

November 18, 2021 Special Board Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIALBOARD MEETING OF TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AT THETHURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM.....**

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

**Mr. Randy Galusha, Councilman**

**Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman**

**Mrs. Susan Shepler, Supervisor**

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

**Councilman Needham arrived at 6:08 pm.**

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

The meeting started with a review of the claims.

**Discussion: Councilman Galusha** noted so the ones that we have already done we have to do again. Or what.....**Supervisor Shepler** responded if you already signed it, if the top sheet has already been signed you can just review it. The ones that are not signed you do need to sign. The **Town Clerk** noted if you look at the ones that are not signed you will turn the page. The one below it will be the one that you signed. It is the same claim. It just had to be reentered. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. The **Town Clerk** continued noting the only thing that has changed is the voucher number. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well they all don't have a previous, they all don't have a previous voucher underneath it. Mine didn't have it. The **Town Clerk** responded every, everyone that you gave me that I redid.....The only thing that changed was the one for Mason where I changed the paper towel code, but that again explains it on the sheet below it, but each one had already been entered. Just for some reason it didn't go in and it printed out the Abstract wrong. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting well it entered at 20 of 2020. Number 11 of 2020.The **Town Clerk** noted but for consistency so you can see what happened the first voucher is below the new voucher. **Supervisor Shepler** noted there were not all that many. But what happened was is that inadvertently somehow or another they got entered into 2020's Abstract number 11 so we had to take them off of Abstract 11 of 2020, and then **Susan** had to reenter them on the 2021. But if you look at your Abstract of Unaudited Vouchers you will see there is a significant difference then what there was the previous time. The **Town Clerk** noted and the reason being that the Highway Department one of the ones that did not show up was a CHIPs bill for 125,000. **Supervisor Shepler** responded right. Do I have someone who would be willing to introduce the payment of claims for this evening please? **Councilman Galusha** noted I will. **Councilman Brown** noted **Randy** did I will second it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you. The payment of claims for the General Fund Abstract 11 for November 18, 2021 is \$17,928.68. 1,7,9, 2, 8 .6, 8. Total of Abstract 11 Highway Fund for November 18, 2021 is \$154,150.33. 154, 150, 33. **Councilman Needham** asked about the last numbers. **Supervisor Shepler** responded 33. The total of Abstract 11 Enterprise Fund for November 18, 2021 is

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\$50.00. Total claims for November 18, 2021 is \$172,129.01. That is 172, 129 zero one. Any discussion?  
Can I please have a Roll Call Vote?

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

**RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution # 79**

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

**Payment of Claims**

Total of Abstract 011: General Fund, November 18, 2021 \$17,928.68

Total of Abstract 011: Highway Fund, November 18, 2021 \$154,150.33

Total of Abstract 011: Enterprise Fund, November 18, 2021 \$50.00

Total Claims for November 18, 2021 \$172,129.01

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

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted it passed thank you very much. Thank you, **Keith** for being our sole member of the Public. **Keith Parent** responded (inaudible) tough job. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is all we have on the agenda for this evening. This is not a discussion I just want to inform the Board that they all got printed copies of what the **Town Clerk** had passed out. (New rules on open meeting law). I know some of our Board Members can't produce it, so I asked her to, and she did. Thank you very much for coming out. Stay safe and dry. Meeting adjourned. The **Town Clerk** noted do need a motion. **Supervisor Shepler** noted oh can I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Adjournment:** On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Galusha** the meeting was adjourned at **6:18 pm**.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan E Staples, Town Clerk**

**November 23, 2021**

**Attachment**

November 17, 2021 | 3:15 pm

## COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccine appointments are available at New York State mass vaccination sites for children ages 5- 11. Vaccines are also widely available through your child's pediatrician, family physician, local county health department, FQHC, or pharmacy.

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KATHY HOCHUL

OCTOBER 19, 2021 | Albany, NY

## Governor Hochul Signs Two Pieces of Legislation Boosting Transparency in State and Local Government

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Legislation (S.1150-A/A.1228-A) Requires Documents to Be Discussed at Open Meetings to Be Made Available At Least 24 Hours Prior to Meeting

Legislation (S.4625-A/A.1442-B) Requires MTA to Publish its Data in Open Data Formats that Can Be Easily Accessed and Downloaded by the Public

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed two pieces of legislation boosting transparency in state and local government. The first piece of legislation requires documents that are going to be discussed at open meetings to be made available on request or posted on the government's website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The second piece of legislation requires the MTA to publish its data in formats that are easily accessible and can be easily downloaded and used by the public.

"There's no excuse for keeping New Yorkers in the dark on the actions governments take to help their constituents, and we've been committed to greater transparency since Day One," **Governor Hochul said**. "These pieces of legislation will require important local government documents and MTA data to be properly available for constituents to read and utilize. New Yorkers should be informed about the work government does for them every day, but we have to make it easier for them to get that information."

#### **Making Documents Available Prior to Open Meetings (S.1150-A/A.1228-A)**

This legislation makes documents to be discussed at open meetings available to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The Open Meetings Law is intended to empower the public through the accessibility of meetings of public bodies. The law requires them to make available to the public relevant documents, such as any proposed rule, regulation, or resolution. However, the current law only requires documents to be made available prior to meetings "as determined by the agency or department." This standard has resulted in some government bodies failing to make materials available in advance of meetings, reducing transparency. This legislation requires any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy, or amendment to be made available upon request and to be posted to the body's website at least 24 hours in advance of their discussion at an open meeting, giving the public access to these important documents in advance.

**Senator Anna M. Kaplan said**, "Public participation in open meetings is a cornerstone of our democracy and a vital opportunity for citizens to have their concerns heard and addressed by their representatives. In order for the public to have an opportunity for meaningful participation in the process, they need to have access to discussion materials in advance of any meeting, but unfortunately too many public bodies in New York State are using a weakness in our current law to skirt this important requirement. It's time that every public body across the state adopt this common-sense practice, and with this simple legislation, we will ensure that they do. I'm grateful for my partnership with Assemblywoman Amy Paulin on this important good-government measure and others, and I'm thankful for Governor Kathy Hochul's leadership in fighting to for a more transparent and open State Government."

#### **Requiring the MTA to Publish Data in Easily Accessible Formats (S.4625-A/A.1442-B)**

This legislation requires the MTA to publish its data in open data formats, which can be easily accessed, downloaded and manipulated by the public. The MTA will have to designate a data coordinator and will have 180 days to publish as much of its data as is feasible and legal within three years. This bill codifies Executive Order No. 95 of 2013, "Using Technology to Promote Transparency, Improve Government Performance and Enhance Citizen Engagement", into law.

**Senator Leroy Comrie said**, "The largest public authority in our state, responsible for thousands of jobs, billions of dollars in capital investment, and a key contributor to our economy has to be reliable and accountable. The MTA Open Data Act is a step in the right direction to providing a more easily digestible way to review the MTA's finances, contracts, and overall performance. Transparency is the prescription needed to bridge the trust gap between the MTA and the riding public. I would like to thank transportation advocates and my colleagues for their strong support for this legislation and commend Governor Hochul for signing it into law."

**Assemblymember Robert Carroll said**, "I commend Governor Hochul for signing the MTA open data act. With today's signing, the MTA will now have to make its data available to the public and easy to manipulate. The MTA OpenData Act, will make the MTA more transparent and accountable to the millions of New Yorkers who rely on subways, buses and commuter train to go about their daily lives."

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## Translations

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### Arabic Translation

الترجمة إلى العربية

([https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel\\_TWO\\_Arabic.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel_TWO_Arabic.pdf))

### Bengali Translation

বাংলা অনুবাদ

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### Chinese Translation

中文翻譯

([https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel\\_TWO\\_Chinese.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel_TWO_Chinese.pdf))

### Haitian-Creole Translation

Tradiksyon kreyòl ayisyen

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### Italian Translation

Traduzione italiana

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### Korean Translation

한국어 번역

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**Polish Translation**  
Polskie tłumaczenie

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**Russian Translation**  
Перевод на русский язык

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**Spanish Translation**  
Traducción al español

([https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel\\_TWO\\_Spanish.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/10.19.21.rel_TWO_Spanish.pdf))

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**Yiddish Translation**  
אידישע איבערטייטשונג

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