

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York on **July 16, 2019.**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr., Presiding
Councilman John A. Pavese
Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh
Councilman Scott S. Mace, Presiding

Absent: Councilman Peter T. Briggs

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town
Michael G. Messenger, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Glenn Somers, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Melissa DeMarmels, Town Comptroller
Patrice Chester, Deputy Administrator
James L. Carnell, Jr., Director of Building, Planning, & Zoning

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Rieber opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Mace and seconded by Supervisor Rieber the minutes of the July 02, 2019 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh and Mace
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Briggs

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment given.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Rieber reported on correspondence that was sent or received as follows:

1. **Sullivan County:** Business Friendly Zoning Program Grant, Check #278563 dated 07/03/19 for \$10,500.00.
2. **Gary Palumbo, Sr. Planner, AECOM:** Letter dated 07/15/19 to Supervisor Rieber Re: NY Power Authority Communications Backbone Execution Plan for Western to Central/Southern New York – SEQRA Form and Notice of Lead Agency Designation.

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 300 of the Year 2019.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby agrees with the New York Power Authority being designated as SEQRA Lead Agency for the Communications Backbone Execution Plan for Western to Central/Southern New York and that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute the form provided by the NY Power Authority advising of such determination.

Moved by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Mace

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0

Absent 1 Briggs

3. **Village of Monticello:** Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Received and Filed with the Town of Thompson Water and Sewer Department.

4. **Pamela Gendron, P.E., Traffic Operations Engineer, NYS DOT:** Letter dated 07/10/19 to Mr. Ed McAndrew, P.E., Commissioner, SC DPW Re: Request for Speed Limit Reduction Evaluation on Hamilton Road (TH-50), Monticello, NY.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS (FOR DEUTSCH, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION F/K/A MARKARIAN AND KEARNEY PROPERTIES) – REVIEW & APPROVE BIDS

There were (2) bids received and opened on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 at 2PM. The bids results are as follows:

1) Gentile Construction

Property Location: 410 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-36.1, Total Cost \$52,500.00

Property Location: 262 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-15.3, Total Cost \$15,000.00

Property Location: Wolf Lake Road, 63.-1-28, Total Cost \$13,400.00

(1% Discount applied to lump sum price if each property is awarded)

2) Environmental Remediation Services, Inc. dba E.R.S.I.

Property Location: 410 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-36.1, Total Cost \$77,000.00

Property Location: 262 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-15.3, Total Cost \$41,000.00

Property Location: Wolf Lake Road, 63.-1-28, Total Cost \$34,000.00

Director Carnell recommended that the bid be awarded to Gentile Construction who is the lowest bidder. Action to approve the bids was taken as follows:

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 301 of the Year 2019.

Resolved that the bid of Gentile Construction for the Demolition & Removal of Unsafe Buildings for the following three properties and amounts: 1) Property Location: 410 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-36.1, Total Cost \$52,500.00, 2) Property Location: 262 Glen Wild Road, 25.-1-15.3, Total Cost \$15,000.00 and 3) Property Location: Wolf Lake Road, 63.-1-28, Total Cost \$13,400.00, be, and the same hereby is, accepted, and the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is directed to notify the successful bidder of the award thereof.

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Motion by: Councilwoman Meddaugh Seconded by: Councilman Mace
Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Meddaugh, Pavese and Mace
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Briggs

2) MELODY LAKE WATER DISTRICT WATER-MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT RE-BID – REVIEW & APPROVE BIDS AND STATUS REPORT BY TOWN ATTORNEY MICHAEL B. MEDNICK

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 302 of the Year 2019.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby accepts the Revised Map, Plan & Report completed by McGoey, Hauser & Edsall Consulting Engineers D.P.C. Professional Engineers for the Town for the Proposed New Water District for the “Melody Lake Water District”.

Moved by: Councilman Mace Seconded by: Councilwoman Meddaugh
Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh and Mace
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Briggs

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 303 of the Year 2019.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, held at the Town Hall, in Monticello, New York, on the 16th day of July, 2019, at 7:00 o’clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

PRESENT:

William J. Rieber, Jr., Supervisor
Scott S. Mace Councilman
John A. Pavese, Councilman
Melinda S. Meddaugh, Councilwoman

In the Matter
of
Town of Thompson, on behalf of the
MELODY LAKE WATER DISTRICT
for a Request to Increase the Maximum
Amount to be Expended for an Improvement
of Facilities of the Melody Lake Water District,
in the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County,
New York, pursuant to Section 209-h
of the Town Law.

**ORDER CALLING FOR PUBLIC
HEARING TO BE HELD ON
AUGUST 06, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
INCREASING THE MAXIMUM
AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED
FROM \$400,000.00 TO
\$506,600.00**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Thompson had previously completed the creation of the Melody Lake Water District in 2016 and during the creation indicated the maximum amount to be expended for improvements, as stated in the map, plan and report, was not to exceed \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after a Public Hearing on February 5, 2019 and by Final Order dated March 19, 2019, increased the maximum amount to be expended for improvements to the Melody Lake Water District from \$375,00.00 to \$400,000.00 due to general increases in costs of labor and materials; and

WHEREAS, a revised map, plan and report was prepared by McGoey Hauser & Edsall Consulting Engineers dated July 11, 2019, which engineers are duly licensed in the State of New York, and which map, plan and report are on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection and is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the district are more fully set forth and described in Schedule A annexed hereto and said area is located wholly with the Town of Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount to be expended for the improvements as stated in the map, plan and report is increased from \$400,000.00 to \$506,600.00, and the entire amount to be expended, after applying a WIIA Grant in the sum of \$240,000.00, including but not limited to costs of construction, engineering, administrative and legal fees shall be borne solely and entirely by all property owners of the district. The cost to a typical property in the Melody Lake Water District will be increased from \$840.07 per year to \$873.77; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing for the purpose of considering an increase in the maximum amount to be expended for improvements to the Melody Lake Water

District from \$400,000.00 to \$506,600.00 and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof and concerning the same in accordance with the provisions of Section 209-h of the Town Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 209-h of the Town Law, a further hearing to be held in this proceeding at a meeting of the Town Board be held at the Town Hall, 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York, in the Town, on **August 06, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider an increase in the maximum amount to be expended for said improvement of facilities from the District from **Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars** to **Five Hundred Six Thousand Six Hundred (\$506,600.00) Dollars** at an average cost to the typical user in said district of \$873.77, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning same and for such other action on the part of the Town Board with relation thereto as may be required by law; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in the Sullivan County Democrat, a newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and posted on the sign board of the Town maintained pursuant to Section 209-d of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Councilman John A. Pavese

Seconded by: Councilman Scott S. Mace

Town Board of the Town of Thompson

William J. Rieber, Jr., Supervisor

VOTING AYE

Resolved, that the invoice for the Town Hall Public Bathrooms Renovations Project for payment in the amount of \$38,800.52, which is (2/3rd of Total Project Cost (\$58,200.80) including Change Orders) is hereby approved and issued to Wheat and Sons General Contracting, Inc.

Moved by: Councilman Mace

Seconded by: Councilman Meddaugh

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0

Absent 1 Briggs

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Audit Presentation will be scheduled to be provided at the Next Town Board Meeting 08/06/19.
- Monticello Hispanic Heritage Festival – Sunday, July 21st, 2019, 1PM-5PM located behind the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, Monticello.

COUNCILMEN & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Superintendent Messenger reported on the following items: 1) \$350 Million Dollars in funding will be available in the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, applications due by September 13th, 2019. He is interested in applying for grant funding for Melody Lake Water District Well House Replacement Project. There are currently approved plans from the NYS DOH. There are a few other project applications that the Town will be interested in applying for as well. 2) (2) New Trucks that were purchased and ordered back in December, 2018 have been delivered. 3) Wet Well Wizard Purchase Request for the Kartrite Waterpark Pump Station will be submitted at the next Town Board Meeting for consideration. 4) Letter dated 07/16/19 to Hon. Gary Sommers, Mayor, Village of Monticello from the Town of Thompson Water & Sewer Department Re: Request to Discontinue Sludge Discharge into the Kiamesha Lake WWTP.

Superintendent Somers reported on the following items: 1) Sullivan Renaissance judging on 08/03/19 at the Dillon Park. 2) Recognized and Thanked Councilman Mace for weed-whacking at Dillon Park. 3) Summer Youth Day Camp – (1) issue with the cleaning of the Bathrooms, which has been resolved. 4) Town Hall Public Bathrooms Renovations Project should be completed later this week. 5) Town Park Pavilion Project contract signing should be scheduled to take place shortly. 6) Town Hall Parking Lot Re-Striping was completed.

Deputy Administrator Chester reported on the following items: 1) Sullivan Renaissance Project update: binders 07/29/19, presentation 08/02/19, site visit 08/03/19 and award ceremony 08/05/19. 2) (JCAP) Grant Applications for the 2019/2020 Year are open and due 10/10/2019. Maximum Grant Award is \$30,000.00, discussions with the Justice Court and Judges will be held. 3) The “new” Town Website should go live sometime later this week. She will send everyone notification once the new website is live.

Director Carnell reported that the (RUS^t) Program Applications for the Demolition and Removal of Unsafe Buildings have been submitted to the County of Sullivan for

consideration. Approvals should be made in the middle of August after which the demolitions and removal on all three properties can commence. He also reported on the status of the other remaining unsafe properties that hearings were held on. A report will be completed and provided.

Comptroller DeMarmels reported on the following: 1) Renewal of \$1.5 Million Dollar Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) until 08/04/2020. Comptroller DeMarmels is currently soliciting proposals from (5) local banks for the (BAN) renewal and would like approval to award the lowest rate quote submitted. The Town Board took action to award the low rate quote that is submitted and authorize execution of the necessary documents.

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 316 of the Year 2019.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby authorize approval and renewal of \$1.5 Million Dollar Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the Kiamesha Lake Sewer District Tributary Sewerline Replacement Project of the lowest rate quoted and that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute all necessary documentation in connection with the (BAN).

Motion by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilwoman Meddaugh
Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh, and Mace
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Briggs

Attorney Mednick reported on the completion of the Notice of Motion to Dismiss on the matter of Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Center for Discovery, Inc. vs. Town of Thompson, Town of Thompson Planning Board and Gan Eden Estates, which has been filed with the NYS Supreme Court on Friday, July 12th, 2019. They have until 08/05/19 to respond to the Notice of Motion to Dismiss.

Councilman Mace reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting that was held on Monday, July 15th, 2019. The Town will be having another community workday event at Dillon Park on Wednesday evening.

Councilman Pavese commented on Town Hall Parking Lot Re-Striping, Town Beautification efforts and the dedication that Nancy Marinchak DCO provides.

Councilwoman Meddaugh reported on the Town of Thompson designs for the new Welcome Signs and Banners for the Town of Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- August 6th at 7PM: Public Hearing – Melody Lake Water District to Increase the Maximum Amount to be Expended from \$400,000.00 to \$506,600.00.
- August 6th at 7PM: Regular Town Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meddaugh and seconded by Councilman Pavese the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk