

January 18, 2024

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN JANUARY 18, 2024**

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 18th day of January 2024.

**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  
Pat Wood             Highway Superintendent

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

**ROLL CALL**

**RICHARDS LIBRARY:** Esther Mctague, representing Richards Library said that the library is hosting 1-2 meetings per month for home schoolers with activities for the kids. She also said that the library is hosting a seamstress that has volunteered to help people with sewing projects. A calendar of Richards Library events can be found at the Thurman Town Hall in the foyer and on the library website [therichardslibrary.com](http://therichardslibrary.com).

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**RESOLUTION 19-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

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

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

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 1, GENERAL FUND, JAN 18, 2024 \$17,814.57

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 1, HIGHWAY FUND, JAN 18, 2024 \$54,885.17

TOTAL CLAIMS FOR JAN 18, 2024 \$72,699.74

**MOTION:**

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Brown, the town board modified the employment of the confidential secretary to the supervisor from an hourly employee to a salaried employee at the 2024 budgeted amount for 32 hours per week.

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

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding the procurement policy.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding holidays in the highway union contract.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding the senate bill on taxing condo's.

**RESOLUTION 20-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT GRANTS THE TOWN OF THURMAN THE ABILITY TO CHANGE, BY LOCAL LAW, HOW THE VALUE OF CONDOMINIUMS ARE ASSESSED**

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

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

**WHEREAS** the Town of Thurman passed a Resolution in May of 2023 requesting that Governor Hochul support legislation that will allow towns the option to

assess all newly constructed condominiums in a manner that reflects the most current market value; and

**WHEREAS** copies of this Resolution were forwarded to Governor Hochul, Senator Stec, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and Assemblyman Simpson and has now become Senate Bill # S7696/Assembly Bill # A8183, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board of the Town of Thurman supports this legislation. Eight copies of the Home Rule Request and eight certified copies of this Resolution, including the results of a roll call, will be forwarded to Senator Stec's office located at 5 Warren Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801.

**RESOLUTION 21-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD THURMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
\$15,000 OCCUPANCY TAX FOR THE THURMAN MAPLE DAYS**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0  
Abstain 1 Galusha

**WHEREAS** the Maple Days Event has been a major event for the Town of Thurman in the past that brings thousands of tourists to the town and has been a continuing success; and

**WHEREAS** this year there will be approximately 10 farms in Thurman where visitors will experience maple related demonstrations, wagon rides, tours, product sampling and shopping as well as a Maple Craft Show at the Thurman Town Hall, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board will grant Occupancy Tax Funding in the amount of \$15,000 to help cover the expense of this event.

**RESOLUTION 22-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD THURMAN CONNECTION SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
\$3,000 OCCUPANCY TAX FOR THE BLIZZARD BLAST EVENT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0  
Abstain 1 Galusha

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**WHEREAS** the Thurman Snowmobile Club is holding an event at 1000 Acres Ranch on March 9, 2024 and requests Occupancy Tax to help with advertising, entertainment, and food; and

**WHEREAS** this event will become an annual event, drawing visitors to the area, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board will grant Occupancy Tax Funding in the amount of \$3,000 to encourage tourism and help cover the expense of this event.

**RESOLUTION 23-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD THURMAN CONNECTION SNOWMOBILE CLUB \$9000 OCCUPANCY TAX FOR TRAIL IMPROVMENT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown  
Nays 0  
Abstain 1 Galusha

**WHEREAS** the Thurman Snowmobile Club is requesting funds to maintain the snowmobile trails that will connect Thurman to other towns and bring in tourists to our local businesses and rental properties, and

**WHEREAS** the ability to do bridge repair, trail maintenance and equipment maintenance, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board will grant Occupancy Tax Funding in the amount of \$9000 to encourage tourism and cover the expenses.

**RESOLUTION 24-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

On a motion of Councilman Galusha, 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.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - JANUARY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment Increase</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Code</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment Increase</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A3510.1	Animal Control PS	480.22		A2401	Interest Earned	480.22
A1330.4	Tax Collection Contractual	220.00		A2401	Interest Earned	220.00
A7510.4	Historian Contractual	9.61		A2401	interest Earned	9.61
A1220.12	Secretary PS	883.25		A2401	Interest Earned	883.25
A7989.4	Community Garden	1,671.75		A2705S	Soil and Water Grant	1,671.75
A8160.1	Refuse & Garbage PS	4,822.38		A1120	Sales Tax	4,822.38
A8160.12	Refuse & Garbage PS-2	790.16		A2130	Garbage Removal Charges	790.16
A8160.4	Refuse & Garbage Contractual	3,313.37		A1120	Sales Tax	3,313.37
A9040.8	Worker's Comp	7,060.14		A1120	Sales Tax	7,060.14
A9060.8	Medical Ins	1,094.36		A1120	Sales Tax	1,094.36
DA5112.2	CHIPS	108,776.22		DA3501	CHIPS Revenue	108,776.22
<b>Code</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment Increase</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Code</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment - Decrease</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A1110.12	Justices Court Clerk PS	236.13		A1110.2	Justices Equipment	236.13
A6989.4	Occupancy Tax	2,500.72		FB	Fund Balance	2,500.72
DA5130.4	Machinery Contractual	16,072.97		DA5510.1	General Repairs PS	16,072.97
DA5142.4	Snow Removal Contractual	10,794.80		DA5510.1	General Repairs PS	10,794.80
DA9060.8	Health Insurance Contractual	1,000.00		DA9055.8	Disability Ins	1,000.00
DA9060.8	Health Insurance Contractual	3,056.72		DA9060.81	Med Ins Retirees	3,056.72

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**RESOLUTION 25-2024  
RESOLUTION TO ALLOW SUPERVISOR TO DO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
NECESSARY TO CLOSE OUT DECEMBER AND FINALIZE THE YEAR END CLOSING  
FOR 2023**

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

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

**WHEREAS** the monthly closing cannot take place until all December invoices are reflected in the Williamson Law Books Accounting software for 2023, and

**WHEREAS** to close the 2023 financials any existing negatives in the account codes must be rectified, and

**WHEREAS** the 2024 start up and accounting entries cannot be entered until the 2023 closing, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to complete any necessary 2023 budget adjustments to eliminate negative account codes and close the year. December 2023 monthly financials will be available upon completion, as well as a Final Year End financial report.

**ADJOURN:** On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm and then went on to conduct the annual audit of the Supervisor's books and the Town Clerk's books. The tax collector's books and the town courts books will be audited at a later date.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk  
January 30, 2024

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