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REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN MAY 16, 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 16TH day of May 2024.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Debra Runyon Supervisor
- Randy Galusha Councilperson
- Doug Needham Councilperson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Charles Bills Councilperson
- Ed Brown Councilperson

ALSO PRESENT:

- Cynthia Hyde Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:41pm with the pledge to the flag.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion regarding voting on awarding Occupancy tax funds to Martins Lumber. Councilman Galusha said that typically he would recuse himself from voting on distribution of Occupancy Tax Funds, however tonight there were only 3 board members in attendance so he would cast a vote so that the resolution could pass.

RESOLUTION 39-2024

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR \$700.00 FROM OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS TO MARTIN'S LUMBER FOR WOODS WALK

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

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ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

The Town Board of the Town of Thurman approves Martin's Lumber application for \$700.00 for occupancy tax funds for Martin's Lumber Woods Walk 2024.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

RESOLUTION 40-2024

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 5, GENERAL FUND, MAY 16, 2024	\$250,560.07
TOTAL OF ABSTRACT 5, HIGHWAY FUND, MAY 16, 2024	\$193,174.85
TOTAL CLAIMS FOR MAY 16, 2024	\$443,734.92

RESOLUTION 41-2024

RESOLUTION TO HIRE AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

WHEREAS the current Animal Control Officer has moved out of state, leaving us without an Animal Control Officer, and

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman is in need of a new Animal Control Officer as soon as possible, be it

RESOLVED that the town board of the Town of Thurman will request that the Town Clerk advertises for applicants to fill this position. The new Animal Control Officer will be paid under the same code and the same amount as the previous Animal Control Officer.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion regarding sheltering dogs picked up by the animal control officer. Supervisor Runyon is going to call Countryside

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Veterinary to see if Thurman could use them for a shelter. The board decided to authorize the supervisor to contract with Countryside if she determines that it is a good fit.

RESOLUTION 42-2024

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham

Nays 0

The Town Board authorizes the supervisor to contract with Countryside Veterinary for placement of stray dogs for a contract amount of up to \$1500 out of 1990.4.

RESOLUTION 43-2024

RESOLUTION TO PAY UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$6,080 FOR THE INCREASED COST OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham

Nays 0

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman has been notified that the garbage truck cost has increased \$6,080.00 due to the increased cost of steel, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Thurman authorizes the Town Supervisor to pay the additional amount of up to \$6080 to Navistar, Inc as the final payment for the garbage truck. An invoice for this amount will be presented to the Town of Thurman upon delivery of the garbage truck, which is expected by the end of the month.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the extra amount charged for the garbage truck.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was had on the transfer station. It was suggested that the transfer station should be included in the plans for the new highway garage. It was also suggested that the board should look at the well-organized

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Horican Transfer Station and Horicon Highway Garage for ideas. It was stated that a tour could be had by contacting Brenda at the Town of Horicon.

RESOLUTION 44-2024

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman requires funds in code A8160.2 to cover the additional cost of the garbage truck, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Thurman approves the budget adjustment of up to \$6080 from Contingency (A1990.4) to Refuse and Garbage Equipment (A8160.2)

DISCUSSIONS:

POLLINATOR PROGRAM: It was stated that the pollinator program held by the Thurman Youth Commission was very nice.

WILDFLOWER SEEDS: Warren County Soil and Water is giving away free wildflower seeds. Wildflower seeds will be planted in front of the town hall, and some will be planted in the community garden.

CEMETERY PLOTS: The Town Board Requests that people with cemetery plots in Reynolds Cemetery that are not on the map please bring your plot documents showing where your plots are to the town hall. The board is having a survey done at Reynolds Cemetery to ascertain where the plots are. It was suggested cemetery rules were needed.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: The Turman Youth Commission will use 4 of the garden plots. There are 3 community garden plots available for \$10.00 each and there is water available at the site. It was noted that the row covers for the youth plots were purchased with grant funds.

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HIGHWAY GARAGE: The Town Board discussed funds needed for building a new highway garage.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding NYSHIP.

RESOLUTION 45-2024

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$2,425.00 TO NYS COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

The Town Board of the Town of Thurman authorizes the supervisor to pay the amount of \$2,425.00 to the NYS Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to New York State Department of Civil Service's letter dated May 9, 2024 regarding a contract with New York State Department of Civil Service dated August 25, 1977 if it's determined to be valid after consultation with the Town Attorney and a representative of the Department of Civil Service.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued regarding the Harris House.

ADJOURN: On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm

MOTION CARRIED Ayes 3 Runyon, Galusha, Needham
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
May 30, 2024

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