

October 19, 2023

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN OCTOBER 19, 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 19 day of October 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

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Runyon signed paperwork for a subdivision that already has APA approval.

Mary Beadnell spoke about events taking place at Richards Library. She said that people can go on Facebook for more information and that audio books and electronic books can be downloaded through Richards Library.

RESOLUTION 67-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS

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

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

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 10, GENERAL FUND, OCT 19, 2023 - \$ 8,878.99

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 10, HIGHWAY FUND, OCT 19, 2023 - \$ 79,323.28

TOTAL CLAIMS FOR OCT 19, 2023 - \$ 88,202.27

VERBAL PRESENTATIONS:

Victoria Lehet gave a verbal presentation to the board to express her interest in becoming the Thurman Youth Director.

Richard Chase gave a verbal presentation to the board to express his interest in becoming the code enforcement officer.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the Town Board went into executive session at 4:50 pm per Public Officers Law 105 to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or removal regarding applicants for code enforcement officer and youth director.

Motion Carried Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the Town Board came out of executive session at 5:08 pm with no action taken.

Motion Carried Ayes 4 Runyon, Galusha, Needham, Brown

RESOLUTION 68-2023

RESOLUTION TO HIRE A YOUTH DIRECTOR

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

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

WHEREAS, the town of Thurman wishes to expand upon it's Youth Program by hiring a Youth Director, and

WHEREAS, the town of Thurman has received the requested letters of interest for this position, be it

RESOLVED the town of Thurman is hiring Victoria Lehet for the position of

Youth Director. Salary will be an annual amount of \$6,000, which will be prorated as \$500 per month for the remainder of 2023 and fiscal year 2024. The account code will be A7310.1. In addition, a contractual amount of \$1,500 will be applied to code A7310.4 for the remainder of 2023, increased to \$6,000 for fiscal year 2024. A large percentage of this expenditure will be reimbursable through the Warren/Washington County Youth Program. The website will be updated with contact information so residents will know who to call.

DISCUSSION:

The town board decided to hold off on hiring a code enforcement officer until they have had a chance to talk to all applicants.

RESOLUTION 69-2023

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Thurman to adjust the 2023 budget for the following

account codes to prevent negative expenditure accounts, be it

RESOLVED the Thurman Town Board approves the budget adjustments listed below

General Fund

Increase A1330.4 Tax Collector	354.79	
Decrease A7510.4 Historian		354.79

Highway Fund

Increase DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual	29,680.97	
Increase DA2401 Interest Earnings		22,246.14
Increase DA2650 Sale of Scrap		350.00
Increase DA2665 Sale of Equipment		4,552.00
Decrease DA Fund Balance		2,532.83

DISCUSSION:

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Discussion ensued regarding revenue; Town of Thurman's share of 2023 3rd quarter sales tax revenue is \$172,480.29. The total Thurman share of sales tax revenue so far this year is \$532,727.41. NYCLASS account interest this month is \$4,865.06, the total for the year is \$39,444.88.

DISCUSSION:

Volunteers are needed to organize the Christmas baskets that have in the past been delivered to the Thurman residents, if anyone is interested contact the Town.

Supervisor Runyon encourages dog owners to get their dogs vaccinated against rabies. Missing dogs picked up by the ACO will be returned home faster if they have had their rabies vaccinations.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Several people spoke during privilege of the floor.

DISCUSSIONS:

There was discussion regarding the upcoming Halloween party at the town hall being held on the 28th of October.

Supervisor Runyon would like to see the youth building be heated, have internet and have a porta potty.

Discussion was had about short-term rentals.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
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