

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor
Timothy Busler - absent	Councilman
Kevin McCarthy	Councilman
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Kristopher Ryder	Councilman

Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Mark Deleel, Eileen Deleel, Allen Drake, Cory Stephenson, Allyson Stephenson & Aimee Martini.

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 August 2022 report  
Transfer Site August 2022 report  
Supervisor's August 2022 report  
Judge Robert's May, June & July 2022 reports  
Judge Oblender's May, June & July 2022 reports

Res. #50

Motion by: Jamie Papin  
Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

**Resolved**, that the minutes of August 10, 2022 be accepted as read.

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

Discussion:

Allen Drake, County Legislator, told the Board that Jefferson County does not have \$98,000,000 in excess fund balance that was reported on the news. They have a \$74,000,000 general fund balance, \$20,000,000 that is assigned. So technically they have \$54,000,000 excess fund balance which is enough to run the County for (2) months. The County is not sure how to spend the money. He stated that the County workers are underpaid. There is also a homeless problem in Jefferson County. Councilman McCarthy asked Mr. Drake if he would like the Town's input. Mr. Drake said that it cannot be given to the Town's. Mr. McCarthy said that the taxes should not be going up for 2023.

Mr. Drake told the Board that a dog control officer was viciously attacked by a dog. They are down from (5) officers to (4).

Legislator Drake updated the Board on Broadband in the area:

- He stated that it is the most frustrating issue he has ever dealt with.
- \$1,000,000 has been set aside for broadband.
- (3) member committee was formed in February to work on the issue.
- There are (5) different companies with franchises in the area.
- Castle Cable was given a grant for \$54,000 and hooked up (11) Theresa customers. Hughes Net has hooked up (32) customers. He thinks Verizon was given \$600,000 plus in grant money.
- Spectrum covers 70% of the area.

Res. #51

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Steven Marcinkowski

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

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Voucher #354-361;365-397 **Total \$133,882.48**

General	\$16,583.54
Highway	\$54,693.49
Highway O/S	\$62,605.45

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

Res. #52

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder  
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

**Resolved**, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer \$25,952.91 from Highway O/S General Repairs, Contractual, DB-5110.4 to Highway O/S Capital Outlay, Equipment, DB-5112.2.

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

Discussion:

Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that there was a lack of communication, and the Town did not start paying Teamster's Health & Hospital on Larry Martin when he started in May 2022. Mr. Marcinkowski said that it should have been done between the Union Stewart and Brian Hammond, Union President. Mr. Hammond is giving the Town the option to retroactively pay for (3) months prior so Mr. Martin will be eligible for health insurance October 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman McCarthy thinks that the insurance should start the first month that payments start.

Res. #53

Motion by: Jamie Papin  
Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

**Whereas**, due to a clerical error the Town did not start paying Health & Hospital Insurance for Larry Martin when he started in May, therefore he is not eligible to receive benefits until January 2023 and **Whereas**, per Brian Hammond, Teamsters Union President, the Town has the option to retroactively pay June, July & August's Town share of Health & Hospital Insurance in the amount of \$2,701.40, so Mr. Martin can start receiving health benefits on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 so be it **Resolved**, that the Town Board authorize the Supervisor to pay \$2,701.40 for June, July & August's monthly Town share of Health & Hospital Insurance for Larry Martin.

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

Discussion:

Update of Highway Dept.:

- Summer work is done, and the crew has started hauling sand and is starting fall maintenance.
- Superintendent Savage told the Board that 3 to 4 weeks ago someone was seen going through the scrap metal dumpster. He is going to have electricity hooked back up at the green barn and will install cameras and motion lights. He is worried about someone stealing road pipe. He stated that a fence would not be practicable.
- The Company that did the summer mowing of the ball fields and cemeteries did an excellent job.
- The cemetery worker has done an excellent job.

Update Park & Rec:

- Mark Deleel, Recreation Director showed the Board pictures of the newly painted lobby at the ice rink.
- Mr. Deleel is going to try and get a flag football team together for 8–12-year-olds. He hopes to play the same Towns as the baseball team does.
- A request has been made to the Theresa Primary school to use the gym for winter recreation.

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- Mark is going ask the fire department to use the fire hall for Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas for recreation. It will give parents a chance to shop for Christmas.
- The roof on the rink is not rusted and there are no holes, just some loose screws that the highway crew will tighten up.
- Some bulbs need to be changed in the lobby and the utility room at the rink.
- Mr. Deleel ask the Board if something could be used to buffer the roof at the rink. When it rained this summer, it was very loud. A couple of children needed to use ear protection. The Board discussed using a spray foam to insulate the roof.

The Town Board agreed to meet on October 12<sup>th</sup> for their regular meeting. The October meeting is normal held the first week of October to introduce the budget. The Town Clerk will provide the Board with the tentative budget by October 5<sup>th</sup>. This will give the Members a chance to look it over before the monthly meeting.

Allyson Stephenson told the Board that her in-laws own land on Hanson Bridge Road. There is no electricity on the property. There is an issue with them having a RV on the property. She stated that the whole family uses the land and that they cannot stay in the same RV. Also, they cannot use a tent because of a bear in the area. She stated that the law does not read (30) consecutive days. She thinks that property owners should be given a (6) month seasonal pass. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that a complaint was made about the RV on the land and Mr. McKeever, Zoning Officer, is obligated to follow through. Mr. McKeever is a part time employee and is paid to enforce the Zoning Laws. Mr. Marcinkowski said that wastewater is an issue with having RVs on properties, especially near the lakes. Mrs. Stephenson said that her in-laws had a permit for the camper. The Town Clerk stated they came in after Terry sent them a violation notice and that is when they applied for the (30) day permit. Mrs. Stephenson said that they could put cows on the land, and they would cause more waste than an RV. Councilman Ryder asked how much land they have. Mrs. Stephenson stated an acre. Mr. Ryder said that to have farm animals you would need (6) plus acres. Mrs. Stephenson said they could lease land from the neighbors. Mrs. Stephenson said on her way to the meeting there were (5) campers' setup just on County Route 136. The Town Clerk gave an instance where (6) to (7) campers were on Sixberry Lake. She stated that some cottage owners only have (1) or (2) week period they can spend at their cottages. They do not want to have the issues that comes with that many campers on (1) property. Eileen Deleel asked what the intent of the law is. Supervisor Marcinkowski gave an example of a beaten-up trailer across the river from the Town Office that has been there for years. Also, there are no septic systems for RVs so there is a wastewater issue. Mr. Marcinkowski said that the Town was instructed to tighten up the rules on RVs for court purposes. The Board to table the issue until next month. They would like Mr. McKeever and Daren Morgan's, Chairman of the Planning Board (who helped write the new regulations on RVs), input.

The Board agreed to change the front entrance to the lobby of the Town Office and put a covered roof to the parking lot. New doors with security will added.

Res. #54

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

**Resolved**, that the meeting be closed at 7:06 p.m.

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

Motion carried,

Kim A. Delles  
Town Clerk