

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor
Timothy Busler	Councilman
Kevin McCarthy	Councilman
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Kristopher Ryder	Councilman
Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Greg Parmes, Aimee Martini, Wayne Smith, Eileen Kaleel, Daren Morgan, Amber Murphy, Terry McKeever and Allen Drake.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Marcinkowski at 6:00 p.m.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning April 2023 report
Transfer Site April 2023 report
Supervisor's April 2023 report
Judge Robert's March & April 2023 reports
Judge Oblender's January, February & March 2023 reports (**APRIL REPORT due to the Town & State by May 10th has not been received**)

Res. #29

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that the minutes of April 12, 2023 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #30

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher #136-143;153;155-193;203 **Total \$33,301.06**

General	\$19,595.56
General O/S	\$36.55
Highway	\$6,317.83
Highway O/S	\$7,351.12

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #31

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Steven Marcinkowski

Resolved, that the Town Board reappoint Brian Chester to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective May 10th, 2023, for a five-year term.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Daren Morgan questioned if the proposed solar law needed to be sent to Jefferson County Planning Board to be reviewed. The Supervisor will check with the County.

Res. #32

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

Resolved, be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Theresa that the proposed Local Law entitled "Solar Energy Law" be introduced, and be it

Further Resolved, that the Town Board hold a Public Hearing on June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the adoption of the Local Law.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #33

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

**APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA**

Whereas, the Town of Theresa owns a water supply system which operates for the purpose of supplying water for citizens in the Town of Theresa in what is known as the Town of Theresa Water District No. 1; and

Whereas, the Town of Alexandria previously formed the Redwood Water District which is adjacent to the Town of Theresa Water District No. 1; and

Whereas, the Village of Alexandria Bay owns a water plant and previously contracted with the Town of Alexandria on behalf of the Redwood Water District to provide potable water to residents in the Redwood Water District; and

Whereas, the Town of Alexandria previously contracted with the Town of Theresa to provide potable water from the Town of Redwood Water District to the Town of Theresa Water District no. 1 at a point of connection pursuant to a separate Intermunicipal Agreement; and

Whereas, the Village of Alexandria Bay, as the water supplier, is a necessary party to the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Towns of Alexandria and Theresa and should be a party thereto.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Theresa, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth herein.
2. The Town Board hereby approves the amended Intermunicipal Agreement to include the Village of Alexandria Bay as a party and which is attached as Exhibit "A".
3. The Supervisor for the Town of Theresa, the Town Clerk and their respective agents and employees are authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to approve the amended IMA and to bring full force and effect to this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that Sheila Ryan called him to ask about the Town doing a town wide trash day. She told Steve that adjacent Town have them, the Town of Theresa used to and not everyone owns a truck to transport garbage. The Supervisor told her that the Town no longer has a garbage truck. Also, he said that everyone knows someone that does own a truck. In the past it was a nightmare for the Town because of not enough manpower for that week. Mr. Parmes wondered if the Town could have one or two days throughout the year for people to take garbage for free. The Town Clerk stated that certain people would then save their garbage for those days. Superintendent Savage stated that it was very misused when done in the past. Some cottage owners even brought garbage from as far away as Rochester during those weeks. The Board agreed the Town does not have enough manpower and it is not feasible for the Town to do.

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The inmates from Cape Vincent prison are working in Oakwood cemetery. Superintendent Savage said that he would like them to work in the military cemetery cutting back some brush. Also, would like them to come back to paint the boards in the skating rink. Mr. Savage would also like Tim Beach to work in the military cemetery when he is caught up at oakwood. There are wooden caskets in that cemetery and with time have collapsed. Mr. Beach would be bringing in topsoil to even them out.

Mail/Correspondences:

- A Letter from NYSDOT was read by the Board. They have concluded that the speed limit reduction on County Route 136 is not warranted at this time. Mr. Savage told the Board that they set the guy from the state up on plain view pointing the radar gun at vehicles, so drivers automatically slow down. Councilman Ryder thought that the state is hesitant to change speed limits because every road would then want a reduction of speed. Supervisor Marcinkowski is going to write a rebuttal letter addressing their flawed review of the road.
- The Board read a letter from Ducks Unlimited stating that they had not offered any property for sale to neighbor James Olsen or had any conversations regarding the same. The parcel of land that Ducks Unlimited owns was acquired by them for habitat restoration. Judge Oblender told the Board last meeting that she had a letter from Ducks Unlimited stating that they were selling a piece of land to the Olsen's to make their land legal to have farm animals. Councilman Ryder stated that the biggest problem is the Olsen's pigs are in the road every day.

Update of Highway Dept.:

- Still have not received the new truck.
- In the future the Board will need to give a letter of intent to purchase new tandem trucks at least (2) years in advance. The Board agreed to put a letter of intent in now.
- Next truck to be replaced by the Town is a 2008. Mark will be keeping the 2002 truck because it is in very good shape.
- Paving will begin next Monday on Hart Flats Road.
- Coon Bridge Road will be paved later this summer.
- Next year Red Lake Road, Creek Road & Dano Road will be paved.

Update Park & Rec:

- Amber Murphy was introduced to the Town Board. The Board hired her to be the new Summer Director. She told the Board that she has been in the district for (8) years and is very eager and happy to be part of the Town rec. She said she thinks that Theresa has a lot to offer. She will be paid \$20.00/hour and was asked to submit any hours logged before recreation begins so she can be paid.
- Stefanie Haskins was appointed to be Assistant Director/Bus Driver and will be paid \$19.00/hour. Last year she donated her time when she was not driving the bus for rec and was a tremendous help.
- There are (5) really good applicants. (3) qualify to be paid by the County under the Workplace and (2) will be paid minimum wage by the Town.
- The Town will have (7) people working for the program. It will be (4) days per week and go for (6) weeks.
- The Theresa Youth Commission and the Progress have offered to feed the children for the first week because the County cannot do.
- (75) kids have signed up for baseball and t-ball.
- Superintendent Savage purchased NO ATV signs for the ballfields. There has been a young kid driving on the infield and tearing up McNickle field.
- Indian River Ambulance offered to give CPR courses to new rec employees.
- The Town Board agreed to purchase port-a-potties for each Town field and a handicap one for Oakwood Cemetery. The Village has agreed to clean them for the Town.

The Theresa Youth Commission got their EIN number and are now incorporated. They want to start doing can drives and other fundraisers.

The Board discussed that ATV in the Town and Village has become a big problem. The Village discussed the subject at their meeting last night. The Village police are not able to chase them when they are speeding.

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Progress Group updates from Greg Parmes:

- Stuff sale to be held May 20th & 21st. Anything left over on Monday they will offer it for free. Anything after will go to thrift store.
- Bake sale to be held during the Memorial Day parade. The proceeds will all go to the Veteran's Memorial.
- Hometown Heroes Flags to be purchased and placed on the Village's power poles. Orders to be taken until the end of the year and will be up by the next Memorial Day.

Eileen Kaleel told the Board that the Small Business Coalition is working on a directory of all businesses. Also, they have been putting together a visitor's guide.

Res. #34

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that the Town Board go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel and legal issue.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #35

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the Town Board Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Allen Drake spoke to the board members on many county topics:

- Solar manufacturing company that will be built by the airport.
- Firemen- County tax discount on property taxes.
- Rural broadband study, county to set aside \$1 million for this. Plans in the works through DANC.
- County Social Service- morale is low. Many issues,
- Homelessness is a county problem, not the city of Watertown.
- Looking into pods for homeless.
- The county has a lot of extra money.
- County is setting aside \$6 million as a slush fund.
- Many county roads are being resurfaced.
- River rd.-co rte. 46 is a 3 yr. project.

Res. #36

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 7:55 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Papin – aye, Mr. Ryder – aye,
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim A. Delles
Town Clerk