

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD SEPTEMBER 09, 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**

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was closed to the public.**

The meeting started with the review of claims at **6:30 pm**. The meeting was called to order at **6:56 pm**.

**Discussion:** During the review of claims **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Randy** I would like you to be made aware, **Doug and Ed** are aware, **Susan** has taken this upon herself to make this a public meeting. It is not a public meeting of record. The public is not invited in, and as far as I am concerned only a very few residents of the Town of Thurman were made aware of this, and I think it is wrong what she is doing. It should be everybody or nobody, and we have had this discussion before. It cannot be just a select few. **Councilman Galusha** noted we have talked about it, but we haven't done anything about it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is exactly right. That is exactly right. Kids have gone back to school we have an uptick. We have to be very much aware. The **Town Clerk** noted that if I had access to the Website I could have posted that the meeting would have been available to view. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well had it been shared it would have been. The **Town Clerk** replied well if you had been here when I left I could have. **Councilwoman Harris** noted the schools are open why isn't this open. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they are not all open, and some of .....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting all of them don't have to be like Warrensburg. **Supervisor Shepler** noted Warrensburg is not totally open either. They are doing remote learning also from Warrensburg. If you choose. **Councilwoman Harris** noted some of them go to it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded if you choose to not have your child go to school 5 days of week you can do remote learning. **Councilwoman Harris** replied oh yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then there is a mix you can do also, and the High School you know go 5 days a week. Its 2 days then 2 days I don't know which days. **Councilwoman Harris** noted (inaudible) needs to open it up if it is just done properly, and I know we can do it properly. **Supervisor Shepler** replied we have done, we have been doing it properly so far. We are on target.....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting well I mean people can come to the Town Board Meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well we are going to be working on that, and we will discuss that during the meeting, OK. The **Town Clerk** noted I want to know why you removed the claim I put in there for Mike Colvin, and reprinted the Abstract which is illegal for you to do. If you have a problem with a claim it is up the whole Board to decide not you. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't understand, I can't understand any of that. We are 6 months apart. The **Town Clerk** noted I put a claim in from Mike Colvin when the Board approved him to come in to fix my computer. It was put in for June she has refused to pay it every month. **Councilwoman Harris** responded oh. The **Town Clerk** continued noting so I put it in because it is past due over 90 days at this point, and there is no

reason for the claim not to be paid. And I had printed out the Abstract which she has reprinted which she has no authority to do. **Supervisor Shepler** responded as Chief Financial Officer I am the one who will make that determination on that regard. It will go.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting no the Board makes that determination. They review the claims what the Board is doing now. They review the claims. **Supervisor Shepler** responded what did I just say. What did I just say? It is going before the Board tonight. Thank you. May I also remind you as Town Clerk you are here to serve the pleasure of the Board. You are here to take the minutes of the Board Meeting. You have no authority to participate in any of the discussions. The **Town Clerk** replied I am not here to serve at the pleasure of the Board. I do not work for the Board. I work for the Town. **Councilman Galusha** noted (inaudible) she officially (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is fine. The **Town Clerk** continued noting my job is to.....**Supervisor Shepler** continued noting she is here as the secretary to the Board. She takes the Board Minutes. The **Town Clerk** stated I am not the secretary to the Board. **Councilwoman Harris** responded no. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting yup, well guess what. Would you like to read it? The **Town Clerk** stated I am not the secretary to the Board. **Councilman Galusha** noted it does not say she is the secretary to the Board. She takes the minutes, but she is (inaudible).....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting perhaps I have taken the incorrect verbiage , but she is here to take the minutes of the Board not to participate in Board meetings. **Councilman Galusha** noted she is a duly elected Official, and..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes, who does not have the authority to participate in the Board meetings. **Councilman Galusha** responded if she created the Abstract based on the bills submitted I think she has the right.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no, that bill was not submitted to her. The **Town Clerk** responded the bill was submitted to me. I submitted it to you in June. You wouldn't pay it in June you said you wanted to discuss it. You didn't discuss it in July. You didn't do it in August, and now here it is September. There is no reason not to pay that claim. It is a legitimate claim. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you **Susan**, thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK, we will discuss it during the meeting. It is going to come up. A Police Officer arrived at the meeting, and **Supervisor Shepler** let him in. He then asked so what is the issue with (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** responded the issue is the **Town Clerk** and another member of the community out there listed it only to a few members, and if it is going to be open Board Meeting it needs to be open to the entire Town of Thurman. The **Officer** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting not to just a select few who happened to get emails. The **Officer** responded OK, OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting my concern was the **Town Clerk** was quite heavily involved with setting this up, and getting it going. The **Officer** noted fine, so they could watch the live stream or something. The **Town Clerk** responded yes, I was going to live stream the meeting outside which is my right to do as the **Town Clerk**. The **Officer** responded OK, it was the same thing I dealt with a few months ago when this Covid stuff first started. It seems like it just doesn't stop over here for some reason. **Councilman Galusha** noted you've got that right. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is the Town of Thurman. The **Officer** noted well they have to the right to peacefully pro.....Sit out there. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is fine if they maintain a 6 foot distance from each other though. The **Officer** interrupted noting well that (inaudible) either. That is not something that we do. **Supervisor Shepler** asked you don't. The **Officer** responded no. **Supervisor Shepler** asked you don't enforce that. You don't enforce mask or anything? The **Officer** replied no, that is not something we arres.....We can't arrest people for that. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I am not asking you to arrest anyone. The **Officer** continued noting because it is a civil thing. I can talk to people, and explain that to them.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting perhaps you might want to suggest to them that they maintain a 6 foot distance. The **Officer** noted yes, if they are in the same

household they are allowed to do that. (Inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied well they are not from the same household. There are quite a few different members out there, alright. The **Officer** noted alright, (inaudible). I will talk to them. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you very much. If you could remind them that 6 foot distancing is required in public (inaudible). Thank you. Are you able to live stream? The **Town Clerk** responded yes. I was able to live stream it outside on a screen. **Supervisor Shepler** asked how come you've not live streamed it at other meetings. The **Town Clerk** responded because I just got the equipment the other week. This is my own personal equipment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied nice to know. What does it take above what you normally have to live stream? The **Town Clerk** replied you need an outdoor screen. You need a projector. You need a HDMI cable. You need a lightning to HDMI connector. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so you are just live streaming it to the front yard you are not live streaming it to the internet. The **Town Clerk** replied correct. It is not on the internet. It is just live.....It was going to be live out in the yard, and that was it. Anything that is on the iPad will show up on the screen as well as audio. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it is just a shame that the entire Town wasn't made aware of it. (Inaudible). The **Town Clerk** noted well I just recently got the equipment, and got it set up, and I didn't have the opportunity to post it because you wouldn't give me access to the Website. That is your fault. That is not my fault. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no it is not my fault **Susan**. The **Town Clerk** responded yes, it is. You are illegally blocking me from the Website. It's your fault. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her noting no I am not, thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted well we did pass a Resolution saying that she should have access to the Website. **Supervisor Shepler** replied and there was an issue with that too, and it rescinded. **Councilman Galusha** responded no, there was no issue. We passed a Resolution. **Ed, Joan and I** voted for it, and.....The **Town Clerk** noted and then she brought another Resolution trying to change it, and that Resolution did not pass. **Councilman Galusha** replied right. The **Town Clerk** noted I should have not been removed to start with. The **Town Clerk** should be in charge of the Website not the **Supervisor**. It is an electronic record. The **Town Clerk** is the record keeper. I suggest that you do some research on that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thanks **Susan** I have. The **Town Clerk** replied I don't think so.

The meeting was called to order at **6:56 pm**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**DISCUSSION:** **Supervisor Shepler** noted thank you and welcome. Let's get started with the Supervisor's Report for September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Thurman has started the Budget process for the year 2021. The various offices have been given the Budget worksheet that pertains to their department on August 26, 2020, and the return date of this worksheets is September 14, 2020 or earlier. Whitespace for the Valley Road pole should be up and running barring any unforeseen problems Friday, September 11, 2020. We have to take the equipment form a pole which is not being used, and pairing it to the necessary quadrants for the Valley Road location. At the same time the Town is reducing it's Whitespace expenditures by \$50.00 a month as we will no longer need to rent the pole. Warren County has been very helpful in this process. At the end I would like to come back, and give an update on this if I may. Warren County has had another increase in its number of confirmed Covid-19 cases. While the County's main concern is the Labor Day weekend, and the reopening of Colleges and schools. Everyone is reminded to wear a mask, social distance and wash their hands. The Town of Thurman is implementing

its employee and visitor sign in logs. All employees, Town Board Members, and visitors must sign in in the appropriate log in upon arriving and departure. The Town Highway Department has been doing this since the beginning of August. The Town's log book, and the visitor log book will be kept outside the second door on a small table. It will be in the vestibule. On Friday September 4, 2020 The Town of Thurman had to have Rosick Well Drilling come to the Town Hall as well number 1 had a malfunction. The recent constant electric surges from National Grid had caused the pump control to burn out. Rosick replaced the control, and is sending the old pump control out for evaluation. I am following up with a claim with National Grid. Just a reminder to all Town residents, renters and visitors of the Town of Thurman the Town Landfill is open Wednesday from 11 am till 2 pm, and on Saturday and Sunday the Town Landfill is open from 8 am until 3 pm. Please be advised that at not time when the Landfill is not open are you to leave your trash, recyclables or anything of any kind at the dump or at the Landfill unless it is open. I would like to thank Councilman Doug Needham for volunteering to make the flexiglass door partitions for the offices, and also for the Judge's bench. I would like to go back, and revisit the second paragraph in regards to Whitespace. I got a call late this afternoon from Warren County they have not been able to access the pole today as a result of the County having something that took precedent over working on the pole today. Their intent is to get out there tomorrow and do it. Once they got me the equipment it will take **Mr. Engelmann** 24 hours to pair the new radio to the proper coordinates for the Valley Road pole. So I am hoping to have everything up and running.....I had originally said Friday. I am now saying it is going to have to be Monday because in all reality the turn around time from the time they get it to us tomorrow to the time we can get it to **Mr. Engelmann**, and for him to have the 24 hours, and the County doesn't work on the weekends so there will be no bucket truck available to me on the weekend. So that is just the latest update, OK. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I didn't get a budget worksheet. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you, you wouldn't.....Oh your uh.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted Historian. **Supervisor Shepler** noted oh, I will get you one. The next thing I would like to bring up is the meeting minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. There are quite a few corrections that need to be made. The **Town Clerk** asked what would they be. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you use Dragon or one of those other programs. The **Town Clerk** replied I do not. **Supervisor Shepler** noted OK, the moment of silence was called for Bob Shepler not Rob Shepler. My husband is the one who passed not my son. That is page one. **Councilwoman Harris** asked do we have a copy of that. **Councilman Galusha** asked do we have a copy of those minutes because I don't think they were provided to us. I don't have them. The **Town Clerk** noted yes I did. I emailed them. **Councilman Galusha** replied oh you sent them out, OK. I didn't bring them with me. I didn't know we were going to.....The **Town Clerk** noted neither did I. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I usually if there is something in here that needs to be corrected I will bring it up at the next meeting so. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and then there is on page 3 there shouldn't be work through it should have been walk through. Let's see then I had spoken with Glenn the gentleman who was coming it should have been walk through not work through. I didn't go through this with a fine tooth comb, but what really raised concern was the financials. **Councilwoman Harris** asked you didn't get one. **Councilman Galusha** noted I think it was emailed to us. The **Town Clerk** replied yeah. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they were emailed to everyone. I will tell you personally I couldn't download it. **Susan** very graciously made me a copy of it. So I don't.....She was able to get right back into it I couldn't so. **Councilwoman Harris** noted my computer has been (inaudible) up. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting on page 8 down at the bottom after Supervisor Shepler (inaudible) the claims for August the amounts here are very off. The **Town Clerk** replied I will go back, and check the audio.

**Supervisor Shepler** noted well down here on the payment of claims you've got them correct, and there was another location where they were correct too it is just right here in this paragraph it is wrong. Enterprise Fund you have.....It should be one thousand three hundred thirty four thirty nine, and the total claims should have been 2,100 excuse me \$21,648.12. You've got two hundred and twelve thousand. So if you could please go back and..... The **Town Clerk** responded I will make those changes that is not a problem. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am sorry. The **Town Clerk** noted I said I will make those changes it is not a problem. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. The **Town Clerk** noted I will check the audio, and make sure. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well it was paper. It.....The **Town Clerk** noted I was writing what you said so if you misspoke I have to put that in. **Supervisor Shepler** replied you need to put the correct amounts in please, thank you. **Councilman Galusha** noted she is right about what she said. I mean if we make a mistake and say the wrong number she has to record what we say not what we meant to say. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over him noting that is fine, but she if.....She continued noting what I am saying **Randy** if she notices there is an error, and she has gone back and checked these are pretty blaring she should have called upstairs and said I think there is an error in the video or in the recording. What is the correct amounts, and I would have been more than happy to have gone over it with her, and shared it with her. And she could have made a notation in there as a correction. **Councilman Galusha** noted not without, not without Board approval because we can't change, she just can't change the minutes. She can't change the minutes. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well can I please have the.....Can the Board please vote on having approval to make these corrections in the August 12' 2020. **Councilman Galusha** noted if.....The **Town Clerk** noted you don't need to vote on it I will make the changes. If it is a mistake, and it is pointed out to me, and it is factual I will gladly make the change. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. Do I have somebody who is willing to introduce a Resolution to have the Supervisor sign the agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, and pay the fee?

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

##### **Resolution # 58**

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

**Discussion:** **Councilwoman Harris** asked what kind of information are they giving you about Thurman. The Adirondack Park I don't.....**Supervisor Shepler** replied they are not giving us information. They are there to represent us if we need to be represented. **Councilwoman Harris** asked and we have that need. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well not lately. What I am saying is that this is because I called around and made inquires about it because I wasn't sure it was for real or not, and I found out that yes this is for real, and that every town pays it or else they don't have representation. **Councilman Needham** noted **Sue** do (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes it is. **Councilman Galusha** asked what is that. What is going on? **Supervisor Shepler** replied yup. I'm sorry I didn't hear anything else I just (inaudible) picked it up. I will wait for **Doug** to get back down before we do anything else with this one. **Councilman Galusha** asked are you not familiar with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board does. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I am not for the Adirondack Park, and the way that.....**Councilman Galusha** noted this is something that is basically.....They act somewhat as a watchdog of the Park Agency, and they represent Towns and peoples interest when they.....I am saying this, and I don't hold me because it is not exactly what (inaudible). **Councilwoman Harris** asked so what we give to them then they take care of it for us. **Councilman Galusha** noted if there is an issue with something in front of the

Park Agency the Local Government Review Board is kind of a watchdog on the Park Agency. So they kind of represent our interests in.....**Councilwoman Harris** noted so it goes that way it doesn't come back the other way. It is not.....**Councilman Galusha** responded I am drastically oversimplifying what they do, but. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but you did a good job explaining it. Alright are you ready for me to continue? So we have a Resolution to have the Supervisor sign the agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and pay the fee. We had an introduction by **Randy**, and seconded by **Ed**.

**Resolution to Have the Supervisor Sign the Agreement with The Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and Pay the Fee**

**Whereas**, the Town of Thurman relies on the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board to represent the Town and to be a voice representing the Adirondack towns and villages with Legislation.

**Therefore**, the Town agrees to pay the sum of \$300.00, to the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, for Representation of the Town of Thurman.

I penciled it in I didn't type it in. It is from A1920.4.

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** asked do we have any discussion. **Councilwoman Harris** asked it is from us to them. It is not from them to us. They will give us back our answer whatever it is. If there is a problem. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we are made aware of it, but they represent us and the other Towns and Villages within the Adirondack Park. Any other discussion? Being none can I please have a Roll Call Vote.?

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

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

**Discussion: Councilwoman Harris** asked who seconded it may I ask. The **Town Clerk** replied **Ed**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied it was introduced by **Randy**, and seconded by **Ed**. **Councilwoman Harris** noted **Ed**. **Supervisor Shepler** noted can I please have somebody to introduce a Resolution to approve a Budget adjustment.

**Resolution # 59**

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

**Resolution To Approve Budget Adjustments**

We are taking from A1620.4 \$7.75 and we are putting it to A5010.2 \$7.75. This was brought to our attention at the last meeting by Councilman Galusha we are making that Budget Code whole.

From:                      A1620.4                      \$7.75                                      To:                      A5010.2                      \$7.75

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** asked do we have any further discussion. **Councilwoman Harris** asked this is in the Highway Department. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes it is. But it is not in the Highway Department it is for **Pat**. It is **Pat's** budget code um.....**Councilwoman Harris** asked is it personel. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no, hold on. It is under Superintendent of Highways. It was the

Superintendent of Highway's it is number 2. Point 2 which is for his outside contractual services and where he makes purchases. That was in the negative \$7.75. **Councilman Galusha** noted there was an overdraft on that line. One question I thought I pointed out two of them I don't remember what the other one was. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you did. Once we finish this vote I will discuss the second alrighty. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** asked is there any further discussion on this Resolution before us. If not can I please have a Roll Call Vote?

**A Roll Call Vote Was Called.**

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

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted on here the question about the second one **Randy** the second one pertained to, I do believe, was it the unemployment insurance. **Councilman Brown** noted yeah, unemployment. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I think is what it was. **Councilman Brown** noted it was, yes. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it should be here in this statement here. I just want you, the entire Board to be aware, that is in um, it is being challenged. So if the money comes back we can't have more money in there than was originally appropriated so we are leaving it as is until the challenge is over. Challenges are about 4 months out we have been told by the State. **Councilman Galusha** noted so we are challenging. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we have challenged them, yes. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted so we are not changing it because you can't have more in the budget code than when you initially started, and I am hoping for it to come out in our favor. Which would be a nice thing. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is why that one has not been changed. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I don't know anything about that. Sorry. So don't look at me and say.....**Councilman Galusha** noted I appreciate your (inaudible) **Joan**. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do you want me to go through.....**Councilwoman Harris** interrupted noting no, no, no, no. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting it was pretty simple. I mean **Randy** came across 2 budget codes at the last meeting that were overdrawn. One was the \$7.75 for **Pat**, and the other one was, I do believe it was for unemployment insurance. **Councilwoman Harris** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted that is being challenged by the Town of Thurman because there were people on there claiming to be able to receive unemployment insurance that were in the Town's eye not able to receive it, and it is being challenged. So if we made that budget code whole by whatever the negative amount was, and hopefully we come out, and come out favorably with our challenge then it would make the budget code with too much money, and we can't have that. So we were also told that the challenges are about 4 months out because of Covid and everything so um. **Councilman Galusha** asked just out of curiosity, I know we can't discuss names here in public because of this, but shouldn't we as a Board have discussed this if we are going to make a challenge on something like that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded it is not necessary for the Board to make a challenge. It is something that is not uncustomary when you are dealing with this sort of thing to find something that needs to be challenged. **Councilman Galusha** replied I understand we..... **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting there is no financial lose to us other than we may not be successful in regaining this money. In which case at that point in time we would have to make that whole. **Councilman Galusha** responded I am just asking shouldn't the Board be made aware that we are going to do something like that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well I just made you aware, but again it is no.....It doesn't.....There is no legal aspect involved with it so there is no additional financial loss to us. It is just something that when you have these come in, and you notice it you call, and question it. That is what we have done. That is it for the Resolutions. Payment of claims. I am sorry **Randy**. **Councilman Galusha** responded you don't have to apologize. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I know

that you just dread this so. **Councilman Galusha** noted that is fine. **Supervisor Shepler** then read the claims for the General Fund noting a total of \$7,346.47. She then read the claims for the Highway Fund noting a total of \$16,053.07. She then read the claims for the Enterprise Fund noting a total of \$1,244.65. She noted the total of all claims was \$24,644.19. **Supervisor Shepler** asked do I have a motion to introduce the payment of claims.

**Resolution # 60**

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

**Payment of Claims**

Total of Abstract 009: General Fund, September 9, 2020 \$7,346.47

Total of Abstract 009: Highway Fund, September 9, 2020 \$16,053.07

Total of Abstract 009: Enterprise Fund, September 9, 2020 \$1,244.65

Total Claims for September 9, 2020 \$24,644.19

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

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

**Discussion: Supervisor Shepler** noted what I am going to do is bring up the issue of the bill from **Mike Colvin**. When this was originally proposed, and brought and agreed upon by the Town, it was to have a friend of **Susan Staples** the **Town Clerk** to come in, and be with her to make sure that nothing was going to go arye. The **Town Clerk** noted it was not my friend. It was never said my friend. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating excuse me, excuse me. The discussion was to have a friend come in. There was never any discussion about paying anybody for any assistance with accounting software setup which he was not suppose to set up. It was supposed to be setup by Store Tech. They are our IT people. Not Colvin Computer Counseling or Consulting. At that very same meeting the **Town Clerk** indicated that she has friends who are in the computer business. That she has friends that are lawyers. The **Town Clerk** noted yes I do. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting and I thought that was great, but a friend doesn't just all of a sudden arbitrarily charge \$50.00 when the Board was not aware of it from the beginning, and the Board was not made aware that there would be a charge or who I didn't know would be Mike Colvin coming in. So it has sat in my office from June, July, and August was kind of lost to me personally, and I apologize for that, but it coming to the Boards attention this evening. I will tell you straight up we were not charge by Stored Tech to come in, and do what they were doing, and....**Councilman Galusha** noted it is under thier contract we shouldn't have been charged. **Supervisor Shepler** replied we could have been charged \$75.00 for this because it is a new setup. **Councilman Galusha** replied if they charged us for that we should fire them. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well they didn't. The **Town Clerk** stated especially because they caused the problem. **Supervisor Shepler** responded excuse me. Anyhow there was no discussion in the meeting were the **Town Clerk** was asking to have somebody come in, and be with her to make sure that there wasn't anything improper being done to her system. So quite frankly I don't feel that it is the Town's responsibility to pay for this bill at this point in time. We did not agree to it. We were not made aware that there would be any charges forthcoming. **Councilman Galusha** asked can I ask a question. **Supervisor Shepler** replied sure. **Councilman Galusha** asked is there money in your budget. The **Town Clerk** replied yes there is. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting then that is an



expenditure that she incurred. It is up to her. Not the Board. **Supervisor Shepler** replied fine. The **Town Clerk** replied that is correct, and quite frankly we are supposed to be piggybacking off of the County contracts which is what I did, and you, you did.....I did not say a friend was coming in. I said I wanted another tech person there. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over the **Town Clerk** noting **Susan** excuse me (gaveling) excuse me. The **Town Clerk** continued and that is what the Board agreed to a Tech person, and a Board representative. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating thank you **Susan**. **Councilwoman Harris** noted she has a right to defend herself. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am not asking her to defend herself. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I know it, but she has a right to do it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am not asking her to defend herself. **Councilwoman Harris** replied I know it, but she has a right to do it.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating there is no need to defend herself it is a black and white situation. Thank you **Joan**. **Councilman Galusha** noted it is black and white. She has the money in her budget. She incurred the expense. It is up to her to submit the claim then.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting but it could also be incumbent upon her to pay personally because she was not forth coming with the Board. The **Town Clerk** stated I was completely forth coming with the Board. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting to inform the Board that there was going to be somebody coming in who would be charging us. **Councilman Galusha** noted I have got to tell you I knew up front that Mike Colvin was who we were talking about, and we all know he has a consulting service. He worked for the Town before. I assumed right from the beginning that this was something he was going to charge us for. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I had no idea he was coming in. I was somewhat sheltered from this. **Councilman Galusha** replied you didn't know he was coming in. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I did not know he was coming in. I had no idea. All I knew was a friend of hers was going to come in, and she has multiple friends in the computer business, and multiple friends who are lawyers. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK, are we.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting I do not have multiple friends that are lawyers or multiple friends in the computer business. **Councilman Galusha** noted this is a little bit of a waste of time. It is 50 bucks. We owe the guy. She has it in her budget. Let's vote to pay it. **Supervisor Shepler** noted all those in favor of paying Colvin Computer Consulting \$50.00 out of the **Town Clerk's** budget line A1410.4. Can we have a Roll Call Vote please? **Councilwoman Harris** noted can we.....**Supervisor Shepler** stated discussion. **Councilwoman Harris** stated we.....It was over 6 months trying to get her back up, and we all knew that they had to take time to do it. I have heard people say let's just get over it. Let's get it done, and get it through. And that is what happened right here. Now she has \$50.00 to pay for her own person to come in. We spent over 6 months having a problem. I think you can settle it all, and I think the man finally came in. He asked for \$50.00 I think he knows what he needs. If he owes it. If he billed it, and I think we should vote yes that she pay for it, and she has the got the money, and I think it will settle the whole problem in the 6 months, or 7 months, or 8 months or 12 months that we have been fighting over this crap. Just settle it. **Supervisor Shepler** asked any other discussion. The **Town Clerk** asked are you making a Resolution for this. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am. The **Town Clerk** noted well I am going to need the wording for the Resolution. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I just.....**Councilman Galusha** noted it is not on paper, but I believe she just stated what she is asking us to do, but do you want to restate it just so it is clear for the record. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. I am asking the Board to consider paying Colvin Computer Consulting \$50.00 for services that were rendered on June 18<sup>th</sup> to assist with Accounting Software set up for the Town Clerk out of the Town Clerk's contractual A1410.4. I haven't checked that budget code. **Susan** is there a (inaudible) in there that you are aware of. The **Town Clerk** replied I believe there is. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we'll check it, and make sure. The **Town Clerk** noted I think there is \$300.00 left in that, and I still haven't put any

travel in. **Supervisor Shepler** noted can we please have a Roll Call Vote on this. The **Town Clerk** stated I am going to need to know who makes the motion, and who seconds it. **Councilman Galusha** noted I will make the motion. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I will second it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you.

**Resolution # 61**

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Galusha** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

I am asking the Board to consider paying Colvin Computer Consulting \$50.00 for services that were rendered on June 18<sup>th</sup> to assist with Accounting Software set up for the Town Clerk out of the Town Clerk's contractual A1410.4 .

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

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

**Discussion:** **Supervisor Shepler** noted the motion has carried, and do I have the Board blessing to cut this check before the next meeting. There really should, should be cut at the next meeting because it is not on the agenda for this time through. The **Town Clerk** noted it was on.....It was in the claims, and she took it out of the claims, and reprinted the Abstract which is illegal. She has no authority to print the Abstract. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK, OK, that is water under the bridge. What is the proper procedure because we have already audited the claims? The **Town Clerk** noted I will reprint the Abstract tomorrow with it on there. **Supervisor Shepler** stated you can't reprint the Abstract. The **Town Clerk** replied yes I can. **Supervisor Shepler** noted because the Board has already approved it, and voted on the expenditures that were listed. The **Town Clerk** noted well you just approved this, and it can be added to that one. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we can put it through for next month, and.....**Councilman Galusha** noted include it on next month's Abstract. The **Town Clerk** stated it is ridiculous to make him wait over 3 months to get paid. **Councilman Galusha** noted I understand that, but if we vote on it, and she cuts the check can it be included on next month's Abstract, and then we'll.....I mean are we getting ourselves.....The **Town Clerk** noted we can amend this one, and put it on this one. There is no reason we cannot do that. **Supervisor Shepler** stated we are not going to amend it. The Board has already voted. We are not calling the Board back for.....The **Town Clerk** noted I will write a separate Abstract for it tomorrow. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it doesn't work quite that way. The **Town Clerk** stated we can. It has been done in the past where Abstracts have been updated, and changed after something has come up at the meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I don't believe in this 2020 year. The **Town Clerk** noted I wouldn't know. **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright the next thing we need to bring up, and discuss.....We have old business. Do we have any old business to discuss because I do have some new business to discuss?

**OLD BUSINESS:** **Councilwoman Harris** asked was there an insurance meeting that two ladies were not allowed to go to. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no, no there was a Highway Department meeting. **Councilwoman Harris** asked and they were discussing.....Are they in the same system? **Supervisor Shepler** asked what do you mean are they in the same system. **Councilwoman Harris** replied are the two ladies in the same system. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they have got insurance that is made available to them, yes. **Councilwoman Harris** asked out of that system. **Supervisor Shepler** noted **Susan** does not have the same insurance no. I think she just has.....And I am not going to discuss it further. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I don't need to know what insurances they have, but if they are in the

same system. **Supervisor Shepler** replied this had to be done for negotiation. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I know that. **Supervisor Shepler** noted the insurance company will be coming back, and giving a presentation to everybody. What was done was just for the Highway Department for the sake of negotiations. **Councilwoman Harris** asked negotiations for their new contract. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, yes. **Councilwoman Harris** noted OK so there is going to be another meeting that will bring everybody in so everybody finds out what they can buy or not buy or do with..... **Supervisor Shepler** replied well if they want to have insurance that is fine, but take into consideration what we are walking into financially. **Councilwoman Harris** replied well it wasn't me that put them there. That put it there, but anyways there is going to be another meeting.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting yes, I do not have a date. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting will everybody be there so they can understand what is being offered. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yup. I do not have a date. **Councilwoman Harris** noted you do not have a date. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I do not have a date. **Councilwoman Harris** noted OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted everybody will be informed when it occurs. **Councilwoman Harris** asked with a date. **Supervisor Shepler** responded yes, but this was for the Highway Department. They came over here because we have a projector over here, and they can present it over here better than present it upstairs. **Councilwoman Harris** asked they will present the same thing too. **Supervisor Shepler** noted they will present what is available to them, yup. **Councilwoman Harris** responded OK. **Supervisor Shepler** asked any other old business. **Councilwoman Harris** asked has **Staples'** paycheck been getting to be correct. **Supervisor Shepler** responded **Staples'** paycheck is correct. The **Town Clerk** stated no it is not. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it seems like any time she (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting I am not discussing this publicly. If you would like to come upstairs tomorrow and we can have this discussion. I will discuss it with you personally, but quite frankly I think I need to have **Susan's** permission to discuss her paycheck with anybody. **Councilwoman Harris** replied well have we discussed it with **Sue Staples**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, on numerous occasions. **Councilwoman Harris** replied and.....The **Town Clerk** noted I have shown her when **Gail** has made the mistake when they switched over to the new software. I have proven she was originally for the first four weeks, five weeks putting in the correct amount. When I told her the amount was wrong she made a wrong correction. When I pointed that out she made a wrong correction the other way. She refuses to correct it unless I fill out new paperwork. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting unfortunately we have information upstairs to rebut that, and show that that is an incorrect statement so I will be more than happy as long as I have your permission. The **Town Clerk** replied I will be more than happy to show them my paystubs that prove what I am saying is correct. **Councilwoman Harris** responded I don't need to have it explained to me I just need to know.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating yes it is fine according to.....The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting it is not fine. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting the W-2 that was signed yes, it is fine. The **Town Clerk** responded don't you think that if it was wrong the first 4 or 5 weeks I would have said something then. She made a mistake when she transferred over to the new software, and she won't correct the mistake. That is all there is to it. It is as simple as that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied **Susan** she did not err, and you were asked to fill out a new form since you made this public I will continue on by saying you were asked to fill out a new form with the correct information. You have chosen on numerous occasions not to do that. The **Town Clerk** responded it is not my responsibility to fill out a new form to fix **Gail's** error. **Gail** needs to fix her error. It is her error. **Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her noting yes it is. It's not her error. It is not her error. The **Town Clerk** continued noting it is her error she just automatically assumed a deduction that was incorrect. **Supervisor Shepler** gaveled noting let's move on. **Councilman Galusha** noted can I ask you a question.

**Supervisor Shepler** replied you can ask me. **Councilman Galusha** noted as far as, as far as the public attendance at meetings, and as far as posting the minutes and all that we want to discuss that under old business. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no, I don't think under old business. I think we are moving forward at this point. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted now I have lost my train of thought. **Councilman Galusha** replied sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** noted oh I know what I wanted ..... We are in the budget process, and there is certain things that we have to do, and certain time frames that we have to follow, and what I would like to do is um.....My **Tentative Budget** has to be filed with the **Town Clerk** by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. The **Town Clerk** has to present the **Tentative Budget** to the Town Board no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. This is going to require a special meeting. We can't hold it off until our Board Meeting. So **Susan** do you want to wait to the 5<sup>th</sup> to do it. That is the last available opportunity. The **Town Clerk** replied that's up to you. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well then.....**Councilman Galusha** noted the 5<sup>th</sup> is a Monday. **Supervisor Shepler** noted yes it is. **Councilman Galusha** noted that.....The only.....Being that is the last day legally allowed does it make sense to push it to that very last day. Just in case.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted responding it is just presenting it to you is all there is. There is no workshop. There is no nothing that day. It is just being presented to the Board. **Councilman Galusha** noted so do we have to have a meeting for that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well yes. Formalities kind of. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Councilwoman Harris** asked so then we take it home, and then we adjust it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied right, and then on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> is our regularly scheduled Board Meeting. I would like to also incorporate at that Board Meeting a Budget Workshop. Were we go over line by line every item on the Budget. So backing up just a tad bit October 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30, is that a time that works for everybody? **Councilman Galusha** replied sure. **Supervisor Shepler** noted we are going to present the Tentative Budget to the Board. **Councilwoman Harris** asked and what is happening on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. **Supervisor Shepler** replied on September 30<sup>th</sup> I have to present the Tentative Budget to the **Town Clerk**. The **Town Clerk** noted then I will make copies, seal them and have them ready for the Board. **Supervisor Shepler** noted now the Tentative Budget is also available to the public, and we have done that in the past too. The **Town Clerk** noted sometimes ahead of the Board. **Supervisor Shepler** asked sometimes what. The **Town Clerk** noted sometimes ahead of the Board. **Supervisor Shepler** noted oh ahead of the Board. The **Town Clerk** noted it has been given to the Public before the Board has seen it. **Councilman Galusha** noted is there any reason we can't post that on our website. **Supervisor Shepler** responded we probably could. **Councilman Galusha** noted I think we should. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright, that is fine with me. So going now to the 14<sup>th</sup> that is as I have stated our regularly scheduled meeting 6:30 pm, and I would like to incorporate a Budget Workshop that evening as I have stated before. It is going literally line by line with the Board, and if there are any adjustments or changes at that point in time that you think need to be made you need to speak, and we need to discuss, and make the changes as necessary at that point in time. **Councilwoman Harris** noted 6:30 on October 14<sup>th</sup>. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well that is our regularly scheduled Board Meeting. So yes we do our audit of claims at 6:30 to 7. Then at 7 we can do the Board Meeting. I.....You know we'll have to do payments of claims and stuff like that. Then we can go on to the Workshop after the Board Meeting, OK. **Councilman Galusha** asked prior to that Workshop will be given information to that would be utilized to develop the Budget or are we just going to walk into that Workshop, and look at a potential Budget. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I don't think there is anything to be given to you. Everybody who is has a department, with the exception of **Joan** and I apologize for that, has been given a worksheet. And they have been asked to go through it, and calculate out what they think there needs are going to be for the upcoming year, and then once I get everything

back, and I put everything in the Budget format, and it goes to the.....It goes to **Susan** on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and then on the 5<sup>th</sup> it comes to us. That gives you sufficient time right for.....**Councilman Galusha** responded at one time we had discussed getting past data from previous years, and I've requested 5, and we agreed that we were going to get two. And to my knowledge we haven't gotten the last two years data, and I think that to craft a Budget I think we have to have that historical data of revenues and expenditures to make that (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is the object of the worksheets. That is the object of the worksheets that each department has, and it is based on.....**Councilman Needham** noted we don't know how much **Pat** is going to spend or whose.....You know they have to give an idea of what they're then we will work after.....**Councilman Galusha** noted well the worksheets is what they are requesting be placed in the Budget. I understand that, but what I am asking is I want to know what has been spent in each fund over the past two years to know whether that request is in line with what they have actually spent. I mean that.....**Councilman Needham** noted it is usually on that sheet isn't it the past two years. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it's on it's.....This is the Budget sheet. If you've got this so I am not telling you anything you don't know, but it's got your 19, your 20. It's got.....It usually has 18, 19 and 20's budget shown so you can see.....**Councilman Galusha** noted that is what I am asking we will have it. (Inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting we'll try.....I will get them together. You've got history of these in the past don't you. The **Town Clerk** replied I keep a record of all the ones that I have since I came into office, and what I actually do is I go into my software in my office, and I print out a yearly one for the last two or three years so I get an historical idea of what is going on, and I can base my budget off of that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied OK, if you could please print out if you want one for yourself 6 copies of the last two years of the Budget for the Town of Thurman. The **Town Clerk** replied I believe they are on the Town Website also. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I do believe you are correct on that. Do you want them or do you want to get them yourself. **Councilman Galusha** replied no I was assuming that we would have what your are talking about there representing columns. So that we would be able to compare line by line. **Supervisor Shepler** noted you will, you will. **Councilman Galusha** responded that is what I am asking. OK, that is fine. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting so then we also have to have a Public Hearing upon completion, and review of the Tentative Budget. We have to have a Public Hearing at least 5 days prior to the hearing, and that has to be the.....Public Hearing by Thursday following Election Day may be adjourned, but not beyond the 15<sup>th</sup>. So the Thursday following Election Day is the 12<sup>th</sup> do you want to push it out that far? The 11<sup>th</sup> by the way is Veterans Day. It is a legal holiday. I am in a moment going to speak about the Board Meeting that is normally scheduled on that day so my suggestion would either be the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup>. **Councilman Galusha** noted hold on I think I misunderstand something in here. This says the Public Hearing is held on or before the Thursday immediately following the General Election. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that is correct. That would be the Thursday. General Election is Tuesday the third. The Thursday following Election Day is the 12<sup>th</sup>. The **Town Clerk** replied no. **Councilman Galusha** noted no, it is the 5<sup>th</sup>. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I am sorry I stand corrected you are absolutely right. I stand corrected. So may be adjourned, but not beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> so maybe that is where I was coming up with the 12<sup>th</sup>. I apologize for that. So then you could either do it on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> or you could do it on the, ah Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>. The Town Hall is utilized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for Election Day so we cannot have a meeting in here at that point in time. **Councilman Galusha** responded I think Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> you guys.....**Councilwoman Harris** responded whatever it is far enough out in the future that I can put it on the calendar, and that is it. **Supervisor Shepler** responded alright, so Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November will be the Public Hearing. **Councilman Galusha** asked at 6:30. **Supervisor Shepler** noted yes, I would like

too yes at 6:30. The **Town Clerk** asked and where are you going to hold this hearing. How are you going to have a Public Hearing if you are not letting the Public in? **Supervisor Shepler** noted I will get to that thank you very much. **Councilwoman Harris** asked what was the date again. **Supervisor Shepler** replied Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. **Councilwoman Harris** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted now the other thing that has been brought to my attention is Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> would be our normally scheduled Board Meeting. It is Veterans Day. It is a legal holiday. Would the Board be willing to move it back a day or forward a day? **Councilman Brown and Councilman Needham** made an inaudible comment. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it doesn't matter. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it doesn't matter to you. **Randy** do you have a preference? **Councilman Galusha** replied no. **Supervisor Shepler** responded somebody pick a date please. **Councilman Needham** asked what date was that. **Councilman Galusha** noted the 12<sup>th</sup> that gives us a week from the first one. **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright so that would be the 12<sup>th</sup> is what you are suggesting would be Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>. That would be OK. **Councilwoman Harris** asked 6:30. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes, yeah that would just be our regular one in lieu of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Alright so does everybody have all these dates down. OK. The Budget Workshop which is going to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at our Regular Board Meeting needs to be open to the Public. I suggest that we hold it here, and have that as our first Board Meeting. We are going to have to maintain configuration, and push ourselves back a little bit further. This is not long enough to put any more than 3.33333367 people at. I have measure it, and I have done the math it is just not going to work. We can bring this back, and we can move the 2 side table back with it, and then we can put chairs in the room here. **Susan** has already said she can sit over there. The **Town Clerk** noted well if you were going to be there. **Supervisor Shepler** replied well in essence we are there unfortunately I mean if we keep you in the middle. The **Town Clerk** noted if I can see there I will move there. If I can't than I will have to stay where I am. I can only pick up three of you as it is. Why don't you try going this way across the room with tables. **Councilman Galusha** noted we can work the floor plan out let's go with it, but I am just curious why we have to wait to then to involve the public. I mean because this is nice what they are doing out there it is a warm night. It is going to get cold over the next couple of months. **Supervisor Shepler** replied it sure is. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting I don't think that is a workable solution for the winter. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well I don't think it's a workable solution because everybody wasn't involved, alright. **Councilman Galusha** asked so why do we make people wait until the December meeting. **Supervisor Shepler** noted October that is our next meeting. **Councilman Galusha** replied oh I am sorry I misunderstood what you were talking about. The **Town Clerk** noted yeah she was talking about November. The November meeting. That is the way you made it seem. **Supervisor Shepler** noted October 14<sup>th</sup>. I apologize if I.....That is right we just got through saying November. October, November 12<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday 6:30 is our November Board Meeting. Our regularly scheduled Board Meeting for the month of October is Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. After our regularly scheduled Board Meeting we are going to hold a workshop. Now the workshop we can open it to the Public, but everybody in here needs to understand this is a discussion between the Board Members only. Not the **Town Clerk**, and not the Public, alright. **Councilman Needham** stated it is a workshop for us. I kind of want to be alone that way we can get it done. If we have to fight with the Public it.....**Supervisor Shepler** noted there is no.....They are invited to sit, and observe they cannot participate in the discussion. So that would be our first Board Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Tentative Budget is a Special Board Meeting that is just presenting the Board with the Tentative Budget. Five minutes, and we are out of here. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting I can't see the need to get everything all set up the night before Court, and everything else for that. I would just as soon open it at

a Regular Board Meeting. **Councilman Galusha** noted as long as we are not conducting any business that night. We are just (inaudible). **Supervisor Shepler** noted there is no business to be discussed or conducted that evening. **Councilman Galusha** replied that is fine. OK. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting we are just going to make a presentation. Like I said we are not discussing the Budget at that point. It is a formality. **Councilman Galusha** responded OK. **Councilwoman Harris** asked which day are you talking about again. **Supervisor Shepler** replied the 5<sup>th</sup> of October is were the Budget is being presented to the Board. It is just one of those so.....And there would be at that Board Meeting, at that Special Board Meeting there would be no discussion from the Public either. So at our regularly scheduled meeting we will have to make a determination if we are going to take questions from the floor at all that evening. It is going to be very long evening just so everybody is aware. **Councilman Galusha** asked I mean if it is going to be that long should maybe we split it up the two meetings. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no. I do not recommend that at all. You are here getting everybody together whose has got what plans for when. Kids are back in school. There aren't an awful lot of activities going on, but I think that my goal would be for that meeting to keep it short and sweet as in essence what I have done this evening. There was no business to be brought out. There weren't a ton of Resolutions so let's hope that we can keep it light for that month would be the goal. I am not going to eliminate anything or alleviate anything, but I am going to keep it light alright so that we can move right into our Budget Workshop. And perhaps maybe that would not be the time to have an open floor. The only thing that we can discuss at that meeting is what is on the agenda for that Board Meeting. Nothing from the past. No accusations and no objections. **Councilman Galusha** noted I am an advocate of the Public being involved so I don't agree that.....If the Public.....The Public has not been involved for several months. **Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting they had the opportunity to be involved, and for three months now.....**Councilman Galusha** interrupted noting let me rephrase that. They have not been able to attend the meetings. **Supervisor Shepler** responded attend, but they could be involved, and we did open it up for email to come. I have not gotten a single email from anybody. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and that was the goal of opening it up. **Councilman Galusha** noted so then we shouldn't be concerned about privilege of the floor then. **Supervisor Shepler** responded you know as well as I know it can get contentious, and people are not happy. I am hoping and praying that when they come to the meeting that they are grateful that they can start attending the meetings, and we can get the meetings going forward, which is, and back to what was our norm. The only non-norm is we are not going to be sitting all at the same dais together. **Councilwoman Harris** asked but the Public has to have some say. **Supervisor Shepler** replied they have no say in it. At the Public Hearing **Joan**, at the Public Hearing they may, but at the Workshop they can't open up about it. It is only at the Public Hearing that they can make a remark or comment, and that is object of a Public Hearing to hear what the Public has to say. **Councilman Galusha** noted I don't think because we're trying to condense two meetings into one, and it is going to be a long night. I don't think that is adequate justification to preclude the Public from participating in privilege of the floor. I just don't agree with that. **Supervisor Shepler** responded well let's get on, and see how we proceed with it. It is my prerogative if we have it or not. I would like to have it. I would like to get things back to somewhat of a norm again, and if we go late into the night, we are going to go late to night that is just where we are going to be. **Councilwoman Harris** noted what a party pooper. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting but just so you know the layout is going to be what we are at now, and if **Susan** can't get back in the corner back there where she normally sits for a normal Board Meeting then we are going to have to figure out.....Can you move forward at all. The **Town Clerk** replied not really. **Supervisor Shepler** noted because

we can't put anybody in front of her, and everybody has to be 6 feet. The **Town Clerk** noted you could put someone there, someone there. I think if you go this way you will have no problem. **Councilman Galusha** noted we have a month to figure out what floor plan is workable so I think we should just.....For tonight let's just forget the floor plan for tonight. We can figure something out between now and then maybe. So instead of spinning our wheels here tonight. **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright so that is where we are at. Do we have any other new business to discuss? **Councilman Galusha** noted I asked about posting the meeting minutes. I still think the Public.....People keep asking me about Meeting Minutes. I know you said they are available here, but people want to see them on our Website. We have posted them the Town.....There are a whole bunch of them from years prior. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting they got there using the same internet we have now. I just think that we should be posting them. **Supervisor Shepler** asked have corrections been made to all the minutes that were requested. The **Town Clerk** replied um hm. **Supervisor Shepler** stated alright bring them up, and we will see if we can load them up. The **Town Clerk** responded you are.....I will load them. That is my job to load them not yours. **Councilman Galusha** noted which brings us to the issue of her access. I mean she should have access to be able to do this. We keep going around the same thing. Dancing around the same thing. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I know we do. The **Town Clerk** noted and there is no reason for it. **Councilman Galusha** noted there is no reason she shouldn't be posting the minutes or meeting notices. The **Town Clerk** stated or any other notice that I need to post. **Supervisor Shepler** stated we will discuss this later. **Councilwoman Harris** stated we have to settle it if we are going to put it on the internet. We don't want to wait another month to have.....**Councilman Galusha** noted saying we are going to settle it later means we are going to talk about it again at the next meeting, and we still haven't gotten any resolution. The **Town Clerk** noted quite frankly there are only two minutes posted from this year, and one is not actual correct minutes. It is **Gail's** minutes which are not legal, and the other one has been tampered with. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that was a legal minutes. The **Town Clerk** replied no it was not. **Gail** had no authority.....**Supervisor Shepler** spoke over her stating I am not arguing this point with you. The **Town Clerk** continued noting I have already checked this with the Committee on Open Government. **Gail** had no authority to do those minutes there was a Deputy here to do the minutes. The Deputy's minutes are the official minutes not **Gail's**. **Supervisor Shepler** replied she wasn't a Deputy to my knowledge at that point in time. The **Town Clerk** replied she was. She was we already have had this discussion. **Supervisor Shepler** noted I was not aware of it. **Councilwoman Harris** noted **Mary, Mary Eddy** was there, and she was still in office. **Supervisor Shepler** stated not still in office. Every year you get reappointed. **Councilman Galusha** replied OK, that is another issue. Can we focus on the issue of posting the minutes, and her having access. I think there is no reason.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating I have an issue **Randy**, and I really have a serious issue because .....**Councilman Galusha** noted but we have passed two Resolutions saying that she was going to do that, and you are stonewalling. **Supervisor Shepler** responded I understand that, and then I went back on it. I went back on it, and I didn't feel that we actually passed it. **Councilman Galusha** stated we did. **Ed** did you vote for it? **Councilman Brown** noted first one. We voted it down the second time. The **Town Clerk** spoke over him asking would you like me to get the Resolution book. **Councilman Galusha** noted and the second time we voted on it, it failed. **Supervisor Shepler** responded that is right. **Councilman Galusha** responded so we have a duly adopted Resolution that says she has access, should have access to the thing to post the things that she is legally required to do, and you are just stonewalling her so she can't do her job. **Supervisor Shepler** responded but if just one passed, and there was an issue, and then we went back and we did it again, and it failed how does it revert back to



the first one. **Councilman Galusha** replied because the first one is in effect until it is changed, and the second one didn't change it because the Resolution failed. **Supervisor Shepler** replied alright. **Councilman Galusha** stated she is supposed to have access to post things. We agreed that things that she is legally responsible for. We agreed to do it, and she should do it. **Supervisor Shepler** replied yes **Randy**, and I agree with there are things that she is supposed to do she should be doing them, and she is not. I have yet to receive the NiMo bills for 18 and 19. **Councilman Galusha** noted OK, that is another issue. We can address that issue. **Supervisor Shepler** stated no that is a responsibility. The **Town Clerk** noted I have told you from the beginning they are in my office for you to view, and you refuse to come look at them. I cannot help that. I cannot help that. **Councilman Galusha** asked can we deal with one issue at a time. She needs access to the Website. Who controls her access to the Website, and can it be fixed. **Supervisor Shepler** replied I am going to have to look into it. The **Town Clerk** noted she....It is a matter of having.....I could have had **Matt**, the Website host, put me back on. He would have done it at the beginning, but I told him not to because I am not going to overstep what she did. The Board passed a Resolution I can legally go do it now, but still I won't do that. She took me off she should be the one that grants my access again. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. The **Town Clerk** continued noting even though she did it illegally. **Supervisor Shepler** stated it is a new administration, and I can do as I choose. The **Town Clerk** responded you cannot do as you choose you have to follow the law. **Councilman Galusha** noted actually this is a Board Resolution. You can't go do what you want. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, no. She was saying it was illegal for me to take her off. The **Town Clerk** stated it was illegal for you to take me off. That is an electronic record. I am in charge of it. You cannot just.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted stating we do not have high speed internet. The **Town Clerk** replied it doesn't matter if we have high speed internet or not. **Supervisor Shepler** noted it says in the book about high speed internet. It is an option. The **Town Clerk** noted that isn't going to hold water if this goes to court. **Supervisor Shepler** responded and the Webpage actually is the Town Boards not yours. The **Town Clerk** responded it is not.....It is an electronic record of the Town, and who has control over records of the Town. The **Town Clerk**. **Supervisor Shepler** noted alright we don't need a discussion. The **Town Clerk** stated you just can't bend the rules to justify your actions. **Supervisor Shepler** stated do we have a motion for adjournment. **Councilwoman Harris** asked did this get settled. **Supervisor Shepler** replied no. **Councilwoman Harris** asked why. **Supervisor Shepler** responded because it is not getting settled. **Councilwoman Harris** asked why. **Supervisor Shepler** stated until I look into it further. **Councilwoman Harris** responded you had. The **Town Clerk** interrupted noting since February 12<sup>th</sup>. **Councilwoman Harris** continued noting 8 weeks, 8 months almost. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no it has not been that long. **Councilwoman Harris** noted since January she has.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting no, no, no, no we weren't on in January. We hadn't completed so.....The **Town Clerk** noted 7 months. **Councilwoman Harris** noted 7 months. 7 months I was off one month, sorry. **Supervisor Shepler** continued noting that is fine. **Councilwoman Harris** noted it shouldn't take 7 months to settle a problem that is legal. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you **Joan** for your view. I appreciate it. **Councilman Galusha** noted can I just read something on the AT&T website. DSL stands for Digital Subscriber Line. Users get a high speed bandwidth connection from a phone wall jack from an existing phone network. So whether it is good internet or not is debatable because I understand there are issues with DSL, but it is classified as high speed internet. So we have a high speed internet connection, and according to our Law Manuals we should be posting the minutes. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no it is an option according to the Law Manual. It is the Board's webpage not the **Town Clerk's** webpage, and it is up to the discretion of the Board. **Councilman Galusha** noted I didn't say it was the Town Clerk's

website I said it was the Town's website. **Councilman Needham** noted doesn't it show in the manual too that the Board has to approve these minutes before they can be released to the Public via.....**Councilman Galusha** noted we don't have to approve them. Only if we passed a Resolution that requires us to approve them. It is stated right in the Law Manual. It is not a legal requirement to approve the minutes. **Councilman Needham** asked since when does that effect or has that already been passed. In the past years? Does anybody know? **Supervisor Shepler** noted I am going to go back, and look at the Manual that I have. The procedural manual, and see if there is anything written into it about the Boards approval of minutes or not. **Councilman Galusha** noted even if that is true, if there is a Board Resolution regarding that within two weeks we have to post the minutes, and if they are not adopted by the Board, and they are required to be then they get stamped draft. **Supervisor Shepler** responded no, no, no. They're not.....They don't have to be posted. They have to be completed, and available to the Public. **Councilman Galusha** noted available to the Public. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and they are. They weren't, but they are now. **Councilman Galusha** noted but if it is required for the Board to approve them (inaudible) then they get stamped draft, but they still remain available to the public. Even if we don't agree with them. Someone noted even if we don't agree with them, right. **Councilwoman Harris** noted and if we have the availability of it going on the internet it should be put on the internet because it has been done so in the past. It is already.....**Councilman Galusha** noted and quite honestly the stuff we are talking about is minor nit picking stuff that is wrong with these. I mean the biggest issues we had about the stuff that gets discussed just before 7 o'clock. We've actually had correspondence with the Committee on Open Government, and if there is a quorum of the Board, and we are discussing Town business it gets recorded. It is the.....I mean what she said is we shouldn't be discussing Town business prior to the start of the meeting.....**Supervisor Shepler** interrupted noting that is absolutely right. **Councilman Galusha** continued noting but we all do it. Bills come up, and we have questions. We start talking about stuff. **Supervisor Shepler** noted well if you have a question about a bill that is during the time that the bills are being approved then I would expect to have questions if there were questions at that time. **Councilman Galusha** noted that is Town business so it gets recorded. **Supervisor Shepler** replied that I don't agree with, but.....**Councilman Galusha** noted then take it up with **Kristen O'Neill** because I have email correspondence with her I can share with you. **Supervisor Shepler** responded thank you I wish you would. **Councilman Galusha** noted yup, I would be glad to. **Supervisor Shepler** noted and I mean that sincerely. I don't mean that any other way. **Councilman Galusha** noted I will be glad to do that. **Supervisor Shepler** replied thank you. The **Town Clerk** noted and I will be glad to share my correspondence about **Gail's** minutes being illegal. **Supervisor Shepler** asked so, so do we have any other new business. Being no further business is there a motion to adjourn this meeting?

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilman Brown** the meeting was adjourned at **8:12 pm**

**A Roll Call Vote was called.**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,**

September 09, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

**Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk**

**September 23, 2020**

**Attachments:**