

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting June 11, 2025 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
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Kristopher Ryder	Councilman
Lynn Brown	Councilwoman
Vickie Colvard	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Lance Ronas, Michael Howard, Aimee Martini, Pamela Brown, Theresa Leeson, Janet Gee, Karen McKeever, Kathy Coolidge, Gail Marsh, Kristy Perry, Tom Williams, Pat Williams

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

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning May 2025 report
Transfer Site May 2025 report
Supervisor's May 2025 report
Judge Robert's May 2025 report
Judge Oblender's May 2025 reports

Res. # 36

Motion by: Lynn Brown
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the minutes of May 14, 2025 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 37

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder
Seconded by: Lynn Brown

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher # 240,249-278,280-284,286-290 **Total \$ 72,081.04**

General	\$ 7,657.67
General O/S	\$ 2,212.20
Highway	\$ 52,887.10
Highway O/S	\$ 9,324.07

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Discussion:

Mail/Correspondence:

- Meeting with James from Scott Gray's office on June 19th, 2025, at 8am at the Theresa Town office for State Route 37, DOT.
- Tomorrow, June 12th the Town of Alexandria is hosting an information session at the Town of Alexandria Offices at 46372 County Route 1 on speed limit reduction- how to establish safe speeds in your community by Jesse Vogl of LaBella Associates.
- The Hyde Lake Preservation Alliance dropped off an information packet that was mailed to all their residents in the Hyde Lake watershed and invite for the next meeting on May 31st, 2025 from 10-11:30 at 40028 Hoover Road. They were able to do the mailings because of a grant from the Wilcox Foundation.
- Save the Date for Scott Gray's Advanced Nuclear 101 in Alexandria Bay on July 8th, 2025.

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Theresa Progress Group: use of ice rink Aug 20-27, 2025

Reserving whole ice rink for the TPG "STUFF" sale- Approved by the Town Board.

Update of Highway Dept.:

- The Highway dept has been renting the roller for two weeks, at \$1500 a week, Superintendent Savage would like to buy the roller. He spoke with Kim about getting money to buy it vs. renting it. Mr. Savage would like the Town Boards blessing to purchase it.

Res. # 38

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that the Town Board approves the purchase of a 2006 Salai SV505D Vibratory soil roller for the price of \$39,000 from Tracey Road Equipment for the Highway Dept.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

- Supervisor Marcinkowski asking what the status is with Suite-Kote on the tennis/basketball courts, Superintendent Savage states that it is hard to get paving done as it rains every other day, no set date for the tennis/basketball courts to be paved.
- Mr. Savage states that County work started last week, Grass Lake Rd, replacing pipes-weather permitting, no set date for paving Grass Lake Rd, when he knows he will let everyone know.
- Superintendent Savage had a gentleman stop by the Town barn about Bartlett Dr, which is a private road and paid for by the owners. That road butts up to the Town property on that road and the last time that they surface treated that road the Town helped with as McNickle field uses the end of Bartlett Dr. The end of the road is broken and torn up from people driving off it for field use. Mr. Savage wants to make it known with new Board members that going forward he would like to make it right by donating time and some material to help fix it. The parking lot for McNickle will be doubled in size after road work is done. For now, all that the gentleman is asking for is the edge of the blacktop where it is broken to be fixed. Mr. Savage will take some materials up and patch it.
- Thursday June 19th the Transfer site will be closed, if Supervisor Marcinkowski can put a post on our website and Facebook page. Mr. Marcinkowski states that it has already been posted.
- Mr. Savage is looking to add a compactor to the transfer site, with the amount of cardboard that is coming in and the expense of a \$100 per week to send a container to the County, \$5200 a year. He spoke with Robbie Black and they went with the compactor because the amount of cardboard is twice as much as it used to be. He will get some numbers for the next meeting or meeting after to see if it would benefit to have the compactor instead of containers. Mr. Savage thinks the Board may like the way he going to bring it across and be to the point of not having two employees at the transfer site full time.

Update Park & Rec:

- Mr. Ryder has a breakdown for different options for summer rec., usually a buffer for summer rec, but because of how well winter rec went this year there isn't.
- Adrian isn't coming back to the rec program part time when he has a full-time job unless we can offer a couple days a week on his days off.
- Supervisor Marcinkowski states that there are kids in the County program that could be placed at the rec program. Mr. Ryder states that he wants to interview and place our own employees.
- Mr. Ryder discussed with Paige to keep hours to a minimum for the aides as much as possible. Hire three aids and one county employee.
- The bus driver for summer rec is requesting to be paid salary, because last session when things were cancelled or ended early, he wouldn't get paid but was committed to days for rec and couldn't pick up other jobs.

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- The bus for recreation for 2024 came out of 2025 budget, which is another reason the summer rec budget is tight.
- Supervisor Marcinkowski states that there are small factors for the budget that are a contributing factor, Kim went off numbers for budget from last year for 2025 budget year and had a good winter rec session, increase in many things that go into the rec program.
- The Youth Commission will pay for supplies for summer recreation.
- Mr. Ryder states that baseball is going great, no games have been cancelled until Monday.
- JR stepped down as director in Evans Mills, Kris Ryder stepped down as director for Theresa. Alex Horton is stepping in for Theresa as the baseball director, Alex has been in the program for quite some time.
- Involved with the league is Alex, Kris, JR and his new replacement, the goals are to focus on the rules and get structure for the league.

Library:

- ❖ The Librarian Kristy Perry has resigned and will be effective July 11, 2025.
- ❖ Janet Gee states that they are currently working on Memorandum of Understanding, which is with your open and willing collaboration will help make everything clear for all of us, but in the meantime, there are some things that are important to clarify now.
- ❖ The Theresa Free Library Board of Trustees is governed by the NYS board of education, and the librarian is our employee.
- ❖ All concerns related to the library should be addressed to the library Board of Trustees, not the librarian. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month in an open meeting at the library at 7 p.m. We always leave a place on our agenda for public comments.
- ❖ The Board of Trustees should always be notified if anyone is given a key and permission to enter the building. We would also appreciate knowing why and what they need access to. I will provide you with the names of the trustees and our phone numbers so that you may easily do this.
- ❖ The goals for the Theresa Free Library are handicap accessibility and more parking, if anyone has ideas or suggestions.
- ❖ Supervisor Marcinkowski says thank you and going forward that he hopes there is a better understanding between the Town and the Library.
- ❖ Theresa Leeson states that the Librarian is fabulous and goes above and beyond.
- ❖ Kristy Perry states that she resigned and has resigned twice, May 20th and last night June 10th, she feels the Town and the Library Board need to work together to have a better understanding of what each of their roles are. The library is a huge asset to this Town even if people don't think so. Participates in over 50 programs a year, provide warm clothing to people in need, provide care packages. The Town should go to the Library meetings and The Library Board should go to Town meetings.
- ❖ The Library Board would like to make sure there is no public backlash and to make a proper announcement that Librarian will no longer be there. There will be a nice reception so children and their families can come to see Kristy on her last day.

Indian River Ambulance Service:

- Lance Ronas and Michael Howard are present to answer questions or concerns about the EMS district.
- Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the email that he received back from the Town attorney just seems overwhelming and like there is a ton of hoops and extra paperwork to create the EMS district, he says that we wasted a whole month waiting for an answer. Mr. Howard and Mr. Ronas think that the attorney is overshooting the mark of what needs to be done. It could be possible that the Town of Theresa's attorney thinks they are starting a whole new ambulance company vs. making it a district with an existing 3rd party ambulance service. Town of Theresa's paperwork from the atty has extra paragraphs that aren't what IRAS atty has for their paperwork, that their paperwork is a couple of paragraphs. Mr. Ronas thinks that it's excessive, if it was his resources he wouldn't spend the money on it and the engineering because it's not used.
- IRAS attorney is Brad Pinsky out of Syracuse. He does Fire and EMS districts as his profession; he doesn't do engineering and mapping. Mr. Pinsky has said that he would do the paperwork for the Town of Theresa EMS district for a flat fee of \$3000, and it would be done within 60 days. Mr. Ronas states that he asked if it would be a conflict of interest, being that Mr. Pinsky was IRAS representative and Mr. Pinsky stated no that it wasn't a conflict.

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- Supervisor Marcinkowski says to hire Pinsky to move forward with EMS district, it's not that he is cutting out our atty but since Pinsky specializes in this, get the ball rolling and more forward. September 1st is the timeline before budget and tax information is sent to the County. Councilman Ryder states for clarification that Supervisor Marcinkowski doesn't feel the Town atty and Pinsky atty should talk. Supervisor Marcinkowski states that if Pinsky is that experienced with EMS district to get it done and just do it. Councilwoman Brown states that we should have the attys talk and if they jive then go ahead and have it drawn up. The Board feels that both attys should talk and see what agreement can be drawn up.

Manure burning:

Mr. Savage spoke with Mike Trickey about having a call about it about two weeks ago, need to get a copy of the fire report and find out if a ticket was issued. Sherriff Barnett will be contacted for information. A FOIL request is needed to get information for the ticket information. Supervisor Marcinkowski states that he spoke with the Sherriff's office and is waiting for a call back after explaining the situation.

Councilman Ryder would like to address the concerns for speeding four wheelers and the noise. No noise ordinance, call law enforcement, taking advantage of recreational vehicles, loud and speed. Councilwoman Brown states that it is a courtesy to have recreational vehicles on the road. There are rules to have recreational vehicles on the road.

Retirement system resolution:

Res. # 39

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that Vickie Colvard, Town Clerk, 0608, R1344481, term 01/01/2024-12/31/2028, shall be considered working 28 hours per week and each day shall be based on six-hour day for retirement reporting purposes.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 40

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that Mark Savage, Highway Superintendent, 5084, R10745455, term 01/01/2022-12/31/2025, shall be considered working 40 hours per week and each day shall be based on an eight-hour day for retirement reporting purposes.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 41

Motion by: Lynn Brown

Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that Steven Marcinkowski, Town Supervisor, 5505, R11653610, term 01/01/2022-12/31/2025, shall be considered working 15 hours per week and each day shall be based on a three-hour day for retirement reporting purposes.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

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Res. # 42

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Lynn Brown

Resolved, that the Town of Theresa, Location Code 30656 hereby establishes the following workdays for these titles (see attached) and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 43

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the Town Board go into executive session at 7:25 p.m.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 44

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the Town Board ends executive session at 7:54 p.m.

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Res. # 45

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Jamie Papin

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

VOTE: Steven Marcinkowski- aye, Timothy Busler- absent, Jamie Papin- aye, Kristopher Ryder- aye, Lynn Brown- aye
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Colvard
Town Clerk