

The Theresa Town Board held a Public Hearing and Regular meeting June 13, 2012 at 7:00 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: Ed Robertson, Sandy Hillbeck, Mark Scarlet, Dale Felder, John Evans & Scott Booth.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Coolidge at 7:00 p.m.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning May 2012 report  
Transfer Site May 2012 report

Res. #35

Motion by: Timothy Busler  
Seconded by: Kevin McCarthy

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of January 11, 2012 be accepted as read.

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

Discussion:

Ed Robertson from Indian River Lakes Conservancy talked to the Board about the Conservancy. The Conservancy is non-profit and is made up of all volunteers. Preserving the land and water quality is very important to them. A total of 1600 acres are in the Conservancy (900 acres donated to them). There are 250 donors and they receive dues from members. It has (5) miles of walking trails that are open year round and everything is public. Supervisor Coolidge thinks that the Conservancy has an image problem and has concerns about more and more property going off the Town's assessment roll. Councilman Folsom said that a lot of people think that it is a rich man's hunting club and doesn't believe that hunting should be allowed in a Conservancy. Mr. Robertson agrees that they have not done a good job getting the word out about the Conservancy, but will try harder in the future. He told the Board that it is not a requirement to be a member to hunt there. There are a limited number who can hunt and they are chosen by lottery. He thinks that it enhances the other properties in the Town. Dale Felder thinks that the Conservancy takes business away from the area, because nothing is developed on the land. He stated that the some of the local businesses survive because of the campers that reside here in the summer. He believes that at least (50) camps could have been built if not for the Conservancy.

Dale Felder and John Evans spoke to the Board about their concerns over the James Joseph property on Burns Road. They own the property around the land and have offered to buy it in the past. Mr. Felder said that all the metal has been taken and the garbage remains. He is worried it will be buried and become an environmental problem. He told the Board that tires were burned there all winter. He said that he talked to Judge Duval and was shown the file on the case. Judge Duval told him there was dissension in the Town Office and that he should go public with the matter. He said that the Judge said that there is no cooperation from the other (2) offices and that it was in the Lawyer's hands until July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Felder did not want to go public. He would just like to see it cleaned up. He thought that the Town Highway should have done the cleanup. He thinks they are the best road crew in the County. Supervisor Coolidge told him that the Judge appointed Harold Ludlow to do the cleanup. Mr. Felder stated that he realizes that it took many years to get the way it is and should have come sooner to complain. He thinks Terry McKeever is doing a fantastic job for the Town.

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Res. #36

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

**RESOLVED**, that the following bills be paid:

General	Voucher #225-272	\$55,228.73
General O/S	42-47	\$1,693.67
Highway	158-192	\$16,470.56
Cemetery	15-32	\$3,275.61

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

Res. #37

Motion by: Timothy Busler  
Seconded by: Pamela Brown

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be authorized to transfer \$397.90 from General Fund Appropriation Contingent Account, A-1990.4 to General Fund Appropriation Unallocated Insurance Account, A-1910.4.

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

Discussion:

Scott Booth reported to the Board that the Cemetery lost money in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The only reason it didn't lose in 2011 and this year is because of donations left in wills to the Cemetery. He estimates in (10) years (with the approximate estimate of \$20,000.00 to run the Cemetery per year) the money will be gone. At that point it will have to be funded by tax dollars.

Mr. Booth told the Board that he had some complaints about no water in the Cemetery. It is estimated that between 40,000 to 50,000 gallons were lost in 2011 due to leaks. In the future he thinks that (1) access point could be used for water. The best location would be on the road leading into the Cemetery gate from Pine Street.

Mr. Reynolds to contact the County about used guard rails for the Cottage Hill Road.

Supervisor Coolidge told the Board that the State is mandating that the Theresa Free Library be open (5) more hours per week, because of an increase in population (per 2010 census).

The Town's equalization rate has dropped to 50%.

The Board tabled the scrap metal decision until next month.

Res. #38

Motion by: Timothy Busler  
Seconded by: Pamela Brown

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, on the recommendation of Kenneth Boyd Jr., name a road off from Burns Road and leading to Lake of the Woods (tax map #8.00-1) "Folts Road".

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

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Res. #39

Motion by: Timothy Busler  
Seconded by: Pamela Brown

**RESOLVED**, that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a Zoning issue/Court case that is being appealed for each order at the County.

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

Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m.

Res. #40

Motion by: Kevin McCarthy  
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

**RESOLVED**, that the meeting be closed at 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kim A. Delles  
Town Clerk