

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 and also held remotely via Zoom on **May 04, 2021**.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Deputy Supervisor Melinda S. Meddaugh, Presiding
Councilman Ryan T. Schock
Councilman John A. Pavese
Councilman Scott S. Mace

Absent: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town
Patrice Chester, Deputy Administrator
Melissa DeMarmels, Town Comptroller
Glenn Somers, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

Present via Zoom: Kelly M. Murran, Deputy Town Clerk
James L. Carnell, Jr., Director of Building, Planning & Zoning
Michael G. Messenger, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Karen Schaefer, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. She announced that this meeting was held in person, but due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic the meeting was closed to public access. However the meeting was held via Videoconferencing and streamed live on the Zoom app, which is accessible to the public. The meeting is also being recorded for full transcription purposes should it be required.

MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2021 RECEIVED AND FILED

Dog Control Officer's Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Schock and seconded by Councilman Mace the minutes of the April 20th, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment given.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- **Steven N. Mogel, Attorney at Law:** Letter dated 04/28/2021 to Supervisor Rieber & Town Board and Logan Morey, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Department Re: Demand Pursuant to Town Law §268(2) in connection with State Route 42 South, Monticello, NY, SBL # 48.-1-22.31. Attorney Mednick provided a brief explanation regarding the matter. He will speak with Deputy Town Attorney Paula E. Kay regarding response.
- **NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance:** Check # 08145791, Dated: 04/29/21 in the amount of \$531,521.44 – NYS Gaming Commission for Resorts World Catskill Casino Distribution 4th State Quarter and our 1st Quarter Payment.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) REPORT ON TOWN INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL WITH NYMIR EFF. 05/01/2021, TOTAL COST OF \$159,642.05

Comptroller Melissa DeMarmels reported that the Town Insurance Coverage was renewed with New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) for a total premium of \$159,642.05, which was approximately \$32.83 less than originally quoted. The premium is \$7,948.26 less than last year. She provided the Town Board with an update regarding the renewal. NYMIR was the only company that provided a quote. She is hopeful that next year the Town can get additional quotes with a more competitive premium. The Town Board previously approved the renewal with (NYMIR) at the last Town Board meeting, so there is no further action necessary.

2) REVIEW & DISCUSS “DRAFT” TOWN PARK FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT COVID-19 ADDENDUM

Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh reviewed and discussed the “Draft” COVID-19 Addendum to the Town of Thompson Town Park Facility Rental Agreement. Councilwoman Meddaugh suggested several proposed changes. She suggested merging item numbers 1-3 together, leaving item numbers 4-6, remove item number 7 and amend item number 8 to include checklist, which would be provided. Further discussion was held regarding the matter. A disclaimer will also be added regarding failure to comply with rules/guidelines. Attorney Mednick will make the revisions for approval at the next Town Board meeting.

3) REPORT ON ORGANIZED COMMUNITY LITTER PLUCK EVENTS – COUNCILWOMAN MELINDA S. MEDDAUGH

Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh reported on the Town organized community litter pluck event along Hamilton Road area. The event was very successful they cleaned the entire road, filled one dump truck and a portion of a pickup truck full of debris including approximately 7+ tires consisting of 1-ton. There are several residents that expressed an interest in adopting sections of the roadway. Many residents that live along that roadway participated and were very happy to see the area being cleaned up. Deputy

Supervisor Meddaugh also reported that the Village organized community litter pluck event at DeHoyos Park area was also very successful; they collected approximately 1-ton of debris as well. The Rock Hill Community Cleanup event was held the weekend prior and was also very successful. Discussion ensued regarding possible areas for future cleanup events throughout both the Town and Village.

4) BILLS OVER \$2,500.00 – WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 188 of the Year 2021.

Resolved, that the following bills over \$2,500.00 for the Water & Sewer Department be approved for payment as follows:

Callanan Industries, Inc. \$4,202.81 Total Cost

Invoice # 988428 – \$4,202.81 – Purchase of 1BD Screenings, #2 Crushed Stone, Aggregate Base and Type 3 Sub Base for the Kiamesha Lake WWTP.

(Procurement: Sullivan County Bid for Stone & Gravel (Zone 4) – Highway Dept.)

Casella Organics \$7,960.28 Total Cost

Invoice # 294 – Removal of 67.46 tons of dried sludge disposal at \$118.00 per ton.

(Note: Sludge removal from the Kiamesha Lake WWTP. Procurement as per Town Bid 12/13/2018, Res. #428.)

Ketcham Fencing, Inc. \$9,050.00 Total Cost

Invoice # Not Stated – Installation of chain link fence for Dillon Farms Water District well house area.

(Procurement – Obtain (3) price quotes as follows: Ketcham Fencing for \$9,050.00, Moshees Landscaping and Fencing for \$9,065.50 and Taylor Fence Company with no response.)

Moved by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Schock

Vote: Ayes 4 Meddaugh, Pavese, Schock and Mace

Nays 0

Absent 1 Rieber

5) BUDGET TRANSFERS & AMENDMENTS

There were no budget transfers or amendments.

6) ORDER BILLS PAID

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 189 of the Year 2021.

Resolved, that all regular bills for the course of the month, which have been properly audited be approved for payment. A complete list of the regular bills as identified can be found appended to these minutes as per attached.¹

¹ ATTACHMENT: ORDER BILLS PAID

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7) UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

The Town Hall is back open, full staffed, following guidelines and currently all is good.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business reported on.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business reported on.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.

- There was no report provided.

COUNCILMEN & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Director James L. Carnell, Jr.

- He reported that the Building Department is back full staff and has been very busy this season so far.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Michael G. Messenger

- The ditch cleaning project involving the Vac-Con Truck rental for 1-month is moving along well.
- They plan to start work with the Highway Department next week on manhole replacements in the Emerald Green area.

Parks & Recreation Superintendent Glenn Somers

- Provided update on the status of the Town Hall Improvements. Improvements should be completed this week and Town Clerk's Office should start moving back on Monday. He thanked Brian Benzenberg from the Building Department for his help and assistance with the laser system for the hallway.
- Supt. Somers requested authorization to re-hire Arnold SanMiguel to return as Part-Time Seasonal Employee. There would be no problem following social distancing guidelines. The position and salary is budgeted. Authorization was granted, action taken as follows:

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 190 of the Year 2021.

Resolved, that Superintendent Glenn R. Somers of the Department of Parks & Recreation hereby be authorized to re-hire Arnold SanMiguel as a Part-Time laborer for the 2021 summer season with a start date of May 5th, 2021 weather permitting.

Motion by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Schock
Vote: Ayes 4 Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0
Absent 1 Rieber

- Advised the Town Board that he would be obtaining price quotes for a Power Rake Rental for the new Skid Steer to be used for grading work at the Lake Ida Park property this summer season. He plans to submit the price quotes for consideration at the next Town Board meeting if they are received. Discussion ensued regarding the subject.
- Adopt-A-Road Program – Many residents have recently been expressing interest in the program and the program has been expanding.
- Update Re: NYSEG Electrical Easement for behind the Town Hall and the Ventilation System / Duct Cleaning at Town Hall.

Deputy Administrator Patrice Chester

- Received award packet and check today from Sullivan Renaissance for the Municipal Partnership Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the proposed exit 106 roundabout beautification improvements project. She also reported that Liza Mitchell will be this year's seasonal intern.

Town Comptroller Melissa DeMarmels

- 2020 Annual Financial Report (AFR) was filed last Friday. The Town Auditors will be starting the financial audit the week of May 24th. She is working on sending them items ahead of time, which are requested to be examined. Also, the Water & Sewer bills have all been sent out and payments are starting to come in already.

Town Attorney Michael B. Mednick

- Reported on the proposed legislation before the Governor for consideration regarding relevy of unpaid water bills. Opposition to the proposed law was expressed by many government bodies and to date the Governor has not signed the bill, which may get vetoed.

Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh & Councilman Scott S. Mace

- Update provided regarding the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting that was held on Wednesday, 04/28/21 discussing proposed programs, events and activities throughout various locations in the Town. Discussion was held.

Councilman John A. Pavese

- He commented on the historical Holiday Mountain Flyer copy that Councilwoman Meddaugh provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chet Smith of Rock Hill commented on the two proposed development projects along Rock Hill Drive located in the Rock Hill area. He is surprised that neither of these development projects were discussed or reported on prior to or this evening. He

believes that the public's well-being and the future of the community are more important than Litter Pluck events and should be on the top of every meeting agenda. He encouraged the Town Board to take a more active role in regards to proposed property development that's right for the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 05/18/21 at 7PM: Regular Town Board Meeting.
- May 1st – May 15th: Annual Spring Cleanup Program (Permit Required).
- April 1st – June 30th: 2021 Countywide Roadside Litter Pluck Event.
- May 15th: Spring Shred Day Event, 9AM-12PM, Town Hall parking lot.
- 06/01/21 at 7PM: Public Hearing – Joint Consolidation and Rate Re-Structuring of Dillon Farms, Cold Spring Road & Harris Sewer Districts into the Consolidated Harris Sewer District.
- 06/01/21 at 7PM: Public Hearing – Joint Consolidation and Rate Re-Structuring of Emerald Green-Lake Louise Marie & Rock Hill Sewer Districts into the Consolidated Rock Hill/Emerald Green Sewer District.
- 06/01/21 at 7PM: Public Hearing – Joint Consolidation and Rate Re-Structuring of Anawana, Kiamesha Lake, Harris Woods & Lakeview Estates Sewer Districts into the Consolidated Kiamesha Lake Sewer District.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Schock and seconded by Councilman Pavese the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. All board members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The Zoom Livestream Videoconferencing connection and Facebook Live were disconnected.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk



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Warrant Report

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I hereby certify that the vouchers listed on the attached abstracts of prepaid and claims payable have been duly audited and are presented for payment to the Town Board of the Town of Thompson at the regular meeting there of, held on the 4th day of May 20 21 in the amounts respectively specified. Authorization is hereby given and direction is made to pay each of the claimants in the amount as specified upon each claim stated.


Melissa DeMammels, Comptroller


William J. Rieber Jr., Supervisor



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Warrant Report

Unposted Batch Totals

Fund	Fund Description	Invoice Batch	Manual Checks	Purchase Cards	Total
T000	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.82	\$264.82
Unposted Batch Grand Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$264.82	\$264.82

Posted Batch Totals

Fund	Fund Description	Invoice Batch		Manual Checks		Purchase Cards		Total
		Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	
A000	GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE	\$253,990.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$253,990.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
B000	GENERAL TOWN OUTSIDE	\$55,623.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,623.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
DA00	HWY#3 / 4 - TOWN WIDE	\$78,439.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428,439.20	\$0.00	\$0.00
DB00	HWY#1 - TOWN OUTSIDE	\$13,020.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,020.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
RD00	ADELAAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SAR0	ADELAAR RESORT SEWER DISTRICT	\$4,783.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,783.36	\$0.00	\$0.00
SHW0	HARRIS WOODS SEWER	\$321.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$321.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRH0	ROCK HILL AMBULANCE DIST	\$7,213.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,213.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSA0	ANAWANA SEWER DISTRICT	\$2,257.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,257.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSC0	COLD SPRING SEWER	\$75.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.54	\$0.00	\$0.00
SDD0	DILLON SEWER DISTRICT	\$113.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSG0	EMERALD GREEN SEWER	\$22,615.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,615.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSH0	HARRIS SEWER DISTRICT	\$5,561.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,561.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSK0	KIAMESHA SEWER DISTRICT	\$27,787.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,787.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSLV	LAKEVIEW SEWER DISTRICT	\$244.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$244.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSM0	MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$1,179.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,179.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSRO	ROCK HILL SEWER DISTRICT	\$631.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$631.06	\$0.00	\$0.00
SSSO	SACKETT LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$5,989.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,989.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWA0	ADELAAR RESORT WATER DISTRICT	\$734.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$734.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWCO	COLD SPRING WATER	\$304.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$304.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWDO	DILLON WATER DISTRICT	\$604.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$604.86	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWKO	KIAMESHA RT42 WATER	\$93.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$93.05	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWLO	LUCKY LAKE WATER DISTRICT	\$1,051.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,051.39	\$0.00	\$0.00
SWMO	MELODY LAKE WATER	\$693.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$693.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
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