

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting May13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

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

❖ **April 8th Town Board meeting was cancelled because of Covid-19**

Others online: Gregory Parmes, Kristy Perry & Tracy Hudon

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 March & April 2020 report
Transfer Site March & April 2020 report

Res. #26

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the minutes of March 11th & March 20th, 2020 be accepted as read.

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

Res. #27

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Abstract #4 Voucher #131-135;137-164 **Total \$33,082.42**

General	\$14,049.76
General O/S	\$13.21
Highway	\$16,648.10
Capital	\$2,371.35

Abstract #5 Voucher #171—175;177-180;182;184-198 **Total \$41,848.57**

General	\$10,955.68
General O/S	\$280.00
Highway	\$14,289.96
Capital	\$16,322.93

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

Discussion:

The Board discussed the impact of the pandemic on the 2020 budget. Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that sales tax was up 11 % for the first quarter but according to Jefferson County could be down 24% the second quarter. The Supervisor said, after looking over worksheets of the Town's finances, that he would like to cut the budget by 20%. The Board agreed to a spending freeze going forward. The Board agreed to have no recreation for the rest of the year.

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Discussion cont'd.:

Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that Allen Streeter, Cemetery Employee, has not been brought back yet. He stated since the Highway employees were working half weeks that he did not think he should be brought back. Superintendent Savage told the Board that he has had (2) men working in the cemetery and thinks Mr. Streeter should be brought back on a week to week basis. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that the cemetery has been pristine in the past but might need to be scaled back this year because of the budget. He thinks that the Transfer Site employees, Highway employees and CETA workers could help out this year.

Mail/correspondences:

- A letter from the Library Board stated that they would like a member of the Town Board to be a liaison between the (2) Boards. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated there needs to be a better working relationship with the Library. Councilman McCarthy said that he would talk to the Supervisor about it.
- The Town sold a 2008 Ford 350 truck at auction for \$2,750.00
- Ducks Unlimited sent a letter telling of their intent to build berms on their property on the Eddy Road.
- An email (see attached) from David Gideon, Special Counsel to the 5th Judicial District, was discussed. The email talked about conditions that have to be met for courts to open. Also, a suggestion to install virtual private networks. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that there is no money this year and maybe not even next year.

A letter from Hybrid Building Solutions stating they are not considered essential, therefore the salt barn will not be started on time. Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that he has spoken to the lady at Hybrid and they want to put up different walls and roof than what was bid. She stated that the roof bid that was bid is not adequate and that their walls were better. The Supervisor told her that she needs to put up what was bid. In the future Matt Cooper, Barton & Loguidice, will be dealing with Hybrid. Councilman Busler stated that the Town threw out the low bid because it did not meet specifications and the Town needs to follow the specifications or the Town will end up in court. Councilman Edgar said that the highway has already laid the base for walls that were specified in the bid.

The Transfer Site employees have stopped selling stickers at the Transfer Site because of the Covid-19 virus and because Diane Money has not been working. The Board discussed that going forward the Town will not sell the stickers there. Stickers can be purchased at the Town Office if residents want to buy in bulk. Councilman Folsom suggested the Town go to \$3.00 per sticker. Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that before the virus the Town was going to cross reference addresses to customers coming through the Transfer Site.

Zoning:

- The Board discussed changing the Zoning law to ban burning manure. There has been an issue with it on one of the lakes. Councilman McCarthy stated that raising animals next to the water is not a great idea. Councilman Busler stated that would be an Ag. & Markets issue.
- NYS Oversight received a complaint about Terry McKeever, Building & Zoning Officer, about a violation on NYS Route 37. Mr. McKeever condemned a house, because of a call from child protection about a year ago. He was threatened by the house owner. He took the State Police with him and took several photos showing the deplorable living conditions. Mr. McKeever has sent all the paperwork and photos to the State. The State said that it looked like Mr. McKeever has done everything right, as far as they can see. The homeowner has also contacted Assemblyman Mark Walczyk to complain about Mr. McKeever. Mr. Walczyk was told, by Supervisor Marcinkowski, all the steps that Terry took.

Update of Highway Dept.:

- Diane Money is back to work at the Transfer Site.
- Superintendent Savage stated he was doing all he can to save money at the Highway Department.
- The Town will be able to use CHIP's money to pave by the salt barn
- June 1st is the start date for Hybrid to start work on the salt barn
- Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the Town cannot draw from the State Grant for the salt barn until Hybrid gives us the bill.
- The Highway will start paving the Joyner Road in June so the state can be billed by August for the CHIPs money.

- New Tandem truck will be here in September

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Discussion cont'd.:

Kristy Perry, Librarian, told the Board that she has been working from home and handling services online. The Library is looking to reopen in phase 4 (June 27th). She stated that the Library is on a spending freeze and is looking for cost sharing options with other libraries. She will be doing a summer reading program online and Friends of the Library will be donating kits with craft material for kids. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that it is up to the discretion of the Library Board when to reopen.

Mr. Parmes told the Board that the Progress Group is on hold. Also, the food pantry received over 400 pounds of food at the food drive.

Res. #28

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Darren Edgar

Resolved, that the Theresa Town Board enter into a (2) year Shared Service Agreement (see attached) with the NYSDOT and authorize Supervisor Marcinkowski to sign the agreement.

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

Res. #29

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

Resolved, that the Town of Theresa cancel all recreational activities for 2020 because of budgetary restraints.

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

Res. #30

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 7:10 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