

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting December 9, 2020 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
Charles Folsom - Zoom	Councilman
Kevin McCarthy	Councilman
Darren Edgar	Councilman
Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Mark Savage - absent	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Matt Cooper, Matt McCullouch, Derrick Kolb & Terry McKeever

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Marcinkowski at 6:02 p.m.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning November 2020 report  
Transfer Site November 2020 report  
Judge Klepacz's October 2020 reports  
Judge Robert's October & November 2020 report

Res. #62

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the minutes of November 4, 2020 be accepted as read.

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

Res. #63

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

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

Voucher # 471-484;487-516 **Total \$32,746.91**

General	\$15,496.96
General O/S	\$196.00
Highway	\$4,079.01
Highway O/S	\$6,728.76
Capital	\$6,246.18

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

Discussion:

Matt Cooper updated the Town on the salt barn. Total cost of the project was \$510,821.00, with the Town share only \$185,821, which was well under budget. The Town has yet to receive the latest and largest reimbursement from the state. Mr. Cooper submitted it (8) weeks ago and it should be deposited to the Town very soon. The Board thanked Mr. Cooper for all he has done for the Town with the project.

Terry McKeever, Building & Zoning Officer, told the Board about a possible project on the Dano Road. An abandoned house condemned by Mr. McKeever a few years ago has all the contents of the house in the front yard. The woman that owns the house is dead and the granddaughter was fixing it up. She failed to pay for the dumpster, so it was dumped in the front yard. There is over \$10,000 owed in back taxes on the property. Attorney Burrows advised Mr.

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Discussion cont'd.:

McKeever the Town could clean up the property and then place a lien on it. Mr. McKeever said it would be about 15 to 20 loads and the Town could get a reduced fee, from the County, of \$39.00/ton instead of \$80.00/ton. The Highway Department would need to rent an excavator to do the project. Supervisor Marcinkowski thought the Town could do the work in stages.

Res. #64

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the Town Board authorize the Town Highway Department to haul away debris & garbage at 24458 Dano Road, parcel #22.00-2-56, and charge back all cost, with a lien, to the property.

Discussion:

Mr. McKeever told the Board that the issue of burning goat manure on Lake of the Woods has turned ugly. The property owner has stated to Mr. McKeever that he is in the Ag District and he has enough land do be able to burn under the NYS Ag. & Markets Law. The property owner burning the manure has threatened the neighboring property owner. Mr. McKeever stated that a number of people on the lake are very upset and the Lake of the Woods Association is getting involved. NYS Ag. & Markets have been notified and they stated that it is not standard practice to burn feces and they would be getting back to the Town to see if the property is in the NYS Ag District. If it is not, then there is no protection under the Ag. & Markets law and the DEC Air Quality Office should be contacted.

Res. #65

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the Town Board on the recommendation of Jeffrey Brunet, name (5) private roads off from Burns Road, Grass Lake, (tax map #8.00-1-3.11) Grass Lake Road North; Viola Way; Klock Lane; Birch Lane; Mapledale Road; (see attached map).

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

Discussion:

Letters & Correspondence:

- ❖ Mining permit issued by NYSDEC to Lisa & Ferguson Meeks for Bartlett Mine.
- ❖ Letter from NYS Unified Court System about revised pandemic procedures in the trial courts. Per Judge Roberts the courts might be closing soon.
- ❖ Certificate of Substantial Completion for Salt Storage Facility Project

Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that he had a lengthy talk with Superintendent Savage about the timecards and new hire procedures. The timecards have been confusing for the bookkeeper and all new hires need all the paperwork filled out before starting the job.

The Supervisor met with Alexandria Bay Supervisor Brent Sweet to discuss the Water District. There are (4) properties that pay water bills to the Town of Theresa. The Town of Alexandria reads the meters and then bills the Town for water usage and for the capital cost of the project. It was recently discovered that the Town of Alexandria has been under billing the Town for (9) years for capital cost. Supervisor Sweet said that the Town owed \$6,152.31 to Alexandria Bay for the mistake that they made. Also, Mr. Sweet said that the Town of Alexandria Bay has not raised the cost of the water in (9) years and will be raising it in 2021. They have been charging \$3.48 per 1000 gallons of water and are proposing to raise it to \$5.19 per 1000 gallons. As of now the Town of Theresa charges it's customers \$4.00 per 1000 gallons. The Board agreed to raise it to \$6.00 per 1000 gallons. The Town will need to do a public hearing to raise the price per gallon.

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Res. # 66

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

**Resolved**, that the Town of Theresa raise the water rates from \$4.00 per 1000 gallon to \$6:00 per 1000 gallons.

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

Discussion:

The Town Board discussed a quote from Advanced Business Systems of \$2,439.98 to upgrade the network system at the Town Office. All computers would be hardwired in and there would be wifi capabilities in the Justice/Board room. There has been an issue with the internet for a long time. The Board agreed to the update of the network.

Res. 67

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

**Resolved**, that the Town accept the quote of \$2,439.98 from Advanced Business System to reconfigure the network at the Town Office.

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

Res. #68

Motion by: Charles Folsom  
Seconded by: Steven Marcinkowski

**Resolved**, that the Town Board hold a meeting on December 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to audit for payment any unpaid bills and for whatever other business there may be to transact.

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

Res. #69

Motion by: Darren Edgar  
Seconded by: Steven Marcinkowski

**Resolved**, that the Town Board go into executive session at :7:15 p.m, to discuss union negotiations.

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

Res. #70

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski  
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

**Resolved**, that the Town Board end executive session at 7:42 p.m.

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

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Res. #71

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Darren Edgar

**Resolved**, that the meeting be closed at 7:43 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kim A. Delles  
Town Clerk