

February 04, 2020 Special Board Meeting

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD FEBRUARY 04, 2020 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.....

PRESENT: Mr. Ed Brown, Councilman

Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman

Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at **6:38 pm**.

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler stated thank you. I would like to adjourn at this time into **Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing personnel. We can go upstairs to my office. **Councilman Galusha** noted we need to be more specific than that. **Supervisor Shepler** stated that is as specific as I am getting at this point in time. **Gail Seaman** stated you need a motion. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I need a motion. **Councilman Galusha** noted but we need to say specifically why we are adjourning. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I did. **Councilman Galusha** replied that is not specific. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I specifically said that I would like to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, and I need a motion to do that please. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilman Needham** stated I will make a motion. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. Do I have a second? **Councilman Brown** stated I'll second it. **Supervisor Shepler** stated thank you. **Gail Seaman** stated all in favor. **Supervisor Shepler** responded all in favor. I am sorry I am jumping the gun. Forgive me. All in favor?

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:40 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Needham, Shepler, Nays~2 Galusha, Harris

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler stated let the record show that **Councilman Galusha** and **Councilwoman Harris** are opposed.

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted I would like to come back into session. There was no decisions made. I believe that the Board has seen these before, but would you like to.....**Gail Seaman** interrupted stating you have to vote to come back into session. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I am sorry. Can we please have a vote? May I have a motion to come back into session? **Councilman Needham** replied yes, I'll make a motion. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do I have a second to come back into session. **Councilman Galusha** stated I will second it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. All in favor. Any opposed. Thank you.

Motion to return from Executive Session:

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Galusha** the Board voted to return from Executive Session at **7:12 pm**.

Motion Carried: Ayes~5 Brown, Galusha, Harris, Needham, Shepler. Nays~0

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler asked would you like to look at these again before we.....**Councilwoman Harris** asked have they been changed. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I don't believe they have been changed. They might have been a couple of them. We've got initials. **Councilman Galusha** asked these ones are alterations. **Supervisor Shepler** responded there are new ones. There have been a couple of new one added. There have been alterations because we have come across where some of them have been paid, and some of them that have not been paid in addition too, and you will see that information there. **Councilman Brown** asked an inaudible question. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yeah, yeah we have had them before I think so....Would you have any objection if I read the.....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted stating I would like to know what the difference is. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they were missing invoices **Joan**. That were not included in the pack so we reduced the sum from \$1,098.83 to \$1,002.00 and (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** asked you are going to change that then. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we did. See it was 1,098. We reduced it (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** noted I see the change down there, but that is not what that is. **Councilman Galusha** asked when you make a change like that shouldn't somebody initial it, and date it or something so we know it's.....**Supervisor Shepler** stated I will. **Councilwoman Harris** noted and agreed to. You know previously agreed to. **Supervisor Shepler** stated they were missing invoices is what it was. **Councilwoman Harris** noted then you asked me what. **Supervisor Shepler** asked did I ask you something. **Councilwoman Harris** replied you stated something to...Can you do something? **Supervisor Shepler** noted I was going to ask you if I can go ahead and read these, but if there is going to be questions I don't want to be reading and then stop so we'll just let you guys go through them, and if you have any questions I will answer your questions. **Councilwoman Harris** asked is the Highway down there. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the Highway is there. **Councilman Galusha** noted to **Councilwoman Harris** you were supposed to be signing. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I know. I am not signing it. When you sign it all you are saying is that the additions is correct, and the bills are that. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting when you review them is what you are saying.....**Councilwoman Harris** asked what. **Supervisor Shepler** continued stating you've reviewed them. That is what you are saying. **Councilwoman Harris** stated yeah I'm saying we are checking them for additions, and whether or not they are corrected and who is doing it whatever. That is why we still have to vote on it. **Supervisor Shepler** stated on the payment yeah. **Mary Eddy** asked if you have voted on these already twice why are you bringing it a third time. **Supervisor Shepler** responded because there are some additional things that have been added in there that they (inaudible). **Mary Eddy** asked why weren't.....If they are additional why didn't you pay them in the first place. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we haven't paid any of them yet. **Mary Eddy** asked yeah but why. If they were approved why weren't they paid? **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Mary** I am not taking questions from the floor this evening. This is a Special Meeting for the Board to pay claims. Thank you. **Mary Eddy** asked so you don't want to be transparent. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, I am just stating a fact that we are here to pay the claims this evening, and I will read the claims out here shortly alright. **Councilwoman Harris** asked don't you have two files down there. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no there is one. **Councilwoman Harris** replied oh there is one. **Supervisor Shepler** continued yes, there were two files total. One for Highway, and one for the General Fund. **Councilwoman Harris** responded OK. **Councilman Galusha** noted this one doesn't have a voucher or anything like that. **Councilwoman Harris**

asked is there a voucher for that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you should have been (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** replied it was just in here loss. **Supervisor Shepler** asked are there....Was it in with the rest of the Maincares. **Councilman Galusha** noted it followed them, but it is not listed on any of them that I notice. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the individual ones should have been listed. **Councilman Galusha** noted they are they are attached. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting OK this was a statement so that is what we were using to let (inaudible). We are paying on the invoices not the statement OK. **Mary Eddy** asked did the **Town Clerk** do the Abstract this time. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am not having questions from the floor **Mary**, thank you. **Mary Eddy** replied so that is a no. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am not taking questions from the floor thank you. **Mary Eddy** asked is that a no. Does the **Town Board** have a copy of the Abstract? No. How can you pay them if you don't even know if they add together on an Abstract. **Supervisor Shepler** stated I am not taking questions from the floor Ok. **Mary Eddy** responded that wasn't a question. I just made a statement (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am not taking statements. I am not taking statements from the floor thank you. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so these might be duplicates from someplace else. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no, no they are not duplicates. They are still the originals, but I am saying that they have been presented before. There is additional things in some of these that we have added that you need to see. So if you signed it you saw it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I put the date there, but I didn't (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted I know, but I have to have you look at them. **Councilwoman Harris** made an inaudible remark and **Supervisor Shepler** responded because that was a 2020 not a 2019. **Councilwoman Harris** replied so these are 2019. **Supervisor Shepler** replied 19 that is correct. This is the abstract of the unpaid vouchers for the period of 2-1 through 2-4. For the 2019 bills that have not been paid. That is 2019 bills. **Supervisor Shepler** read off the claimants, description of service and total of the claims. **Supervisor Shepler** stated this is totaling \$14,932.84. The total for the Highway Fund was \$51.67. She noted there were additional ones for the Highway Fund. **Supervisor Shepler** stated the total of this is \$20,484.08. The grand total for both the Town and the Highway, that's both Highways, the fifty one sixty seven, and the 20,432.40 is \$35,416.92. Does the Board have any questions? I'd like to make.....I'd like somebody to make a motion to get a Resolution on the floor please to pay the 2019 claims. **Councilman Needham** stated I will make a motion. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you. Do I have a second? **Councilman Brown** stated I will second it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you. The Resolution to pay the 2019 claims for the General Fund is \$14,932.84. The total of the Highway is \$20,484.08. **Councilman Galusha** asked that doesn't include the fifty on sixty seven. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it does. It was \$20,432.41 and then the fifty one sixty seven was 20,484.08. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. Ok sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no you are fine. You are absolutely fine. Any questions down here? **Councilman Brown** and **Councilman Needham** responded no. **Supervisor Shepler** asked can I please have a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 17

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

Resolution to pay the 2019 Claims

General Fund: \$14,932.84

Highway Fund \$20,484.08

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A Roll Call Vote Was Called.

Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Brown, Galusha, Needham, Shepler, Nays~0, Abstain~1 Harris

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler stated the motion has carried. The 2019 bills will be paid this week going forward. Thank you very much everybody for coming out. May I have a motion to adjourn please.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilman Needham** the meeting was adjourned at **7:36 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

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