

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD JUNE 09, 2021, 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

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor

ABSENT: Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E Staples

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

The meeting started with a review of the claims at **6:30 pm**. The meeting was called to order at **6:58 pm**.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Supervisor Shepler noted I would like to please request a moment of silence for **Mr. Donald Carpenter** please. She also noted and I would also like at this time to extend our condolences to the family of **Keith Parent** for the sudden and tragic loss of his father and his sister. Can we please have a moment of silence, thank you?

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted the Supervisor's Report for June 09, 2021. This is the first meeting in many months that the Town Board, and its residents do not have to wear mask, unless you are not vaccinated in which case you are required to still wear a mask and maintain a six-foot distance. Everyone is asked to please continue to sign in on the visitor's log in the vestibule and put your phone number and answer the two questions. Thank you, we are not doing temperatures anymore, at this point in time. I am pleased to share with the residents of the Town of Thurman that a garbage truck has been ordered, and is expected to arrive this fall, and I just got a Serial number for it, so it is in its works. Just a reminder Gleaning will be July 12th. It is a week late because of the holiday weekend. So, it is going to be July 12, 2021. This is the second Monday of the month. Please be advised the Resolutions for the month's meetings are on the Town's webpage the Friday before the Board meeting. Any questions please feel free to call my office. The Town Board did a walk-through of the Harris House with Cedarwood Engineering on May 5, 2021. The Board was given the recommendations of Cedarwood. Would the Board please be prepared to discuss this at our next Board meeting on July 14, 2021. Thank you. At this time, I would like to have Privilege of the floor. **Councilman Galusha** noted before you start taking that I just would like to address the folks here based on the last meeting we had. I kind of stuck my neck out and, brought forward the Resolution for Privilege of the Floor. I would just ask that everyone please ask us tough questions. Ask us pointed questions. Hold us to account for what we are doing here, but please be respectful and, just conduct yourself in an appropriate way so that we don't get into shouting matches and arguments. But please ask us the tough questions, and we should have to answer these questions as best we can. So, thank you. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright. I have Privilege of the floor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: The following people spoke at Privilege of the floor on the following topics. **Mary Eddy** asked about SLIC installation, Septic inspection and, Resident access to come get their own food for Gleaning. **Debbie McIlrath** asked about Privilege of the Floor and not having access to information prior to the meeting due to no internet as well as no meeting packets being available. **Perky Granger** asked the Board to not pass the Resolution for Occupancy Tax. Also, she asked about the \$30,000.00 that was unspent from last year, and the need for access to funds now. **Wini Martin** noted that they need to speak to the Supervisor but are unable to get through to her. She asked what has changed that would not allow funds to be disbursed. **Cynthia Hyde** asked who decided not to use the \$30,000.00 this year. **Mary Eddy** asked where the \$30,000.00 was, and who was the Chairman of the Occupancy Tax Committee. **Debbie Runyon** noted that TSA money returned in the past was always added to the new year's funds. She also noted that the money from 2020 should be available to them to use now. **Kathy Templeton** noted that we should not be making changes due to COVID, and when will the 2017, 2018 and 2019 AUDs be completed. **Debbie Runyon** noted 2017 was done and 2018 was mostly completed noting that she had submitted them. **Cynthia Hyde** noted there was a problem with from 2016 with a Due to Due From. **Debbie Runyon** noted they accepted it. **Joyce Eddy** asked as **Supervisor** how responsible you feel towards the payment of the money that was paid to **Gail Seaman**. She noted that the **Supervisor** should be as responsible because she hired, paid her and signed the checks. **Wini Martin** noted that last year there was one payment from the Occupancy Tax for a band for **Jack Wax**. She also noted that she did apply last month and had handed in an application. She noted that in a year and a half the **Supervisor** has refused to receive any applications. **Wes Ramsey** noted you didn't answer **Joyce's** question. How are we going to get paid back for **Gail's** unauthorized insurance?

DISCUSSION: **Supervisor Shepler** asked are there any other questions out there. Then I am going to close privilege of the floor and go on to Resolutions. First Resolution before the Board will someone be willing to introduce the Resolution to accept the revised Occupancy Tax Application. She then read the resolution. She noted we did discuss hardship cases. Will somebody be willing to introduce this?

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 48

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

Resolution to Accept the Revised Occupancy Tax Application

Whereas, The Town of Thurman receives from Warren County, Occupancy Tax money to be distributed with the intent to promote tourism, and to enhance the general economy.

Be it Resolved, That the Applicant must complete the Application and be approved prior to the event

Be it Further Resolved, That this is a "reimbursement" grant only, no funds will be distributed without receipts or advance of the Town receiving funds from the County.

DISCUSSION: **Supervisor Shepler** noted can we please have discussion. **Councilman Brown** noted yeah, I still don't agree with this reimbursement. They can't come up with the money to pay it, and we are sitting on.....**Councilman Needham** interrupted noting when this whole thing started that is how it was supposed to have been done. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes. **Councilman Needham** continued noting other towns (inaudible). They let you give them the money.....**Councilman Brown** interrupted

noting it don't matter. The 30,000 is earmarked for Occupancy. It has got to be earmarked. It is in the Fund Balance. We as a Board should be able to come up with some money, and that is what it is going to come down too. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well it is not the whole \$30,000.00 (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** responded well no you said you had 500 and some minus. Right because last year.....**Supervisor Shepler** responded well they gave us money (inaudible) for the band for the Jack Wax Party. **Councilman Brown** responded I really think the Board should consider (inaudible) myself. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but I also think that in general it should be a Reimbursement Policy, and each individual organization be looked at if there is a hardship situation. Then that needs to be reviewed. **Councilman Brown** noted how can they come up with that kind of money. **Supervisor Shepler** responded they don't have to come up with the whole amount of money if it is a hardship. **Councilman Brown** noted we are saying, it says right here without receipts. You don't get receipts until the bills are paid you know. **Supervisor Shepler** responded Ed what was discussed.....**Councilman Brown** noted you are not going to convince me. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well I don't think you are hearing me. **Councilman Brown** responded yes I am hearing you. **Supervisor Shepler** replied OK. **Councilman Brown** replied I have thought about this since (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied OK. **Councilman Brown** continued noting there is 30,000 in the Fund Balance. Which we have got to know exactly what our Fund Balance is. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it is right there. **Councilman Brown** continued noting alright even though it is not.....You say it is not available. It has got to be available. The Town is not going to lose any money on it then if that 30 grand is sitting in that bank or in the General Fund.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is fine. **Councilman Brown** continued noting we should be able to help them. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is fine, and we can help them. We can help anybody as long as they.....But they also need to be able to.....It needs to be done on a reimbursement basis, and that way we can track the money. **Councilman Brown** responded how are they going reimbursed if they don't have the money up front. **Supervisor Shepler** responded because they are not.....They are coming in with a hardship Ed. So they are not getting the full, the full ride as a reimbursement. **Councilman Brown** spoke over her noting um hum, right exactly. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting they are getting.....They will probably get some money upfront, and then the balance they can handle as a reimbursement. **Councilman Brown** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and that would be true with anybody else who applies. **Councilman Brown** responded alright so why aren't we doing that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well we are. We have talked about doing that, but we have to have a Resolution in place (inaudible). **Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Councilman Brown** responded then they should come in and fill their application out so that they can get started on their projects. Summer is going to be over. We are in the middle of June already. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is fine they can start on their projects, but we need to have a meeting, and we are going to set one up. I will try and get one tonight or tomorrow with you guys. Set one up, and then we can sit down go through your books and find out what kind of hardship there is. **Perky Granger** responded email me with a list of the things that you need. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I would be happy to, yup. I'd be happy. She continued noting did you get your internet up and running. **Perky Granger** replied yes. **Supervisor Shepler** replied congratulations. Alright so it is not going to be a full ride. It is going to be a partial reimbursement and a partial what they would call a hardship. But there may be other people here in town that can foot the full bill for a reimbursement. And they have to be able to present all of their receipts for it to be reimbursed. **Councilman Brown** asked have you ever seen it. I haven't, not in Thurman. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no Thurman has never done it before Ed. Thurman is one of the very few towns that don't do it. And it has come to us from the County that we really should be

considering doing this. **Councilman Brown** replied well we are not the County. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no I know you've got a problem with the County. **Councilman Brown** replied yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting but we as a Town of Thurman need to be responsible and accountable. **Councilman Brown** replied we are responsible. They bring their receipts. Show us the receipts. I don't see any problem. **Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Supervisor Shepler** noted hum. **Councilman Needham** responded they have got to bring receipts. **Councilman Brown** responded yeah sure. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well that is a reimbursement then. **Councilman Brown** noted they can't come up with that kind of money to get reimbursed. This is the way I read it. It says that this is a reimbursement grant only. No funds will be disbursed without receipts. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is correct. **Councilman Brown** responded how are you going to have receipts if you don't have any funds. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is correct, but we also spoke about having a hardship situation. Where they can come in. Anybody can come in. **Councilman Brown** interrupted noting well then this should be put into it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded let's amend it and put it in there. **Councilman Brown** noted they should all be put in the resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** replied let's amend it and put it in there. This was written.....**Councilman Brown** interrupted noting nah, nah just go on with the Resolution please. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well no because if you think that it is something that should be added. Do you think we should add it? **Councilman Brown** replied no, no. **Councilman Needham** noted I think this is fine. **Supervisor Shepler** noted no alright. **Councilman Brown** noted we'll be sitting on that 30 grand (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** responded we could be. Do I have any further discussion? No? No? Can I have a Roll Call Vote please? Would you be kind enough to read it for me I am losing my voice. **Councilman Galusha** replied sure.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Needham, Shepler, Nays~1 Brown, Abstained~1 Galusha

Discussion: **Supervisor Shepler** noted so it is no vote at all. So, there is no action taken. So, it doesn't go anywhere. So, you can still come in. We can still sit down. We'll still go over your books and we'll see what we can do for you. **Perky Granger** replied OK can we get **Kevin** to sit in too. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I beg your pardon. **Perky Granger** noted can we get **Kevin** to sit in with us. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that was my goal was to have him come in and sit with us. Thank you. Do you want to read this one? Will somebody introduce the Resolution regarding reimbursement for the cost of health insurance for the confidential secretary?

Resolution # 49

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

Resolution Regarding Reimbursement for the Cost of Health Insurance for the Confidential Secretary

WHEREAS Supervisor Shepler notified the former Confidential Secretary, Gail Seaman by certified letter dated April 28, 2021 that the town is requesting that she voluntarily pay back to the town the sum of \$9,602.21 which was illegally paid out for her health insurance, and

WHEREAS Supervisor Shepler further advised Mrs. Seaman in the April 28, 2021 letter that if she does not voluntarily pay the town back then the town will take legal action to recoup all expenses in this regard including legal expenses incurred, and

WHEREAS the town has not received the requested payment from Mrs. Seaman to date,

BE It THEREFORE RESOLVED that Supervisor Shepler is hereby directed to notify Mrs. Seaman, by written notice sent certified mail within one week of this resolution, that the Town must be reimbursed the full amount of \$9,602.21 within 30 days of receipt of the notification and if payment is not received by that date the town board will initiate legal action to recoup the \$9,602.21 plus all legal expenses incurred.

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler asked any discussion. **Councilman Brown** replied yeah, I do. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Ed**. **Councilman Brown** noted I, I go along with this, but I truly do not believe in putting any employees name out there in public. You know I am dead set against that. I don't think it is right. I don't think it is legal. I think we should take her name off if we are going to go further with this, and we already have a Resolution passed with this. We passed this without the amount in there. **Councilman Galusha** replied we didn't have a date set. We didn't have a deadline. We asked that she voluntarily. That they notify her, and then she voluntarily pay it back, but I left it open because at that time I didn't know if there were legal requirements as far as how much notice we had to give her as far as terminating health insurance. **Councilman Brown** responded I agree with you. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and that was an issue. We couldn't.....I wanted to do it the end of April, and that only gave us less than a week, and I was advised that it had to be at the end of May for legal reasons so. **Councilman Galusha** replied that is why I did that. Because I didn't want to put the town in a jam by asking for something that wasn't legal. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is fine. **Councilman Galusha** noted I left it open that way now the insurance has been terminated now we are requesting that we get repaid. I don't believe there are any legal deadlines. So, we are free to set our own deadlines. So, 30 days.....**Councilman Brown** interrupted noting you talked to counsel on this. **Councilman Galusha** replied excuse me. **Councilman Brown** replied did you talk to the counsel on this. **Councilman Galusha** responded I did not talk to him about this specific Resolution, but I discussed the prior Resolution and what my intentions were going forward yes. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I will say that if the Board passes this, I will be in discussion with him as to the verbiage that I should be using. **Councilman Galusha** replied certainly. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am just letting you know. **Councilman Galusha** noted I have no problem with that. **Councilman Brown** noted I think he should be involved (inaudible). I think he should handle it. It has been going on for a while. **Councilman Galusha** responded I think we can serve the notice, but I think as far as if that.....If we don't receive payment then the next step and all subsequent steps should probably be handled by the attorney, but I think we are free to do this. We are simply requesting voluntary payment at this point. **Councilman Brown** noted because I have a problem with it you know regardless. I am not going to mention her name, but regardless if you like the person or not you have past, present and future. She is no longer an employee of the Town of Thurman and I have a problem with that if there might be legal repercussions for the Town. I don't know. That is why I would like to talk to counsel because I really think there could be a big repercussion on this. Especially bringing the name up, and now that she is not an employee anymore of Thurman. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well she was advised in a letter that she was initially set that she was advised.....**Councilman Brown** interrupted noting it don't matter. To me what I feel she is still a Town Employee. They've got rights. We have got to be careful whether you like the person or not she still has rights as an employee OK. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no because she is no longer an employee. **Councilman Brown** responded that is a problem too OK. **Councilman Galusha** noted **Ed** I understand you are sensitive to this. I appreciate your position on this.....**Councilman Brown** spoke over him noting I do. I am (inaudible) this case before. **Councilman**

Galusha continued noting but keep in mind unless this is actually in litigation all of this information is subject to FOIL. These are all public so.....**Councilman Brown** interrupted noting oh yeah it is, but I just don't feel that we as group should be putting it out there. That is all. It is just for respect for the person whether you like them or not. (Inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** asked so are you recommending that we take the person's name out and proceed with the Resolution without the name. **Councilman Brown** responded I don't think we should have the name in there the name should be out. **Councilman Galusha** responded so if we take the name out you'll.....**Councilman Brown** replied I'll vote for it. **Supervisor Shepler** asked what would you put in there to identify the person. What her position was. **Councilman Brown** replied just an employee. You shouldn't.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well you need to name a specific employee. **Councilman Brown** responded just take the name out. I just don't feel comfortable because I've dealt with this before, and there could be legal repercussions, I think. That is why I want to have counsel look at this. That is just the way I feel you know. **Supervisor Shepler** asked so do you want to strike her name and just put secretary/bookkeeper. **Councilman Galusha** noted you are in agreement that we are all.....We know who we are talking about. **Councilman Brown** responded oh I'm in agreement. I am going to agree that we should try and reimburse our money, and I am not really sure if this is the proper way, but this will get it started right. Whether this is right or we have to go another route. **Supervisor Shepler** replied the only thing that is for.....I'm not.....I can't.....What is the word that I want? **Councilman Galusha** replied prosperity. I don't know what (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied 60 years down the road when they look at this who is the Town Secretary/ Bookkeeper. I think that the name has to be mentioned somewhere, but perhaps maybe then go on to say Secretary/Bookkeeper. Put in her name Secretary/Bookkeeper, and then just reference secretary, I don't know. They have to be able to know who they were referencing. **Councilman Brown** I just think (inaudible). **Mary Eddy** noted how about just putting in the date that she was employed and unemployed. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that doesn't matter. (Inaudible). **Mary Eddy** responded that would cover who it was. Someone else asked if there was an employee number and **Supervisor Shepler** responded no there is no employee number, we are so small. **Councilman Galusha** noted it does say Confidential Secretary who was notified by certified mail dated April 28, 2021. **Supervisor Shepler** responded, and she is not a Confidential Secretary. She was not a Confidential Secretary. She was just a Secretary/Bookkeeper. That was her title. **Councilman Galusha** noted I think in Town Law her actual title is Confidential Secretary, but that doesn't matter. I am not concerned about that. **Ed** I hear what you are saying, and I know you are sensitive to that. I just don't know..... **Councilman Brown** interrupted noting it doesn't matter who it was I would still feel the same. **Councilman Galusha** replied I appreciate that. **Councilman Brown** continued noting but I do agree that we need to move forward, and collect this one way or the other. **Supervisor Shepler** noted can I make a suggestion that something is out there, and it is in the public at this point in time, and it has (inaudible) that the Board be allowed to vote yea or nay, and in the future reference Secretary/Bookkeeper. You have to mention her name once I think. **Councilman Needham** noted maybe in the future we should have every Town Employee get a number. Or give them a number. **Councilman Galusha** noted but the thing is even if you do that those numbers are Public information so somebody can go look it up. **Councilman Needham** responded well yeah at least the name won't be out. **Councilman Brown** noted I guess at this point (inaudible). I just want to make sure that we are going at it legally the right way where it is not going to cost the Town of Thurman. (Inaudible) if this ends up in court that is all that I am concerned about, and I hope you understand you know what I am saying. He then made an inaudible comment. **Councilman Galusha** replied unfortunately this has already been posted on the Town Website, and everybody has it. It is

already a done deal so.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yup. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting now all we are doing is formalizing it by voting on it, so I think it is already history that the name is out there. **Councilman Brown** responded because I'm sure Counsel is going to take this in a different direction. **Councilman Galusha** replied they could. **Councilman Brown** replied oh yeah. I'm sure he will. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and I can assure you that (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** responded oh no that is fine. You should there is no reason you shouldn't. And I'm sure that it will. **Supervisor Shepler** asked is there any further discussion (inaudible). **Councilman Brown** replied no, no. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you have any objections if we go forward with this or not. **Councilman Brown** responded pardon. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you have any objections if the Board goes forward on this. **Councilman Brown** replied no, no it has to be done. It has got to be done. **Supervisor Shepler** asked **Doug** any discussion. **Councilman Needham** replied no. **Supervisor Shepler** asked **Randy** any further any further discussion. Can I please have a Roll Call Vote?

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Brown, Galusha, Shepler, Nays~0, Abstain~1 Needham

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted thank you. (Inaudible). **Councilman Brown** noted oh I know at least I said what I wanted to say. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is it for Resolutions this evening. We are going to go on to payment of claims. And if I lose my voice I apologize. She then went on to read the claims for the General Fund noting a total of \$10,826.12 for the General Fund. A total of \$12,148.22 for the Highway Fund. A total of \$50.00 for the Enterprise Fund with a total of \$23,024.34 for a total of all claims.

Resolution # 50

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

Payment of Claims

Total of Abstract 006: General Fund, June 9, 2021 \$10,826.12

Total of Abstract 006: Highway Fund, June 9, 2021 \$12,148.22

Total of Abstract 006: Enterprise Fund, June 9, 2021 \$50.00

Total Claims for June 9, 2021 \$23,024.34.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

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

Discussion: Supervisor Shepler noted it passed thank you. Do I have any reports from the Board this evening? No? With that being said can I have a motion to adjourn? **Councilman Galusha** noted before we do that I just have a couple of things I just want.....What is the status of the effort to replace our Secretary/Bookkeeper. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it has been in the paper. **Susan** ran an ad for me in the help wanted. I believe it was 7 days **Sue**. The **Town Clerk** responded yeah 7 days. Saturday, it started Saturday, and it should be on the internet for I think 30. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK, so it stars this coming Saturday. The **Town Clerk** replied it started last Saturday. So, it is running now until I guess it will end Friday. **Councilman Galusha** responded I take it we haven't had any responses yet. The

Town Clerk responded it.....I would ask her. **Supervisor Shepler** responded as of this morning there was no mail, but I didn't make it back to the Post Office this afternoon. **Councilman Galusha** noted second thing I have had some people express concern about what is happening with paychecks. I understand the situation we are in, but our Animal Control Officer indicated to me that hen not only hasn't received his recent pay check, but he was never paid for the month of April. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is not true. I've got an email from him. He never got his April one. I've stopped payment. I'm issuing it. I'm in communication with him. He did receive his May one. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and I've got the email from him upstairs. He received the May one. **Councilman Galusha** asked when did he email you. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yesterday I think it was. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK he didn't let me know that. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and the April one has not materialized, and I stopped payment at the Bank. And I am reissuing. That is what I am doing with that. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Mary** you had contacted me about the freezer. That is all taken care of. **Mary Eddy** replied yes, **Susan** already has taken care of it. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is being delivered on the 29th of June. Lots going on, on the 29th of June. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK I think that is all I had. Was there something you wanted me to bring up? I can't remember now. OK. **Councilman Brown** noted I do. I have talked to people about it. A lot of people have asked me about concerts in the Park. Is there going to be any status moving forward. Just so I have an answer. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is absolutely fine. **Councilman Brown** noted I've got to have answers. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting the....What has happened is last year everything was booked including the Fireworks by the middle of January, and that is when you have to book a lot of these bands because they all book up very fast. I had at the end of January, the beginning of February, call everybody and cancel because we had to cancel the events. This year I would like to have it, but we weren't even able to contemplate doing anything about it until 4 weeks ago. What I will say to you is the bandstand is in dire need of attention. The electrical we've had issues with, and the lights would flicker. And the plug for where they would plug in their instruments and so forth would cause (inaudible). What do you call is it called when it ways in and out? The **Town Clerk** noted surge. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so what I would like to do is have an Electrician look at the Bandstand and if there is any repairs that are needed to do it, and then I would also see about finding some bands if there is still anyone available to come and play for us. We are not going to be able to do Fireworks this year. I was told that I can call them back and ask them again if he has had any cancellations. **Councilman Brown** noted we have plenty of local Electricians around you could call. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'd like to find a Certified Electrician because this is a lot OK. The **Town Clerk** noted we have used **Mr. Glebus** in the past. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I'm sorry who. The **Town Clerk** responded **Mr. Glebus**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied he is not an electrician. He is not a Certified Electrician. The **Town Clerk** replied I believe he is. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no he is not. So anyhow.....**Councilman Brown** noted when I was the Maintenance Man I used to do it myself. **Supervisor Shepler** replied those days are gone. So do I have the Board's blessing to have an Electrician go out there and look at the Bandstand and see if we can go ahead and get any repairs done to it that are needed so that we can (inaudible) book some bands. **Councilman Brown** replied I think you should. **Supervisor Shepler** noted (inaudible). **Doug? Ed? Randy?** **Councilman Galusha** asked how are we paying for it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it will be paid for out of Occupancy Tax Money if we are going to utilize it. **Councilman Brown** noted there is plenty in that reserved Fund. **Councilman Galusha** replied if you are going to talk about Occupancy Tax I am going to remove myself from the discussion because I don't think we should be using Occupancy Tax for that. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it can be used for

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Capital Improvements, and you've got a pen.....Papers for it right in your folder. **Councilman Galusha** noted I happen to have Appendix A because thank you, you provided it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, I did. You are welcome. **Councilman Galusha** noted the very last paragraph on the last page of schedule A. **Supervisor Shepler** replied let me find it. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting it says when spending funds for Capital Projects it is necessary to be sure the primary benefit is to promotion of Tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events and other directly related and supported activities. Any project which only incidentally furthers tourism (inaudible), and primarily benefits residents is not allowable as contrary to the legislatively authorized use of this fund. So, we have been around this before. **Supervisor Shepler** responded the Bandstand is not utilized by the Public. It is utilized during the summer, the Summer Concerts. **Councilman Galusha** noted and, the majority of the people who attend the concerts are local people. I'm just saying. **Cynthia Hyde** noted that there was work done on the bandstand in the past, and that bills could be reviewed to determine what work was done. **Councilman Brown** noted so I should be able to tell them there is hope. **Supervisor Shepler** noted there is hope yeah, yeah. So **Randy** I don't mean to (inaudible) the four of us that are present have agreed that I can go ahead (inaudible). **Councilman Galusha** responded majority rules. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am going to pursue that avenue. Is there any other discussion amongst the Board? **Randy? Doug? Ed?** Then can I have a motion to adjourn?

Motion to Adjourn: On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Brown** the meeting was adjourned at **8:18 pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

June 27, 2021

Attachments:

Town of Thurman Supervisors Report

June 9, 2021

This is the first meeting in many months that the Town Board and its residents do not have to wear a mask, unless you are not vaccinated in which case you are required to still wear a mask and maintain the six foot distance.

Everyone is asked to continue to sign in on the Visitors Log, listing your phone number and answering the two questions

I am pleased to share with the Residents of the Town of Thurman that a new garbage truck has been ordered and is expected to arrive this Fall.

Just a reminder that Gleaning will be July 12, 2021, this is the second Monday of the month.

Please be advised that the Resolutions for the month's meeting are on the Towns web page the Friday before the Board meeting any questions please call my office.

The Town Board did a walk thru of the Harris House with Cedarwood Engineering on May 5, 2021, The Board was given the recommendations of Cedarwood. Would the Board please be prepared to discuss this at our next Board meeting on July 14, 2021.