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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN MARCH 16, 2023

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 16TH day of March 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debra Runyon Supervisor
Randy Galusha Councilperson
Ed Brown Councilperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Bills Councilperson
Doug Needham Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with the pledge to the flag.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued on keeping meetings under control.

RESOLUTION 25-2023

RESOLUTION TO VOTE ON RESOLUTION TO PAY CLAIMS FIRST AT EVERY MEETING

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Brown
 Nays 0

The town board of the Town of Thurman authorizes payment of claims to be 1st on the agenda for every meeting.

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RESOLUTION 26-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Brown
Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 2, GENERAL FUND	\$147,716.21
TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 2, HIGHWAY FUND	\$63,393.87
TOTAL CLAIMS OF ABSTRACT 2	\$211,110.08

RESOLUTION 27-2023

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COURT RECORDS HAVE BEEN AUDITED

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Brown
Nays 0

WHEREAS the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that town justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the auditing board of the town; and **WHEREAS** the records must be examined and that fact entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings; and

WHEREAS the court records were examined by Supervisor Runyon and Councilman Brown on February 20, 2023; be it

RESOLVED: The required annual examination has been conducted for the 2022 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: The town board discussed the climate smart pledge resolution.

RESOLUTION 28-2023

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Brown
Nays 0

WHEREAS, the Town/Village/City/County of Thurman (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town/Village/City/County of Thurman, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) Decrease energy use.**
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.**

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- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the quotes for the scales for the transfer station.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about a community assessment survey that the office of the aging wants the town to publicize.

DISCUSSION: There was a short discussion on a letter received pertaining to the New York Housing Compact that addresses the NYS housing crisis.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the town engineering firm.

DISCUSSION: The town board discussed short term rental rules that other towns have adopted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: 2 people spoke during privilege of the floor.

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Brown
 Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
March 22, 2023

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