is a lot of things over there that are still for the Assessor's that need to come over, and there are some books over there I understand from bookkeeping in the past that need to come over too. **Debra Runyon** noted I have a list from **Joan** of certain things that you saw when you were there with **Perky**. She mentioned a big map that is hanging on the wall when you walk in the door. She said that has a lot of historical significance so is that hanging there still. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that that is in a side room. **Councilman Galusha** replied I took some pictures of stuff that I can send you. **Debra Runyon** replied oh OK, that would be good. And I figured because I am kind of small and light I can get up and down those narrow little stairs pretty easily. I helped bring stuff up there when **Rose Cruz** did the Town-wide Yard Sale. So I know.....I've seen stuff that day, but I don't know what is still there, but we are interested in preserving that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded and it should be. Without a doubt when we were over there this last time when I was in there with **Perky**.....Where you there the first time when I went in there with **Perky**? **Councilman Galusha** replied no. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, OK. There is a lot of old photos that are still hanging on the wall that really need to be.....**Councilman Brown** made an inaudible comment. **Debra Runyon** noted and I would like to have a presentation in the Town Hall where people can come and see. Maybe you know put it out on things. I don't know. I don't really want to put a lot of holes in the wall, but tables. We can use tables for it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I don't think tables are going to be practical because in this scenario tonight is a light meeting, but we have had more people present here. **Debra Runyon** replied um hum. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I think honestly if you wanted to put things on the wall that would be fine with the Town. **Debra Runyon** replied oh yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** replied because I mean there are photos that should be displayed. **Debra Runyon** replied yeah. **Councilman Galusha** noted I think we are getting ahead of ourselves. We need to you know get her appointed if that is what we decide to do. Let her inventory.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting you just appointed her. **Councilman Galusha** replied excuse me. The **Town Clerk** responded you guys just did appoint her. **Councilman Galusha** noted did **Susan** vote. The **Town Clerk and the Supervisor** replied yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting OK, so she is appointed. Go ahead and take an inventory of what is there. Present what your findings are to the Board and then let's talk about what to do because right

now we are talking about things we don't even know are there. **Debra Runyon** replied right, we don't know.....I don't know what is over there. **Councilman Galusha** remarked so let's figure out what is there and what is worth maybe displaying. Some of it might not be so. **Debra Runyon** noted I have that list from **Joan** and all that I remember about it was the map. That was really significant to her. I don't know how big it is. She said it was large. **Councilman Galusha** noted there is a large map on the wall. **Debra Runyon** replied yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is in when you go the door is to the left in that room. And was.....I don't think it is on the wall anymore. I think it is on the desk sort of. But it is in that room. **Councilman Galusha** noted there might be more than one, so yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** noted congratulations. Let me know when you and **Myra** want to go up there and I will let you in. **Debra Runyon** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting we are.....We are not supposed to have a lot of traffic in there so if the 2 of you could go in that is fine, but it is going to get locked up when you leave, alright. **Debra Runyon** responded right, that is fine. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting because we.....**Debra Runyon** continued noting I don't know if she can go up and down the stairs. That might be too much for her, but she could stay on the first floor and I'll.....I could bring things down and have the boxes all down there, and I'll carry it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is fine. You guys can work it out, but before you start anything you have to come in and fill out the paperwork, OK. **Debra Runyon** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued responded thank you. **Debra Runyon** noted and there is also an Annual Report right that you have to do for the State Historian, I think. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I do believe there is an Annual Report, yup. **Debra Runyon** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and **Joan** did that in January. She presented it in January to the Board and had already sent it to the.....**Debra Runyon** responded oh so that is done. The **Town Clerk** noted I believe for the last year, but you will have to do one for this year. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I believe it was done for last year. **Debra Runyon** noted so in January I would do one. The **Town Clerk** responded for 2021. **Debra Runyon** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright. So, payment of claims are done. Reports from the Board. Do you have any reports to make? **Councilman Galusha** responded I don't have a report, but I have some things I would like to talk about. **Supervisor Shepler** replied can I ask you a question before we get into your discussions. **Councilman Galusha** replied sure. **Supervisor Shepler** responded how is that booklet going that you were putting together for the last 18 months. **Councilman Galusha** replied it is not. I have just got other things that I think are more important that the Town needs to address. I just don't have time to do it. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting alright, I thought you were working with **Perky**. **Councilman Galusha** replied I had intended to, but honestly, I have invested a lot of time on a lot of other things that I didn't think we were going to have to do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright. **Councilman Galusha** noted I feel like these are a lot more important things than to get that done. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting OK. Alright. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting it is a nice thing to do, and I would like to get it done, but right now these things take more time. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. **Councilman Galusha** asked are you ready. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yeah. **Councilman Galusha** responded I guess I would like to talk about the status of the Health Insurance issue with the Confidential Secretary. **Supervisor Shepler** replied OK. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting you had.....In our payment of claims there was a bill in there that you and I briefly discussed.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting a payment for health insurance that appears to be continuing. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting can you explain that and fill us in on the status of her response and where things stand with the attorney. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well let me.....Thank you, well.....It is in our ballpark at this point in time. If the Board wishes to go forward the County will, I mean

the attorney will work with us. The other....The signed receipt letter was returned to the Post Office. It was never.....She never took it. She never signed for it. It is returned, and I have it. There was a second letter that was sent under just regular mail that was never got back. So, I don't know if she was in receipt of it or if she destroyed it. I have no idea. The insurance after we spoke last month I contacted the insurance company and they said that these various insurance companies for employees that were terminated they were picking up and paying the COBRA portion of their insurance. **Councilman Galusha** replied the what portion. **Supervisor Shepler** responded like the COBRA portion they are paying the portion of the insurance instead of the individual paying it because of COVID. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so the insurance company is going to be getting back to me. I did speak to the attorney about it. He did suggest that I write a letter. I am going to be writing a letter to the insurance company and telling them that it is not an y of our responsibility to pay for any of it. In case they think it is. It is not, and let it go from there. That goes until from what I understand the insurance companies are paying anybody that had been let go through September. **Councilman Galusha** responded of this year. **Supervisor Shepler** responded of this year. **Councilman Galusha** noted through September or until September. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I was told through, but I will double check that. **Councilman Galusha** responded you haven't discussed this any further with the Town Attorney. **Supervisor Shepler** replied just what I discussed about the insurance company paying for it, and that we are not paying for it, and that ultimately it will be her responsibility to pay for it once the insurance companies stop paying for it. I haven't because it is a Board decision as to what you want to do going forward with it. **Councilman Galusha** replied so. **Supervisor Shepler** responded once the Board makes a decision then I will contact the lawyer and let him and let him know that this is the Board's wishes. **Councilman Galusha** noted I would like to make a motion that we set up a meeting with the Board and the Town Attorney to discuss our next options. **Supervisor Shepler** replied when do you want to do this. **Councilman Galusha** replied as soon as possible. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'll call him tomorrow, and so you want to set the date with him? It is probably harder to get his date set than ours. **Councilman Galusha** replied yeah, I probably said as soon as possible too quick. I can't do it before.....Next Thursday is the first day I can do it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied which is what the 19<sup>th</sup>. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so a week from tomorrow would be the earliest I could do it. Any time after that I will be fine. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is 8-19 is it not. **Councilman Galusha** replied just a second, yes. Anytime the 19<sup>th</sup> or after I can do it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded or after. **Doug, ah Ed. Councilman Brown** responded that is fine **Supervisor Shepler** noted so I will set a date with him and I will shoot you guys an email, alright. **Councilman Galusha** noted actually I made a motion. Do we vote on it. The **Town Clerk** responded you don't have to vote on it. You can just have a discussion and agree to do it. **Councilman Galusha** responded you don't have to vote, OK. As long as you agree to agree that is fine. The **Town Clerk** replied yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do we need a second. The **Town Clerk** responded no. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no. The **Town Clerk** noted all you are doing is setting a meeting. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting the next question that I had is status of hiring a bookkeeper. I know that you advertised it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we have. **Councilman Galusha** responded any responses. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and I just want to share with you we are not the only Town that I am aware of in Warren County that is having a hard time attracting people. **Councilman Galusha** replied for this specific title. **Supervisor Shepler** replied for Town Clerk, and or a Bookkeeper/Secretary. I have spoken to a couple of Supervisors I might have to option to ah, there is a term. I am drawing a blank. It is not the lending. What is it called? Shared services. **Councilman Galusha** replied comp services. **Supervisor Shepler** responded shared, shared services. **Councilman Galusha**

responded oh share them with another town. **Supervisor Shepler** responded so I am going to look into that and see if they are willing to do that or not. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. The other thing, now that we have SLIC we had talked prior to getting SLIC that once we got it, we would start televising our, televising our meetings so the public can see them. I think we need to take the steps to be able to do that and get that done. A lot of other towns are (inaudible).....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting they are being recorded and televised. **Councilman Galusha** replied they are being recorded, but I am saying we should be able to do it live. That way people can watch it when it happens. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is fine. What kind of equipment do you require. **Councilman Galusha** noted a lot of towns do this already. **Supervisor Shepler** noted what kind of equipment do you want because you can do live from the laptop. **Councilman Galusha** noted you can do it through either Facebook live or I think you can do it through YouTube. I am not sure which. The **Town Clerk** responded I think you can do it live through YouTube, and we already have the YouTube channel. **Councilman Galusha** noted so whatever equipment we need.....I think one of the issues that we have has been the audio. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so we may need to invest in microphones. The **Town Clerk** responded possibility; I think it is a playback issue on their end. I think it is because I have listened to it on other devices, and when it is on a laptop sometimes it is a volume issue. You have to get external speakers. **Councilman Galusha** spoke over her noting in order for people to be able to hear. He continued noting so I think it would be appropriate if we take steps to get that done. **Supervisor Shepler** replied fine what would you like to do. Just look at getting a microphone system for the iPad. The **Town Clerk** replied or just for your table so your voices are louder. **Supervisor Shepler** responded does it have to be connected to the iPad is my question. The **Town Clerk** responded no because this picks up pretty well. **Supervisor Shepler** responded so it would go from whatever is on the table directly to that, and that would change the volume for people because a lot of people.....It is not just one or two a lot of people in town have complained that they can't.....And they will bring their volume up (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** noted I'll tell you what. I'll work with **Susan** we'll figure out what we think we need, and then we will present it to the Board the next time. Fair enough. The **Town Clerk** responded fair enough. **Councilman Galusha** remarked OK so we will figure it out. On our phone service we are still paying Verizon and Magna 5. I am wondering if there is any potential cost savings if we get our phone service from SLIC. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no. There is not. Number 1. Number 2 they don't have the ability to do business phone systems. I have already asked and looked into it. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting they can't do rolling. They can't do anything that is required of a municipal building. I've have had a long talk with **Jeff Bernstein, Bluestein, Birdstein, Benstein**, something like that. The gentleman has come out here, and they don't offer.....What I am going to be doing is I have 3 phones.....Actually it is 3 Faxes left on Magna 5 and I am going to be moving those over to Verizon. So that.....**Councilman Galusha** responded Faxes. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting yup, 3 Fax machines. **Councilman Galusha** noted is there any reason that you continue to use Fax. I mean couldn't we replace those with scanners and just email. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and everybody in the building has the ability to scan and mail. **Councilman Galusha** responded so do we even need to even keep Fax lines. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I don't think it is necessary. The **Town Clerk** noted I get requests for Fax. **Jamiee** gets a lot of requests for Fax. **Supervisor Shepler** replied but you can , but she can let them know that it need to be um.....You can scan it and send it via email. The **Town Clerk** responded and she has had to do that sometimes. Sometimes they just prefer a Fax. That is just what they are asking for. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Jamiee** doesn't have a Fax. She uses yours. The **Town Clerk** noted she uses mine. **Supervisor Shepler** replied OK. The **Town Clerk** continued noting and

the only time that she asked to scan something is if the number won't go through for whatever reason with the Fax, and sometimes she will be able to scan it and send it that way, but she has issues with that. Primarily I have to scan it and send it to her in an email, and then she can send it. **Councilman Galusha** asked what is the status of problems with the Town email? I know that for the past 2 weeks there have been a lot of problems. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they have tried to reach out to the **Town Clerk**, but have not been able to get through when they have called, and it turns out that she has been gone for the day. I have asked them to call back early in the morning indicating that she is here usually by 8 o'clock in the morning and leaves around 11. So, it is in their court. They have to reach out to her, or you can reach out to them if you prefer. The **Town Clerk** noted and it is not just me. It is the Assessor's email is having problems. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I think the bottom line is.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting the firewall. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, it.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting that is the error message that I am getting. **Councilman Galusha** noted she printed out an error message. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I got that message and they said it wasn't a firewall. They believe that the problem is they are still utilizing Verizon.net email address. We no longer have Verizon. It is (inaudible) they change their email because they are the 2 still using Verizon email. Everybody else in the building has got another type of email. **Councilman Galusha** noted so you need to contact Stored Tech and talk to them about it. The **Town Clerk** responded whatever they need to do. They know when I am here. I mean I am keeping the same hours. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I will let them know tomorrow morning. When I come in, I'll call them. The **Town Clerk** responded this is like 2 weeks now I have had no email. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well we have been playing phone tag. They have been playing with me, and I have told them this is what your hours are. If you can't call her during that time frame then you are not going to be able to speak to her, and I don't have access to that office. So, I will try again tomorrow **Susan**. **Councilman Galusha** noted the financials that you gave us today, and over the last few meetings, they show Fund Balance. Which thank you I appreciate the fact that you.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting Trial Balance. **Councilman Galusha** responded actually it is the Fund Balance, but I appreciate the fact that we have that information. The next step in that process we need to know how the Fund Balance is categorized because some if it is assigned, some is restricted, there are various categories, and before we continue to spend Fund Balance we need to know if that money if even available so that we are not spending money that is not available to be spent. So, I talked to the Comptroller's Office, and she sent you and I some information.....**Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting um hum, um hum. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and also talked about setting up Reserve Accounts because I think one of the problems, we have is we have is a substantial Fund Balance. We are carrying, we are carrying way too much Fund Balance that is unassigned. According to the Comptroller's recommendations Fund Balance should be about 2 months of our Annual Budget, and currently we have over 6 months of our Annual Budget. **Supervisor Sheler** responded right. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so we need to get a handle on that. So, I don't know what needs to be done in Williams Law to categorize the Fund Balance, but I think we need to take to those steps so that we can get a handle on where there is. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I think that we should set up Reserves, and I think the ideal Reserves, for example the Highway Department for their trucks. And in the General Fund for the Garbage Truck to make sure that the money is there to pay. **Councilman Galusha** replied so I mean yes, I don't dispute that. We need reserves for the Highway equipment. We need reserves for things to do with the Transfer Station, Garbage disposal. We need reserves for the replacement of the Town Highway Garage. Improvements to this building, we need Reserve Accounts for a number of things. So, I think we need to develop a Fund Balance Policy. I recently just attended the Webinar put on

by the Comptroller's Office, Financial Condition Analysis for Board Members, and they talked about having a Capital Plan, a written Multi Year Plan. Those things, I mean those should be normal business for us. And once you get them set up then they are there, and we just continue to use them. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it is built in, yup. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I think we need to get a handle on that so that we can start planning a little better for the future. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I think that is great. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting the Covid numbers in Warren County I follow them every day. I post them on Facebook every day. Everybody is aware the numbers are starting to go up. The Delta Variant is prevalent in New York State now. I think that if the numbers continue to go up by the next Board meeting, I think we should consider reinstating a requirement for people visiting the Town Hall. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well we currently do have a mask requirement for those who are unvaccinated. **Councilman Galusha** responded right. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and unfortunately it is on the honor system and. **Councilman Galusha** responded I am suggesting that we effect a mask requirement for everybody because I am not a Health Professional. Don't pretend to be one, but from my understanding even vaccinated people have the same viral load that unvaccinated people do. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and we can spread it and transmit it just as easily as unvaccinated people. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you can get it. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting the vaccine protects us from getting as sick and less risk of dying, but I think if the numbers continue to go up, I think by next meeting we need to consider reinstating a mask policy. **Supervisor Shepler** responded may I make a suggestion. At this point in time since we are going to be meeting prior to the next Board Meeting and I think it is probably not going to be until the middle or end of the month in reality by the time we get the Lawyer's meeting together. I think that we can establish at that point in time and put it out on the Webpage if we are going to be requiring it because you just don't want to have everybody come in and find out oops you need a mask. So, they can be prepared. **Councilman Galusha** noted no we need to advertise it so that people are aware. I agree. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we can discuss this also at the meeting we are having with the attorney. **Councilman Galusha** responded fair enough. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting then I would ask that the **Town Clerk** post it on the webpage. The **Town Clerk** responded if that is what you decide to do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded exactly, but I am just saying if this is decided what to do, I would like to post it on the Webpage so that the residents of the Town are prepared when come t the next meeting, and they are not caught off guard. **Councilman Galusha** noted um OK, are you done with that. I am sorry I didn't mean to cut you off. **Supervisor Shepler** responded oh no you are fine. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting so in the Webinar that I attended on Financial Analysis for Borad members they talked about.....It reminded me that they talked about bank reconciliation of our bank statements versus account records and do they match. That is something that we should be looking at routinely and as I recall when we audited our Books back in January the Bank Reconciliations were not available. So, are they being done? **Supervisor Shepler** responded they are being done on a monthly basis yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting and they are available if somebody wants to take a look at them. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they have been printed out yes. **Councilman Galusha** noted the last thing and I am going to harp on tis until we find a solution to it. I think that we are wasting a lot of time reading the claims. Other towns don't do it. I think we can print the Abstract put it on the website. We can make copies available to the public rather than to subject everybody to sit here to have to read the claims. I think it is a hell of a waste of time when we've got all this other stuff we should be talking about. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I think that that is something that the Board should decide. **Councilman Galusha** replied I agree. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and I would like it to be a decision when

we have a full Board. **Councilman Galusha** responded that is fine. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and not just the three of us. **Council man Galusha** responded I think that by next Board Meeting I will bring a Resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** responded you can bring it or give it to me, and I will put it into the packets. **Council man Galusha** noted well that is what I meant., sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well that is fine. You are fine. **Councilman Galusha** noted that is all I have. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Ed** any reports you want to discuss. **Councilman Brown** responded no our Trash Truck is getting worse. **Councilman Galusha** asked when are we going to get the new one, you told me. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I didn't tell you. **Councilman Galusha** noted no I think you said not till next year. **Supervisor Shepler** responded originally the plan waws to come in this Fall, and when I spoke with NCL they had indicated actually I spoke with CEHA, and they told me it wouldn't be in until the Spring. Talking with NCL the other night they were telling me there was a problem getting chassis in, and I talked to **Pat** about that, and he said yes, there is a problem with chassis, but we were told that we had the equipment there for us when we did the order. So now I've got to call HL Gage and have a discussion with them. Which I am trying to get in touch with them. And yes, that bill came as surprise. For the Highway Department for their truck. I did call the proper people and have a discussion with them. I talked to **Pat**, and he said he was fine with it. We um basically we started to pay on our truck. The truck that we are getting that is the lease to own. It is a 4-year lease. The other truck that we are getting is an outright paid for truck once it comes in so that process has already started. The Garbage Truck process will not start until next year. So even if we do get the Garbage Truck , and I am hoping that we do get a truck this Fall we will not be paying for it until next year. That is per NCI, NCL, OK. I know you have. **Councilman Galusha** replied that is all. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Ed**. **Councilman Brown** responded we've got the Landfill Transfer Field about 95% done. It looks good. The trees are all cut. The grass in mown. I don't see no problem with the liner. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am hoping there is not a problem with the liner. **Councilman Brown** noted it needs to be one once or twice a year. **Supervisor Shepler** responded and that was written in the was it DEC Report that we had to do. **Council man Brown** responded um hum. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that it has to be maintained and everything has to be cut..... **Councilman Brown** noted at least once a year. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting at least once a year. Alright. Any other discussion? No. Can I please ask for an adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion introduced by **Councilman Galusha** and seconded by **Councilman Brown** the meeting was adjourned at **8:08 pm**.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan E Staples, Town Clerk**

**August 28, 2021**

**Attachments**

# Town of Thurman Supervisors Report

August 11, 2021

The Town of Thurman hosted its second Pop up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Monday, July 19, 2021, sadly only those who were getting their second shots came.

Gleaning for the month of September will be on September 13, 2021; this is the second Monday of the month as the first Monday is Labor Day.

Residents will be allowed into the Town Hall in small groups to gather their preferred foods, with assistance.

Just a reminder that according to the rules of Reopening, only those visitors that have not been vaccinated must wear a mask and maintain a six foot distance at all times. This pertains to not only Gleaning but ALL functions of the Town.

There have been a few complaints that SLIC has not been working well, I have contacted SLIC and was informed that after the severe storms of last week some of the Fiber wires had sustained some



damage and that SLIC was out and making the necessary repairs.

I would like to share some news with our residents. The First Wilderness Heritage Corridor has a program that I find interesting – It is called LETTERBOXING PASSPORT. “Letterboxing is a fun treasure hunt activity, incorporating orienteering, art and puzzle solving”. The Passport books are available in the front foyer of the Town Hall, with a full explanation of how the program works. This is a fun event for all ages.

Monday Night Concerts in the Park is entering its third week:

August 16, 2021 Big Fez and The Surfomatics

August 23, 2021 Warren County Ramblers

August 30, 2021 City Limits

Bring a chair and join the fun.

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**August 5, 2021**

**To the Thurman Town Board:**

**I am requesting the opportunity to fill the position of Thurman Town Historian.**

**I would like to re-establish an interest in protecting and preserving the history of Thurman. I would do this by engaging the residents in Thurman's current history because their stories reveal how they met the challenges of the current time period and I feel this would be beneficial and interesting to future generations.**

**I would also like to inventory and preserve whatever historical materials remain in the Harris House and perhaps have a presentation in the town hall.**

**Sincerely**

**Debra Runyon**