

January 24, 2023

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN JANUARY 24, 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 24TH day of January 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Bills Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 0

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm with the pledge to the flag.

Councilman Needham arrived at 4:41 pm

RESOLUTION 18-2023

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FEES AT THE LANDFILL (see attached list of fees)

On a motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Galusha the following resolution was brought back to the table and

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
 Nays 0

WHEREAS the increased hauling costs have resulted in higher expenditures for the town making it necessary to increase our fees, be it

RESOLVED: that the Town of Thurman will increase rates according to the attached schedule.

THURMAN TRANSFER STATION AND C&D Garbage Stickers Small Bags 15gal \$2.00) Large Bags 33gal \$4.00) Extra Large Bags \$8.00) Box Springs Twin, Double, Queen \$15.00) Box Springs King and California King \$20.00) Mattresses Twin, Double, Queen \$15.00) Mattresses King, California King \$20.00) Couches \$15.00) Chairs \$10.00) TV Small \$10.00) TV Medium \$20.00) TV Large \$30.00) Non Processable Load up to level pickup truck \$25.00) Tires 20" or less \$8.00) Tires larger than 20" \$15.00) Freezers \$10.00) Refrigerators \$10.00) Air Conditioners \$10.00) Microwaves \$5.00) Vacuum Cleaners \$3.00) Printers \$3.00) Computers \$3.00) Metal Free Recyclables Free CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION - NEW RULES As of the April 5, 2022 notification the C & D is restricted to the following items: tree debris uncontaminated soil and rock from land clearing utility line maintenance season or storm related cleanups uncontaminated concrete and concrete products asphalt pavement brick glass soil rock

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding prices at the transfer station.

RESOLUTION 17 -2023

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A FUND BALANCE POLICY

On a motion of Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Councilman Brown the following resolution was brought back to the table and

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

TOWN OF THURMAN FUND BALANCE POLICY

Creating a strong fund balance can help mitigate risk and sustain the town during economic downturns. Fund balance can ensure the consistent delivery of essential services. It also provides for necessary funds to respond to natural disasters, to fund capital improvements, and build a strong credit rating.

The intent of this policy is to provide written specifications as to the scope and purpose of the fund by defining what the funds shall be used for, setting a minimum fund level, and providing for the reimbursement of funds that are used for various needs. The Town of Thurman has approved five interest bearing accounts to hold funds for the following specific reasons:

General Fund – Fund balance to cover unexpected expenditures, capital improvements, and loss of expected revenue. A reasonable amount for this fund is determined to be three months of the general fund appropriations.

C & D Closure Fund – The DEC requires an annual deposit of \$50,000 for ten years to cover the cost of the C & D closure. This fund will have a deposit of \$50,000 at the beginning of each year. Currently there is \$100,000 in this fund for the 2022 and 2023 deposit.

Highway Fund – Fund balance to cover unexpected expenditures, natural disasters requiring road repair and equipment rental. A reasonable amount for this fund is determined to be three months of the highway fund appropriations.

Highway Garage Fund – This fund represents savings to allocate toward a new highway garage to help secure grants and/or loan. This fund was established with \$300,000 and increases will be determined by Town Board majority vote.

Highway Equipment Fund – This fund will be specifically for equipment and the amount will be determined annually at year end when the final fund balance is known. The Town Board will decide by majority vote. These funds are currently in NYCLASS, which is a no risk, high interest investment opportunity for municipalities. Funds are very liquid and can be moved between the Town checking accounts and the NYCLASS accounts with 24 hour notice. The Supervisor will have discretion to invest excess funds as long as they remain in the appropriate Fund (General / Highway) to take advantage of the interest, and can move the funds back to the town fund when needed. Any spending of these funds shall require town board approval.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding developing a fund balance policy and a highway equipment fund.

DISCUSSION: The town board discussed the Kyocera printer contract which is up at the end of the year.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding rules for short term rentals, creating a position to enforce those rules and addressing septic issues pertaining to short term rentals.

ANNUAL AUDIT: The town board scheduled the annual audit of town official books to be held on February 16, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the new town website.

RESOLUTION 22-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

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ADOPTED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown
Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 1, GENERAL FUND, JANUARY 24, 2023 \$27,719.80

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 1, HIGHWAY FUND, JANUARY 24, 2023 \$72,129.82

TOTAL CLAIMS OF ABSTRACT 1 \$99,849.62

ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Brown, Needham
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
February 2, 2023

THURMAN TRANSFER STATION AND C&D	
Garbage Stickers	
Small Bags 15gal	\$2.00
Large Bags 33gal	\$4.00
Extra Large Bags	\$8.00
Box Springs Twin, Double, Queen	\$15.00
Box Springs King and California King	\$20.00
Mattresses Twin, Double, Queen	\$15.00
Mattresses King, California King	\$20.00
Couches	\$15.00
Chairs	\$10.00
TV Small	\$10.00
TV Medium	\$20.00
TV Large	\$30.00
Non Processable Load up to level pickup truck	\$25.00
Tires 20" or less	\$8.00
Tires larger than 20"	\$15.00
Freezers	\$10.00
Refrigerators	\$10.00
Air Conditioners	\$10.00
Microwaves	\$5.00
Vacuum Cleaners	\$3.00
Printers	\$3.00
Computers	\$3.00
Metal	Free
Recyclables	Free
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION - NEW RULES	
As of the April 5, 2022 notification the C & D is restricted to the following items:	
tree debris	
uncontaminated soil and rock from land clearing	
utility line maintenance	
season or storm related cleanups	
uncontaminated concrete and concrete products	
asphalt pavement	
brick	
glass	
soil	
rock	

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