

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting January 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Avenue and the following were present:

Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor
Timothy Busler	Councilman
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Kristopher Ryder- absent	Councilman
Lynn Brown	Councilwoman
Vickie Colvard	Town Clerk
Mark Savage- absent	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Christian Oblender, Tina Bartlett Bearup

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Marcinkowski at 6 PM.
Christian Oblender was video recording the meeting.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning December 2023 report
Transfer Site's December 2023 report
NO Justice reports - Justice reports obtained about 12 hours before meeting.
Dog Control Inspection report

Missing Town Supervisor report (new secretary in training)- Williamson has been booked up with no timeline for an official training.

Res. # 1

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the minutes of December 28, 2023 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- absent, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 2

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Vouchers #1-29 Total: \$ 26,912.91

General	\$ 14,883.04
General O/S	\$ 220.56
Highway	\$ 8,692.39

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- absent, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 3

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Lynn Brown

Resolved, that the following resolution be passed on item and salary schedule and time of payments to be made in 2024, effective January 1, 2024:

- Board meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. All meetings will be at the Town Office, 215 Riverside Avenue, and will begin at 6:00 PM.
- Official Newspaper – Watertown Daily Times
- Official Online Newspaper - Newzjunky
- Depository for Supervisor, Building/Zoning Officer, Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Community Bank. Depository for Town Justice's – Gouverneur Savings & Loan

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- Historian: Timothy Minnick
- Town Board Members on Building Committee: Timothy Busler, Jamie Papin
- Account Clerk: Katherine Hunter
- Deputy Supervisor: Timothy Busler
- Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Kim Delles
- Budget Officer: Kim Delles

			Wages/	Payment
<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
1 year	Katherine Hunter	Bookkeeper P/T	\$22.00/hr	weekly
4 year	Rachel Roberts	Town Justice	\$9,914.00	\$826.17/monthly
4 year	Rebeca Oblender	Town Justice	\$9,914.00	\$826.17/monthly
4 year	Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor	\$18,000.00	\$1,500.00/monthly
4 year	Vickie Colvard	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$34,142.00	\$656.57/weekly
4 year	Mark Savage	Highway Supt.	\$71,015.00	\$1,365.67/weekly
4 year	Timothy Busler	Councilmember	\$1,395.00	\$116.25/month
4 year	Jamie Papin	Councilmember	\$1,395.00	\$116.25/month
3 year	Kristopher Ryder	Councilmember	\$1,395.00	\$116.25/month
4 year	Lynn Brown	Councilmember	\$1,395.00	\$116.25/month
1 year	Thomas Johnston	Building & Zoning Off.	\$31.00/hr	weekly
1 year	Scott Booth	Cemetery Supervisor	\$1,500.00	yearly
1 year	Recreation Assistants		\$15.00/hour	weekly
1 year	Timothy Beach	Cemetery Laborer	\$16.83/hour	weekly

TRANSFER SITE:

Larry Martin, Laborer	\$17.35/hour	weekly
Zacharey Ramsey	\$17.35/hour	weekly

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES:

4 MEO's	\$22.94/hour	weekly
1 MEO (Matt McCullouch)	\$23.94/hour	weekly
1 MEO (David Ebbrecht)	\$23.94/hour	weekly
4 Laborers	\$17.35/hour	weekly

LIBRARY:

1 year	Kristy Perry	Librarian P/T	\$20.51/hour	weekly
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PLANNING/ZONING BOARD: Board Members - \$30.00 each per meeting
 Board Member/Secretary - \$60.00 per meeting
 Non-Board Member Secretary - \$30.00 per meeting

All Town Employees - \$.56 per mile

Blanket Bond for all Town Officials: Supervisor - \$70,000.00, Tax Collector - \$95,000.00 and all other Officials - \$10,000.00 each.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- absent, Lynn Brown- aye
 Motion carried.

Discussion:

Christian Oblender- open meeting law stating that Hochul law, that the Board has 14 days to post meetings online. He also states that the meetings are not being posted appropriately, also states that since May 2023 haven't been posted so he filed a formal complaint. He suggests that the meeting be put up in draft status until approved by the Board. Christian also stated that 7 months for public consent being time sensitive and that having a new town clerk is not warranted for a learning curve when this matter is of importance.

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Use of facility form submitted by Bethany Jones to use the ballfields for softball from 6/2-9/8, was discussed. The Town Board discussed that they needed to come up with a policy and procedure plan to be drawn up that way if the fields are not cleaned up or picked up or the way that they were originally found that they can have recourse for the clean up of the fields. The Town Board is also looking for insurance.

Town Court Judges position- reduction to one judge-

- The Council is requesting to have workload on next report. Table until next meeting. Advertise to follow proper procedures.
- Per Christian Oblender there are 1500 open cases in our town. Christian also feels it's a dangerous way based on revenue to save their jobs.

Mail & Correspondence:

- Shelter- ASPCA, Town of Theresa received a letter for upgrade- verbal OK to send a note *All agree*

Date to Audit Town books- Judges- February
Town Clerk- March after taxes wrap up in house.

Interviews for assessor in the next couple weeks.

Res. # 4

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 6:43 PM

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- absent, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Colvard
Town Clerk