

July 18, 2024

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF THURMAN JULY 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 July 2024.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Debra Runyon     Supervisor
- Randy Galusha     Councilperson
- Ed Brown             Councilperson
- Doug Needham     Councilperson ~ Arrived at 4:42 pm

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Charles Bills         Councilperson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

- Patrick Wood       Highway Superintendent
- Cynthia Hyde       Town Clerk

Supervisor Runyon called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm with the pledge to the flag.

**RESOLUTION 51-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS**

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

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

Total of abstract 7, general fund, July 18, 2024	\$28,055.10
Total of abstract 7, highway fund, July 18, 2024	\$21,368.46
Total claims for July 18, 2024	\$49,423.56

**RESOLUTION 52-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES**

**2006 Ford F-350, 2000 Sterling 20 yd Trash Truck, 1999 International Tandem Dump, 1999 Sterling Single Axle Dump**

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

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

**WHEREAS** the Town of Thurman has several old vehicles that are no longer in service and should be put out to bid, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Clerk will put an ad in the newspaper informing potential bidders of this opportunity and stating that the vehicles can be viewed at the Thurman Highway Department 311 Athol Road, Athol, NY, Monday through Friday, 7am – 3pm. Bids will be publicly opened on August 15, 2024 at 4:30pm. No bids will be accepted after that time. The Town of Thurman reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**RESOLUTION 53-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW GREEN BURIALS IN THE TOWN OF THURMAN**

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

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

**WHEREAS** the Governor of New York State signed legislation officially legalizing human composting and expanding the list of eco-friendly burial methods available to New Yorkers after death making New York State the sixth state in the US to legalize this burial alternative; and

**WHEREAS** green burials do away with both embalming chemicals and other non-biodegradable materials and lack the carbon footprint of cremation; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no Thurman Town Law, nor NYS Law that prohibits burial without cremation, embalming, a casket or a vault, be it

**RESOLVED:** The Town Board of the Town of Thurman will allow Green Burials in the Town on personal property or cemeteries situated in the Town.

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**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding Frontier wanting to run fiber optic cable in areas already served with internet but not in area that are underserved.

Councilman Needham arrives 4:42 pm.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding financials.

**RESOLUTION 54-2024**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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

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

Decrease Contingency A1990.4 Increase Assessor Contractual A1355.4  
\$1000

Decrease Contingency A1990.4 Increase Laboratory Contractual A4025.4  
\$1000

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding using occupancy tax funds for other economic community needs and grant funds that will cover the community garden.

**DISCUSSION:** There was discussion about a road near the transfer station and a letter received regarding that road.

**DISCUSSION:** The Town Board discussed how to proceed with garbage pickup. Supervisor Runyon had some ideas and asked the board to come up with ideas and questions on how to handle picking up residents garbage with the new garbage truck.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion ensued regarding bringing water to the youth building.

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**ADJOURN:** On a motion of Councilman Needham, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the town board adjourned the meeting at 5:36 pm

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

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk  
August 01, 2024