# **REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN APRIL 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 18<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2024.

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Debra Runyon Supervisor

Ed Brown Councilperson

Doug Needham Councilperson

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charles Bills Councilperson

Randy Galusha Councilperson

# **ALSO PRESENT:**

Patrick Wood Highway Superintendent

Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

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

#### **RESOLUTION 34-2024**

# **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown

Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, GENERAL FUND, APRIL 18, 2024 \$210,729.41

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 4, HIGHWAY FUND, APRIL 18, 2024 \$97,798.34

TOTAL CLAIMS FOR APRIL 18, 2024 \$308,527.75

#### **RESOLUTION 35-2024**

#### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 1999 POWER SCREEN**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown Nays 0

**WHEREAS** the town of Thurman needs a newer Power Screen to replace the old screen currently used at the River Road Mine; and

WHEREAS a newer Power Screen is available for the amount of \$15,000; be it

**RESOLVED** the Thurman Town Board will approve the purchase of a 1999 Power Screen in the amount of \$15,000 to be paid out of Account Code DA 5130.2.

#### **RESOLUTION 36-2024**

# RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown Nays 0

**WHEREAS** Lisa Taylor is interested in overseeing the Thurman Town Wide Garage Sale event on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** Lisa Taylor – Organizer/Chair of the Town Wide Garage Sale Committee has requested Occupancy Tax Funds to help fund the event; be it

**RESOLVED** the Town of Thurman will allocate \$1400 of Occupancy Tax to help fund the cost of advertising.

#### **RESOLUTION 37-2024**

# RESOLUTION TO RE-HIRE GROUNDSKEEPER/CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Needham, Brown Nays 0

**WHEREAS** the town will require someone to mow, weed whack, fix cemetery fencing, and other general grounds keeping duties; and

**WHEREAS** the prior employee did an excellent job and would like to be rehired for this season; be it

**RESOLVED** the town of Thurman authorizes the Town Supervisor to re-hire Scott Brown as a seasonal part time position at a rate of \$18.25 per hour. His start date will be May 1, 2024. The budgeted amount for this position is \$10,604 which will cover 581 hours to be spread out over the six months from May through October.

### **RESOLUTION 38-2024**

# 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 Needham, the following resolution was

ADOPTED ROLL CALL Runyon YEA, Needham YEA, Brown YEA

**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 # S7696A/Assembly Bill # A8183A, 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.

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion regarding a request for \$700 from Occupancy Tax Funds. It was decided that Councilman Brown would look into this request and it would be brought up at a later date.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding snowmobile roads.

**DISCUSSION:** The board discussed engineering and bonding for the new highway garage.

# PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 3 Runyon, Brown, Needham

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk April 25, 2024