

The Theresa Town Board held a Public Hearing and Regular meeting June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Clinton Coolidge	Supervisor
Timothy Busler	Councilmember
Charles Folsom	Councilmember
Pamela Brown	Councilmember
Kevin McCarthy	Councilmember
Kim Delles	Town Clerk
Gerald Reynolds	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Tony Simpson, Allen Drake, Chris Thornton, Judy Tubolino and Ken Boyd

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Coolidge at 6:00p.m.

Discussion:

Chris Thornton, Century 21, told the Board that the Town Hall was going to be hard to sell. It will take longer than (3) months. They would like at least (6) months to try and sell, because they will have to invest a lot to try and sell it. Judy Tubolino told the board that nothing has sold in Theresa, therefore there are no comparables. Both Agents think the Town should start the sale price at \$49, 900.00. Supervisor Coolidge stated the Town would pay for the Agents time if the Town does not list it and decides to put out to bid. The Board tabled until the July 10th meeting.

Tony Simpson, Theresa Rotary, told the Board that the Rotary Club would like to place (2) "Welcome to Theresa" signs where the Town starts on NYS Route 26 and NYS Route 411. Mr. Reynolds said that the State needs to be contacted because they are State Routes. Jerry will check with the State.

Allen Drake, County Legislator told the Board that the County would be paving County Route 21 at the end of August.

Ken Boyd asked the Town Board if they would name a new road he has built on Lake of the Woods. It is an extension of the Ward Road and he asked that the Town just label the new section of it on the map Ward Road. Supervisor Coolidge said he would like it checked out to make sure it is passable for ambulances and fire equipment, before sending to the 911 office.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning May 2013 report
Transfer Site May 2013 report

Res. #30

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

RESOLVED, that the minutes of May 8, 2013 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #31

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Pamela Brown

RESOLVED, that the following bills be paid:

General	Voucher #219-268	\$34,966.46
General O/S	22-32	\$2,920.84
Highway	155-187	\$17,159.08
Cemetery	15-36	\$4,625.31

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VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #32

Motion by: Pamela Brown
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept Bob Alexander's resignation from the Planning Board, effective May 11th, 2013.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #33

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoint Alan O'Driscoll as a Planning Board Member, effective June 13th, 2013 and ends December 31st, 2015.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #34

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Pamela Brown

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accept Alan Whitcomb's resignation as Town Justice, effective June 1st, 2013.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #35

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Charles Folsom

WHEREAS, when an arraignment is done by a Theresa Town Justice for another Town and the Justice then has to transfer the case to the other Town to be processed, so be it

RESOLVED, that any cost incurred for a transfer of a court case done by the Theresa Town Court for another Town, will be charged to that Town.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Res. #36

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

WHEREAS, our nation's and New York's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, our local school has been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

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WHEREAS, the over reliance on high-stakes testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality in our local public school by hampering our educators' efforts to focus on a broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in our schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, excellent teachers out of the profession and undermining school morale; and

WHEREAS, the collection of test data and other data on individual students in a large data base is a threat to their privacy and;

WHEREAS, we welcome accountability for our local teachers and point with pride to many of the accomplishments on the part of students and teachers, but believe that standardized tests have come to dominate instructional time and block our progress toward a world-class school system of student-centered and future-ready student; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Theresa Town Board calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the State Legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine the accountability system in the state, including APPR, to limit the use of standardized testing and to eliminate the huge data base of information on individual students and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Theresa Town Board calls on the Congress and the Administration to overhaul the "No Child Left Behind" act to reduce the role of standardized testing and not mandate any fixed role for the use of test scores in evaluating educators.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The Town Board gave the Fire Department permission to put up a new fence on the track by Town Barn, for firematics.

Mr. Reynold told the Board that the time clock at the Transfer Site was broke. He asked if the Board wanted to get new time clock or just have the employees write down hours. The Town Board authorized Mr. Reynolds to buy a new time clock.

Res. #37

Motion by: Pamela Brown

Seconded by: Charles Folsom

RESOLVED, that the Town Board go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of a pending litigation case.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 7:15 p.m.

Res. #38

Motion by: Timothy Busler

Seconded by: Charles Folsom

RESOLVED, that the meeting be closed at 7:16 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Busler – aye, Mr. Folsom – aye, Mrs. Brown – aye, Mr. McCarthy – aye,
Mr. Coolidge – aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,