

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 held remotely via Zoom on **August 06, 2024.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick Esq., Town Attorney
Jill M. Weyer, Director of Community Development
Melissa DeMarmels, Town Comptroller
Glenn Somers, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
James L. Carnell, Jr., Director of Building, Planning & Zoning

Present Via Zoom: Kelly Murrin, Deputy Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Rieber opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. This meeting was held in person and remotely via Videoconferencing 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Pavese and seconded by Councilwoman Meddaugh the minutes of the July 16th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Meddaugh and Mace
Nays 0
Abstained 1 Schock (He was not present for meeting.)

PRESENTATION BY: NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (2023 AUDIT REPORT/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)

Mr. Justin Wood, CPA, Partner of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., Certified Public Accountants discussed the Town's audit/financial statements that their firm prepared for the Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2023 and he provided a 16-minute presentation. The final audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 was received and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and is available for public inspection upon request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

(Supervisor Rieber Recused himself from the next two Agenda Items and left the room. Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh handled this portion of the meeting.)

2) REVIEW & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & CLEANUPS

Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh asked Director Carnell to explain the Property Maintenance & Cleanups Proposals Received. Director Carnell reported that there were (4) Proposals received back from the following vendors: 1) It's Not a Pain, Inc. 2) Mowtivation Lawn Care, LLC, 3) Rieber Firewood and 4) CNR 88 Property Maintenance. He explained that some of the vendors submitted pricing for all five items and some for only specific items. The prices on some items were close while prices on other items were all over the place. The Town Board discussed the matter and decided to accept all (4) proposals to put them on a list subject to adequate insurance and proper paperwork. Each project will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The Building Department will request estimates from each one of the vendors on specific properties when the need arises. Action was taken to accept the proposals as follows:

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 261 of the Year 2024.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby accepts all (4) Property Maintenance & Cleanup Proposals submitted by Its Not a Pain, Inc., Mowtivation Lawn Care, LLC, Rieber Firewood and CNR 88 Property Maintenance subject to submittal of adequate insurance and proper paperwork, said vendors to be placed on a list and used for specific properties on a case-by-case basis.

Moved by: Councilman Pavese Seconded by: Councilman Schock

Vote: Ayes 4 Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0

Recused 1 Rieber

3) TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT: IDRIZ MUSOVIC – (2020–2024) FROM \$180,000.00 TO \$108,400.00-2020, \$104,800.00-2021, \$90,200.00-2022, \$85,100.00-2023 & \$85,100.00-2024, SBL # 23.-1-23.1, 23.-1-35 & 23.-1-36

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 262 of the Year 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A PROCEEDING INSTITUTED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AGAINST THE TOWN OF THOMPSON

WHEREAS, Idriz Musovic has instituted proceedings under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law to review the assessment of Tax Map Parcels 23-1-23.1, 23-1-35 and 23-1-36 and which proceedings are pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Sullivan, under Index Nos. E2020-978, E2021-1230, E2022-1394 and E2023-1129; and

WHEREAS, the parties have appeared through counsel, to wit, Michael B. Mednick, Esq. on behalf of Respondents, and Michael D. Altman, Esq., on behalf of Petitioner; and

WHEREAS, negotiations by and between the parties hereto have produced a proposed settlement of the issues and matters in dispute, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioner’s **2020** assessment, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL 23-1-23.1** from \$180,000.00 to \$108,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioners **2021** assessment, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL 23-1-23.1** from \$180,000.00 to \$104,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioners **2022** assessment, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL 23-1-23.1** from \$180,000.00 to \$90,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioners **2023** assessment, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL 23-1-23.1** from \$180,000.00 to \$85,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioners **2024** assessment, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL 23-1-23.1** from \$180,000.00 to \$85,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to Petitioner’s **2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024** assessments, to wit, the assessments of Petitioner’s real property, **SBL’s 23-1-35 and 23-1-36** will remain unchanged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Thompson as follows:

1. That the settlement of the above referenced proceeding be, and the same hereby is in all respects approved and confirmed.
2. That Michael B. Mednick, Esq., attorney for the Town of Thompson, and Van B. Krzywicki, Assessor, be, and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to enter into and execute a formal written Stipulation of Settlement and to bind the Town thereto, such Stipulation to be in form approved by the said attorneys.
3. That said Michael B. Mednick, Esq. and Van B. Krzywicki, Assessor, be, and they hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all other documents and take such other steps as may be reasonably necessary and incidental to effect and finalize the settlement of the subject proceedings.

Moved by: Councilman Ryan T. Schock
Seconded by: Councilman Scott S. Mace

and a roll call vote thereon as follows:

Supervisor WILLIAM J. RIEBER, JR.
Councilman SCOTT S. MACE

Voting
Voting

Recused
Aye

<i>Councilman JOHN A. PAVESE</i>	<i>Voting</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilwoman MELINDA S. MEDDAUGH</i>	<i>Voting</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman RYAN T. SCHOCK</i>	<i>Voting</i>	<i>Aye</i>

(Deputy Supervisor Meddaugh turned the meeting back over to Supervisor Rieber who returned to the meeting.)

(Councilwoman Meddaugh Recused herself from the next Agenda Item.)

4) GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 239 REFERRAL EXEMPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF SULLIVAN & TOWN OF THOMPSON – REVIEW, APPROVE & AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 263 of the Year 2024.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby approves the General Municipal Law Section 239 Referral Exemption Agreement between the County of Sullivan and the Town of Thompson, which was authorized by the Sullivan County Legislature on May 16th, 2024 by Resolution No. 257-24 and that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute said agreement as presented.

Moved by: Councilman Schock Seconded by: Councilman Mace

Vote: Ayes 4 Rieber, Pavese, Schock and Mace

Nays 0

Recused 1 Meddaugh

5) DISCUSS POSSIBLE SEWER CONNECTION INTO THE CONSOLIDATED HARRIS SEWER DISTRICT AS PER SEWER EASEMENT WITH TOWN – PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG OLD ROUTE 17, HARRIS, NY, SBL # 7.-1-44.2

Supervisor Rieber and Director Carnell reported that the property owner of Brookview Cottages has contacted them concerning the Sewer Easement with the Town regarding sewer connection. A discussion was held regarding a possible sewer connection into the Consolidated Harris Sewer District according to the Easement. There was no action taken. Attorney Mednick will review the records and report back with his findings. The matter will be rescheduled on the next Town Board Meeting Agenda.

6) AUTHORIZE PLANNING BOARD TO ENGAGE SERVICES OF CREIGHTON MANNING ENGINEERING AS THEIR PRIMARY TRAFFIC CONSULTANT

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 264 of the Year 2025.

Resolved, that the agreement of Creighton Manning Engineering for traffic engineering and transportation planning consulting services hereby be approved and the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute said agreement as presented for the remainder of the Year 2024 as the Planning Board's Primary Traffic Consultant.

Motion by: Councilwoman Meddaugh Seconded by: Councilman Pavese

Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0

AG Environmental, RSC, LLC (Sullivan County Labs) \$6,353.00 Total Cost
Invoice # 0000059863 – Testing (Multiple Districts)

Slack Chemical Company \$5,528.40 Total Cost
Invoice # 472907 – Purchase of 660 Gallons of SternPac for the Emerald Green Sewer Wastewater Treatment Facility.
(Procurement: Sole source procurement.)

Moved by: Councilwoman Meddaugh Seconded by: Councilman Schock
Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace
Nays 0

11) BUDGET TRANSFERS & AMENDMENTS

There were no budget transfers or amendments.

12) ORDER BILLS PAID

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 268 of the Year 2024.

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.²

Moved by: Councilwoman Meddaugh Seconded by: Councilman Schock
Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace
Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business reported on.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business reported on.

REPORTS: SUPERVISOR, COUNCILMEN, & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.

- Update regarding the re-structuring of the Justice Court Clerk’s Office and re-location of two clerks to office across the hall.
- Village of Monticello Splash Pad Project has been completed, which he visited.
- Village of Monticello Proposed Water Plant Upgrades – Project Update Provided.

Parks & Recreation Superintendent Glenn Somers

- Plans to Chip & Seal Lake Ida Parking Lot and Neversink River Access Parking Lot.

² ATTACHMENT: ORDER BILLS PAID

Further Be It Resolved, that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute the required applications, which Director Jill Weyer is authorized to complete and submit on behalf of the Town of Thompson.

Motion by: Councilwoman Meddaugh Seconded by: Councilman Mace

Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace

Nays 0

- Housing Tax Credit Program through the NYS Office of Community Renewal Division of Housing – A request might be made for a support letter to support the Monticello Manor housing re-development project.
- JCAP Grant Funding Applications are now open and due in October.

Councilman John A. Pavese

- The Bagel Festival event will be held on Broadway in Monticello, Sunday, August 11th, 2024, 9am-4pm.
- Monticello Elks Lodge Annual Seasonal Chicken BBQ – Held this Wednesday, tomorrow August 7th, 2024 from 4PM-7PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 08/20/24 at 7PM: Regular Town Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Pavese and seconded by Councilman Schock the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. All board members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Marilee J. Calhoun

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk



Office of the New York State Comptroller
 New York State and Local Retirement System
 Employees' Retirement System
 Police and Fire Retirement System
 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

RS 2417-A
 (Rev. 8/15)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Thompson / 30283 (Name of Employer) / (Location Code) hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and

will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name (First and Last)	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates (mm/dd/yy - mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result*	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials								
					<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials								
Town Attorney	6	Michael B. Medrick			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1/24-12/31/24	23.63	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Attorney	6	Bryan Kaplan			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/1/24-12/31/24	4.83	<input type="checkbox"/>

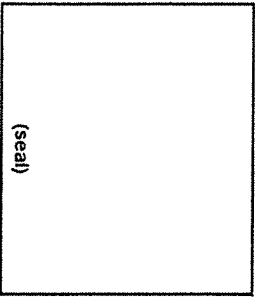
SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

I, Marilee J. Calhoun (Name of secretary or clerk) secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Thompson (Name of Employer) of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the day of August , 20 24 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Thompson (Name of Employer) on this day of September, 20 24, (Signature of the secretary or clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Marilee J. Calhoun (Name of secretary or clerk) being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 08/09/2024 (Date) and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the

- Employer's website at www.TownofThompson.com
- Official sign board at Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, NY 12701-3221
- Main entrance secretary or clerk's office at 4052 Route 42, Monticello, NY 12701





Town of Thompson
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 6th day of August 2024 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 DeMarmels, Comptroller


William J. Rieher Jr., Supervisor



Town of Thompson
Warrant Report

Unposted Batch Totals

Fund	Fund Description	Invoice Batch	Manual Checks	Purchase Cards	Total
A000	GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE	\$0.00	\$330,504.82	\$0.00	\$330,504.82
B000	GENERAL TOWN OUTSIDE	\$0.00	\$22,249.50	\$0.00	\$22,249.50
T000	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,698.39	\$15,698.39
Unposted Batch Grand Totals		\$0.00	\$352,754.32	\$15,698.39	\$368,452.71

Posted Batch Totals

Fund	Fund Description	Invoice Batch		Manual Checks		Purchase Cards		Total	
		Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid
A000	GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE	\$290,244.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290,244.27	\$0.00
B000	GENERAL TOWN OUTSIDE	\$76,364.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,364.86	\$0.00
DA00	HWY#3 / 4 - TOWN WIDE	\$555,053.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555,053.14	\$0.00
DB00	HWY#1 - TOWN OUTSIDE	\$363,934.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$363,934.16	\$0.00
H000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$96,785.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96,785.52	\$0.00
RD00	ADELAAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRH0	ROCK HILL AMBULANCE DIST	\$8,187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,187.50	\$0.00
SSAR	Adelaar Sewer District	\$17,231.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,231.98	\$0.00
SSH0	Harris Consolidated Sewer District	\$10,393.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,893.31	\$0.00
SSKC	Kiamasha Consolidated Sewer District	\$108,324.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182,324.58	\$0.00
SSM0	MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTR.	\$7,224.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,224.30	\$0.00
SSRC	Rock Hill Emerald Green Consolidated Sewer Dist	\$50,525.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95,525.72	\$0.00
SSSO	SACKETT LAKE SEWER DISTR	\$21,524.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,024.15	\$0.00
SWA0	ADELAAR RESORT WATER DISTRICT	\$2,381.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.59	\$0.00
SWC0	COLD SPRING WATER	\$835.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$835.61	\$0.00
SWD0	DILLON WATER DISTRICT	\$230.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.72	\$0.00
SWK0	KIAMASHA RT42 WATER	\$76.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.67	\$0.00
SWL0	LUCKY LAKE WATER DISTR	\$471.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$471.53	\$0.00
SWM0	MELODY LAKE WATER	\$1,187.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.56	\$0.00
T000	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$8,681.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,711.21	\$0.00	\$24,392.23	\$0.00
Posted Batch Grand Totals		\$1,619,658.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,211.21	\$0.00	\$1,785,869.40	\$0.00

Report Grand Totals

Fund	Fund Description	Invoice Batch	Manual Checks	Purchase Cards	Total
		Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid



Town of Thompson
Warrant Report

A000	GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE	\$290,244.27	\$0.00	\$330,504.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620,749.09	\$0.00
B000	GENERAL TOWN OUTSIDE	\$76,364.86	\$0.00	\$22,249.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,614.36	\$0.00
DA00	HWY#3 / 4 - TOWN WIDE	\$555,053.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$555,053.14	\$0.00
DB00	HWY#1 - TOWN OUTSIDE	\$363,934.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$363,934.16	\$0.00
H000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$96,785.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96,785.52	\$0.00
RD00	ADELAAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SRH0	ROCK HILL AMBULANCE DIST	\$8,187.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,187.50	\$0.00
SSAR	Adelaar Sewer District	\$17,231.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,231.98	\$0.00
SSHC	Harris Consolidated Sewer District	\$10,393.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$20,893.31	\$0.00
SSKC	Kiamasha Consolidated Sewer District	\$108,324.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,000.00	\$0.00	\$182,324.58	\$0.00
SSM0	MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTR.	\$7,224.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,224.30	\$0.00
SSRC	Rock Hill Emerald Green Consolidated Sewer Dist	\$50,525.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,525.72	\$0.00
SSS0	SACKETT LAKE SEWER DISTR	\$21,524.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,500.00	\$0.00	\$42,024.15	\$0.00
SWA0	ADELAAR RESORT WATER DISTRICT	\$2,381.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.59	\$0.00
SWC0	COLD SPRING WATER	\$835.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$835.61	\$0.00
SWD0	DILLON WATER DISTRICT	\$230.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.72	\$0.00
SWK0	KIAMESHA RT42 WATER	\$76.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.67	\$0.00
SWL0	LUCKY LAKE WATER DISTR	\$471.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$471.53	\$0.00
SWM0	MELODY LAKE WATER	\$1,187.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.56	\$0.00
T000	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$8,681.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,711.21	\$15,698.39	\$24,392.23	\$15,698.39
Grand Totals		\$1,619,658.19	\$0.00	\$352,754.32	\$0.00	\$166,211.21	\$15,698.39	\$2,138,623.72	\$15,698.39