

The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting March 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Steven Marcinkowski	Supervisor
Timothy Busler	Councilman
Kevin McCarthy	Councilman
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Kristopher Ryder	Councilman
Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Mark Savage - absent	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Daren Morgan, Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Greg Parmes, Amy Martini, Christian Oblender & Donald Jones.

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 2023 report
 Transfer Site February 2023 report
 Supervisor's January 2023 report
 Judge Oblender's December 2022 report

Res. #16

Motion by: Timothy Busler
 Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that the minutes of February 8, 2023 & February 15, 2023 be accepted as read.

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

Res. #17

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
 Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher #49-56;64-85;87 Total \$85,216.03

General	\$21,318.60
General O/S	\$688.20
Highway	\$63,209.23

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

Res. #18

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
 Seconded by: Kristopher Ryder

Resolved, that the Town Board accept Mark Kaleel's resignation as Director of Parks & Recreation, effective March 8, 2023.

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

Res. #19

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski
 Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the Theresa Town Board request NYS Department of Transportation for a speed limit reduction on NYS Route 37 from north of the bowling alley to just south of NYS Route 411 (Ostrander's Corners).

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

Discussion:

Tina Bartlett-Bearup introduced herself to the Town Board and guest. She stated that she is running for Jefferson County Legislator. She feels like she could represent the area well. She has lived in Theresa her whole life and is currently an Indian River School Board Member. Councilman McCarthy said that he serves with her on the school board, and he gives his full endorsement of her.

Daren Morgan, Planning Board Chairman discussed the proposed solar law. Councilman Busler thought that 650' of solar panels would not be enough to run an entire house. Mr. Morgan said that he would call Rob Company and ask some questions about how much would be needed to run a house. Councilman McCarthy thought that the Town should take into consideration the added need of charging vehicles in the future. Mr. McCarthy wanted to know if residents were assessed for having solar panels? The Town Clerk will ask the Assessor and report back to the Board. Mr. Parmes had questions about how much of your property can be used. Mr. Morgan stated it could be up to 50 percent of your property if it is for on-site (On-site is for small scale homes; off-site is for commercial). Mr. Busler asked why off-site is not allowed in the CAR district. Mr. Morgan stated it was for the same reason they don't allow trailers there. The Board thought the law was most important for the large-scale solar projects and does not want to discourage home use. The Board also wants to make sure farms in the Town can have large-scale solar. Councilman Ryder asked if the business corridor could have the large scale solar? Mr. Morgan is going to get some answers from the Board and come back to the next meeting to discuss.

The Judge's asked for the Town Board to delay the audit of their Justice books. The Board rescheduled to April's meeting. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated he didn't understand the reschedule because both Judge's gave the Board letters (February Board meeting) stating they were ready for an audit.

Library:

- Terry McKeever inspected the library and took pictures showing how filthy it is. Books are stacked on the tables again. He feels that there are a lot of fire hazards.
- Supervisor Marcinkowski told the Board that the library was closed on a Tuesday that was snowy, but the roads were bare. It has been closed (2) other times this winter for weather related reasons. The Librarian has been turning in her time sheet sometimes (2) weeks before the month ends, showing the hours are worked. She was paid for the day it was closed. She has since sent an email to the bookkeeper stating she was sick the day it was closed. The Supervisor would like to have the Librarian go to a weekly payroll like all the other hourly town employees. He feels that it would be wise to do it for auditing purposes.

Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that it is not only the library that closes when it snows, but also the court. He told the Board that the Judge's cancelled DA night last month when the weather was not that bad. A gentleman had come all the way from Rochester to attend only to have it closed. The Judges told him that they conferred with the DA to close, but it was the Judge's decision to close it.

Update Park & Rec:

- The Town Board granted Bethany Jones' request to use the ballfields for Sunday softball from June 4th to August 27th. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that a friendly reminder was needed that there is no alcohol allowed on premises and all trash brought in needs to be taken out.
- Mark Kaleel has taken a full-time job, so he will be unable to be Recreation Director. Amy Luke, who assisted Mark last summer, is interested in the summer recreation Director position. The Board was happy she was willing to do the job. The CETA paperwork for summer help has already been submitted.

Tina Bartlett-Bearup asked the Board why they decided to just go for a speed limit change on NYS Route 37 instead of a caution light. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that he has asked for both in the past and has been denied. He had a gut feeling that a speed limit reduction would be easier to get at this time. Mr. Jones told the Board he thinks they are fighting an uphill battle.

Res. #20

Motion by: Steven Marcinkowski

Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim A. Delles
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