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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN, MAY 19, 2022

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thurman, County of Warren and the State of New York was held at the town hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, NY on the 19th day of May 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Runyon Supervisor
Randy Galusha Councilperson
Charles Bills Councilperson
Ed Brown Councilperson
Doug Needham Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Suozzo Town Engineer
Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at with the pledge to the flag.

DISCUSSION: Tom Suozzo, the Town Engineer, and the town board discussed coming up with a master plan for town facilities and services and the need to move forward for the future. They decided to move forward with the next phase of the plan which is a preliminary site evaluation starting with the highway garage.

RESOLUTION #52-2022

RESOLUTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PRELIMINARY SITE EVALUATION

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown
 Nays 0

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The town board of the Town of Thurman approved moving forward with the next phase of developing a master plan which will be a preliminary site evaluation starting with the highway garage.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding occupancy tax funds. Supervisor Runyon said that the town had \$44,359.00 from previous years and was due this year to get \$30,000.00 more.

RESOLUTION #53-2022

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR THE TOWNWIDE GARAGE SALE

On a motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Bills, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Bills, Needham, Brown
Abstain 1 Galusha
Nays 0

WHEREAS Lisa Taylor is overseeing the Thurman Town wide Garage Sale event on June 11th and 12th, and

WHEREAS Lisa Taylor-Organizer/Chair of the Town wide Garage Sale Committee has requested an additional \$300 of Occupancy Funds to help publicize the event in local newspapers, be it

RESOLVED: The Town Board authorizes the payment of \$300.00 to cover the cost of advertising in local papers.

RESOLUTION #54-2022

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR THE THURMAN FALL FARM TOUR

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Bills, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Bills, Needham, Brown
Abstain 1 Galusha
Nays 0

WHEREAS the Thurman Community Station Association desires to have a town wide event to support local businesses by attracting visitors to our area, and

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WHEREAS the Thurman Community Station Association is in need of funds to pay for advertising and printing costs, and

WHEREAS this event is a reoccurring, highly successful tradition, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board authorizes the payment of \$ 7,000.

RICHARDS LIBRARY: Esther Mctague, representing Richards’s library, spoke to the town board. Ms. Mctague said that the library was looking for community input as they are working on a plan to serve the community. She reminded us that Richard’s library is our library and that Richard’s is interested in serving the people of Thurman.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Supervisor Runyon gave her supervisor’s report (attached).

RESOLUTION #55-2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE WARREN COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AUTHORIZATION AND LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE LETTER

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Needham, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman authorizes the supervisor to sign the Warren County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Authorization and letter of Intent to participate letter.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding reserve accounts.

RESOLUTION 56-2022

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO COVER ADDITIONAL COST OF UNALLOCATED LIABILITY INSURANCE

On a motion of Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Councilman Brown, the following resolution was

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ADOPTED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves a budget adjustment to cover an additional amount due for unallocated liability insurance; \$265.55 will come out of A1990.4 and go into A1910.4.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding dead trees that should come down before they cause damage.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the arrival of the new loader which is coming soon.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the town website. The town board has 4 different proposals to look at. They will look at town websites designed by each of the companies who submitted the proposals.

RESOLUTION 57-2022

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown, Bills
Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, GENERAL FUND, MAY 19, 2022 \$112,362.45

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, HIGHWAY FUND, MAY 19, 2022 \$43,387.28

TOTAL FOR MAY 19, 2022 \$155,749.73

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the time regular meetings are held.

RESOLUTION #58-2022

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE WHEN THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Bills, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

The Town Board of the Town of Thurman authorizes a change in the time regular meetings are held. From now on regular meetings will be held on the third

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Thursday of the month with review of claims at 4:30 pm and the board meeting at 5:00 PM.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the town board taking a trip to look at local highway garages in the area to get ideas for a new highway garage for Thurman.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Councilman Bills, seconded by Councilman Needham the town board adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 5 Runyon, Galusha, Bills, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
June 02, 2022

**TOWN OF THURMAN
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
MAY – 2022**

May 2nd was the opening of the Cooling Assistance Program. Eligible residents would qualify for an air conditioner or a fan. Medical documentation, which was required in the past, is no longer necessary. If you are interested, call 518-761-6338 for more information.

Joe Groff has been paid in full, completing our obligation for his Whitespace contract. I will be contacting the Comptroller's office to find out about writing off the loss and closing out the Enterprise Fund in our accounting system. The total loss is \$ 51,684.23. This loss was incurred to prevent the town from having to pay back the Whitespace Grant of \$200,000.

Our second quarter Sales Tax Revenue was received in the amount of \$107,885.36. Our total for the two payments received so far is \$228,895.15. We budgeted 425,000. Sales Tax is looking really good so far!

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1 st Dist.	96,517.74	107,472.26	102,054.04	110,724.93	121,009.79
2 nd Dist	88,688.09	83,734.52	90,012.68	87,088.99	107,885.36
3 rd Dist	105,009.92	103,930.26	86,261.45	122,147.86	

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4 th Dist	143,125.13	148,169.18	145,039.46	161,633.55	
Total	433,340.88	443,306.22	423,367.63	481,595.33	228,895.15

Warren County has contracted with the Washington County Youth Bureau, resulting in increased services for Warren County youth. Several of the additional offerings are free lifeguard trainings, assistance for community recreation programs, roadside cleanup events and educational offerings about the dangers of vaping. In addition to the \$1,375 we will receive I was informed of the availability of a Youth Grant in the amount of \$7,000. I have verbally spoken with the Youth Bureau of a need to replace the basketball nets, get basketballs, replace the volleyball net, purchase ping pong tables, horseshoes and corn hole games. Before applying I would first like to find out if we have any youth interested in having a program at the town hall/rec field. The Warren Washington Youth Bureau has a loan library with all sorts of games and equipment. If you know of any youth that would be interested in starting a club, or just having a monthly night out at the town hall with fun stuff to do, please let me know. I would like to thank Highway Department employees Kevin Olden and Bruce Tvrdik for their excellent work on the front lawn. The shrubs were all removed, top soil was placed on the front lawn and grass seed will be put down. It's a huge improvement. Thank you!