

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor
Timothy Busler - zoom	Councilman
Charles Folsom	Councilman
Kevin McCarthy - zoom	Councilman
Darren Edgar – zoom	Councilman
Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Greg Parmes - zoom

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 February 2021 report  
Transfer Site February 2021 report  
Supervisor's January & February 2021 reports  
Judge Robert's January 2021 report  
Judge Klepacz's February 2021 report – zero revenue reported

Res. #11

Motion by: Timothy Busler  
Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

**Resolved**, that the minutes of February 10, 2021 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #12

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

**Resolved**, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher #69-77;79-112 **TOTAL: \$43,106.61**

General	\$18,864.99
General O/S	\$212.01
Highway	\$23,894.04
Highway O/S	\$135.57

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #13

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Theresa, New York has two (2) Justices of the Peace who preside over the Town Justice Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of operation of the Town Justice Court, which Justices and Court are expenses for the residents of the Town, are not sustained by revenues generated by that office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that the Court duties may be adequately met by reducing the number of Justices to one (1); and

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**WHEREAS**, New York Town Law Sections 20 and 60-a1 empower the Town Board to reduce the number of Justices to one (1) by Resolution subject to Permissive Referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has considered the matter and is prepared to proceed upon expiration of the term of a current Justice which is due to expire on December 31, 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that subject to Permissive Referendum, the Town Board resolves to reduce the number of Town Justices to one (1) effective January 1, 2022 by eliminating the office currently held by Edward Klepacz.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The Town Board was told that Judge Edward Klepacz now lives in the Town of Alexandria Bay and is running for Justice in Alex Bay this fall. The Board agreed that Judge Klepacz should resign from Theresa Town Justice. Supervisor Marcinkowski will contact the Association of Towns for clarification.

The Town Board discussed increasing the water rates for the (4) customers who are in the water district. The Town of Alexandria Bay has increased the rate to the Town of Theresa from \$3.48 to \$5.20 per 1,000 gallons. The current rate the Town of Theresa charges is \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. The Town has not raised the rate for water since 2011. The Board will take a look at least once a year at the cost of the water and make changes as needed. The Board agreed to raise the rate to \$6.00 per gallon and it will take effect in the next billing cycle.

Res. #14

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the Town of Theresa raise the water rate from \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.00 per \$1,000 gallon starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Update of Highway Dept.:

- The new truck will be arriving soon.
- CHIPS is going to be back in full for 2021. The Town will get the full \$160,000.00.
- The 1996 blue one ton pickup is in terrible shape and Mr. Savage does not want to put any money into it.
- The Grader's transmission is shot and Mark does not want to put any money into it.
- Superintendent Savage would like to get rid of excess equipment thru the auction process.
- Some of the MEOs have already gotten COVID vaccinations.

Superintendent Savage told the Board that when the snow goes the Highway crew will get into the cemetery and take a look at the headstones that were broke this winter by vandals. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the Town's insurance will not cover the cost to repair, as the stones are privately owned and their homeowners will cover the cost of repair. Mr. Savage said he would like to call Allen Streeter back early. Mr. Marcinkowski said that he can come back early but is not budgeted to come back until the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of last years early closure the Town scaled back on the cemetery budget. Councilman Folsom asked if a reward could be given out to help catch the vandals. Mr. Savage said that more cameras are needed. The Board agreed to have Mr. Streeter work (40) hour weeks. If there is not enough work in the cemetery then he could work at the highway department. Mr. Savage stated that he would have Allen clarify his daily work schedule at the cemetery on his weekly timesheet.

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Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that the Town will be cancelling the Unifirst contract for uniforms. He went to (3) different stores and got estimates this past weekend for pants and shirts with the Town's logo on them.

Correspondence:

- ❖ An email was read from the Librarian stating she was exposed to Covid and was in a (10) day quarantine. The Library will be closed during that time.
- ❖ Letter from Butterfield Lake Association – proposed new DEC draft on a Sunfish & Crappie Management Plan. The Board supports the draft.

Res. #15

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the Theresa Town Board support the proposed DEC draft on a Sunfish & Crappie Management Plan for Butterfield Lake.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The Town Board discussed the possibility that the Town of Theresa could receive \$300,000.00 from the Federal Stimulus package just passed. Councilman McCarthy would like a list from Mr. Savage on aging equipment. Superintendent Savage would like to order another new truck. He stated it would take 12 to 16 months to get and then it could be paid off with next year's budget. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that the garbage packer is not going to last, so the Board needs to be preparing for that. Mr. Savage said that the Town could put in a new compact system and sell the packer. If the Town goes that route, then no MEO would be needed at the Transfer Site. Mr. Savage would like to do some blacktopping on some of the roads that were done 5 to 6 years ago. As of now it cost \$17,000 per mile for chip & seal and \$100,000 per mile for blacktop.

Mr. Parmes thanked Mr. Savage and the highway employees for plowing the food pantry this past winter. Mr. Parmes thought the Town Board should have given the homeowners in the water district a heads up before the rates were increased. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that the Town was caught off guard when Alex Bay raised it on the Town. The Town Clerk stated that the homeowners are given (3) month to pay their bills and a letter explaining the increase would be in their next bill.

Res. #16

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the meeting be closed at 6:58 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye, Mr. Edgar – aye,  
Mr. Marcinkowski – aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim A. Delles  
Town Clerk