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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN SEPTEMBER 21, 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 21ST day of September 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION 62-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

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

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 8, GENERAL FUND SEPT. 21, 2023	\$19,389.19
TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 8, HIGHWAY FUND SEPT. 21, 2023	\$524,800.72
TOTAL CLAIMS FOR SEPT. 21, 2023	\$544,189.91

OLD BUSINESS:

SALT PLUME DISCUSSION - Salt Plume records indicate that testing for salt in well water is available to homeowners in the area affected by the salt plume twice each year. Homeowners are sent letters giving them the option to get tested and then homeowners can choose to be tested or not. Water in the town buildings is tested every month.

SHORT TERM RENTALS DISCUSSION – A new more detailed Warren County list of short-term rentals is available. The new list includes each property that each owner of short-term rentals has rather than just a list showing owners of short-term rentals in each town. This is because some owners have multiple short term rental properties. The new list reveals more short-term rentals than previously thought.

MOTION

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board of the Town of Thurman decided to take whatever steps are necessary to extend the moratorium on short term rentals.

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

RESOLUTION 63-2023

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

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

WHEREAS, towns may appoint an enforcement officer who will be responsible for enforcing the codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and local laws, and

WHEREAS, the town of Thurman is in need of someone to ensure compliance with duly adopted regulations in the town of Thurman, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcer duties shall include enforcement of any codes, ordinances, rules, regulations, or local laws and will be authorized to issue citations or file formal complaints, be it

RESOLVED the town of Thurman is accepting letters of interest for the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Salary will be an annual amount of \$3,600. Letters of

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interest can be submitted to the Town Clerk at PO Box 29, Athol, NY 12810 or dropped off in person at the office of the Town Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Thurman fun day was a success.

There is a resident in Thurman that is interested in being a youth director and she has lots of good ideas. There was discussion about potentially hiring a youth director.

There are 3 grant funding opportunities in 2024 for youth activities. Supervisor Runyon mentioned that Disc Golf at the rec field could be a possible youth activity to look into.

Warren County BOE has advised that residents in Warren and Washington Counties are being approached by people impersonating election officials and anyone encountering them should call 518-761-6458.

The town has new covid test available at the town hall.

Archery Class for ages 8 and up will be held on 9-28-23.

The supervisor is planning on attending the Connect All meeting (Internet) on October 20, 2023.

The furnace in the town hall is going to be checked and serviced.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Several people spoke during privilege of the floor.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion of Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Councilman Needham, the town board went into executive session at 5:01 pm to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law.

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

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OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board came out of executive session at 5:21 pm with no action taken.

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

RESOLUTION 64-2023

RESOLUTION TO AMEND UNION CONTRACT

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

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

The Town Board of the Town of Thurman agreed to negotiate an amendment to the Town of Thurman Union Contract to modify the town share of employee health insurance.

DISCUSSION:

The town has earned a total of \$34,579.82 so far this year in the NYClass account.

MEETINGS:

The Town Board of the Town of Thurman called the following meetings.

Meeting to present the 2024 budget to the town board on October 5, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Budget workshop and public hearing on a local law to override the tax cap October 12, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Public Hearing on the 2024 preliminary budget 4:30 pm.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion ensued regarding the new garbage truck that was ordered but not yet received.

Discussion was also had regarding the planned closure of the Thurman C + D and the requirement to put \$50,000 annually in an account for 10 years to cover the costs.

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ADJOURN:

On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
October 5, 2023