

**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 **March 18, 2014.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr., Presiding  
Councilman Richard Sush  
Councilman John A. Pavese  
Councilman Peter T. Briggs  
Councilman Scott Mace

**APPROVED**

**Also Present:** Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk  
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town  
William D. Culligan, Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Gary J. Lasher, Comptroller  
Logan E. Ottino, Building Dept. /Code Enforcement Officer

**PUBLIC HEARING: BONDING \$125,000 FOR EMERALD GREEN SEWER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS**

Supervisor Rieber opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.  
Town Clerk, Marilee J. Calhoun read the legal public notice and stated that she had an original affidavit of publication. Notice of said hearing was duly published in the Sullivan County Democrat on March 07, 2014 with same being posted at the Town Hall on March 05, 2014.

Supervisor Rieber explained the purpose for the bonding and called upon Superintendent Culligan to further explain. Supt. Culligan said that the funds would be used to upgrade and make necessary improvements to two Pump Stations currently located within the Emerald Green Lake Louise Marie Sewer District. Supt. Culligan stated that both of these pump stations were part of the original Lake Louise Marie Section, which were constructed sometime in the late 50's early 60's. One of the pump stations already went down once and the replacement parts have been ordered as an Emergency Repair. The other pump station improvement would be bid out according to Town Procurement Guidelines if the bonding is approved.

Supervisor Rieber asked if the Board had any comments. There were no comments made by the Board.

Supervisor Rieber asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard on this matter. There was no public comment made.

After an opportunity for all persons to be heard Supervisor Rieber entertained a motion that the public hearing be closed.

A motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM was made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Mace.

## **REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Rieber opened the meeting at 7:34 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. He welcomed the Participation in Government Students to the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting was approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes 5            Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
      Nays 0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment given.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- 1) Letter dated 03/04/2014 to Town Clerk Marilee Calhoun from Joyce Amels, Animal Health Inspector of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets regarding the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for the Humane Society of Middletown, Inc. completed 02/27/2014. The dog shelter services were rated "Satisfactory." This is for one of the Town Municipal Dog Shelters.
- 2) NY Notice of Conditional Renewal of Insurance dated 02/28/14 from U.S. Specialty Insurance Company to Town of Thompson regarding renewal of commercial package, policy # CPKG80420193, expiring 05/01/2014. The Towns Insurance Policy will renew with several conditions stipulated in said notice. The Town is currently working with the Insurance Agent regarding this matter.
- 3) Letter dated 03/03/14 from Mark E. Lewis, Environmental Program Specialist 1 for NYS DEC Region 3, Division of Water to Supervisor Rieber and Town Board regarding annual compliance inspection report for Sackett Lake WWTP. Supt. Culligan reported on the status of the report.
- 4) 2013 Annual Town Historian Report Submitted by: Former Town Historian Gerald Fielding.
- 5) Letter dated 03/11/14 from Supt. Culligan to Mr. Brian Stickle, MAFCO Football League regarding the Town of Thompson Parks and Recreation Department's support of the Sullivan Renaissance Beautification Project within the Town Park football field in which they are looking to apply for.
- 6) Letter dated 03/05/14 from Jen Flad, VP, Gov't Affairs & Business Development, County of Sullivan IDA to Supervisor Rieber regarding 2014 Distribution of PILOT Payments along with Check # 3626 dated 03/05/2014 made payable to Town of Thompson in the amount of \$43,228.19 for seven projects. The seven projects are as follows: 457 Equities LLC \$2,055.29, Frontier Insurance \$30,253.52, Arthur Glick Truck Sales, Inc. \$2,460.43, and Norman/Steven Kaufman \$642.24, Loughlin & Billig, PC \$576.57, RHH Land, LLC/Polo Hospitality LLC \$5,403.09



of petitioners' real property, **SBL 52K-1-30** from \$392,900.00 to \$325,000.00.

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 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 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 proceeding.

Moved by: Councilman Scott Mace

Seconded by: Councilman Peter T. Briggs

and a roll call vote thereon as follows:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.	voting	Recused
Councilman Peter Briggs	voting	Aye
Councilman Richard Sush	voting	Aye
Councilman Scott Mace	voting	Aye
Councilman John A. Pavese	voting	Aye

Supervisor Rieber returned to continue the rest of the meeting.

### **3. STATUS: ACQUISITION MELODY LAKE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPERTY, SBL # TH 61.-1-41.1**

Supervisor Rieber advised that he spoke with Sullivan County Treasurer Ira Cohen regarding the possibility of acquiring the Melody Lake Water Treatment Plant property, but to see if the County would be willing to waive the \$1,402.97 in back taxes. Treasurer Cohen will bring this matter before the Committee for consideration. He requested that a certified copy of the Resolution that was approved by the Town Board at the last Board Meeting be sent to him. Town Clerk Calhoun was directed to send him a certified copy of the Resolution.

### **4. REPORT ON MEETING WITH NYSDEC ON 03/10/2014 REGARDING VIOLATION NOTICES – ROCK HILL/EMERALD GREEN WWTP, MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTRICT STP & BENMOSCHE PUMP STATION**

Supervisor Rieber reported on the meeting that he, Superintendent Culligan, Assistant Superintendent Michael Messenger, Attorney Mednick and Matthew Sickler, Engineer of McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers for the Town all attended this past

Monday, 03/10/2014 with the NYSDEC at their offices located in New Paltz. Supervisor Rieber and Supt. Culligan both explained that the reason for the meeting was by the direction of the NYSDEC to discuss a corrective action plan for the permit violations that have been issued in the Rock Hill/Emerald Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the meeting they also discussed the violation notice that was issued on the Melody Lake Sewer District Sewage Treatment Plant and the BenMosche Sewage Pump Station. The primary reasoning for the violations that were discussed was explained and is listed as follows: 1) Rock Hill/Emerald Green WWTP – Phosphorus Levels, 2) Melody Lake STP – Behind with the SPDES Permit Compliance Schedule (due to lack of funding) and 3) BenMosche Sewage Pump Station – SPDES Permit Discharge Levels. Superintendent Culligan further explained the outcome of the meeting. Supervisor Rieber said that most likely fines will be issued and penalties imposed. The Town could be subject up to \$37,500 per day, per violation. Further discussion regarding the corrective measures ensued before moving on to the next agenda item.

#### **5. STATUS: INSURANCE RISK CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Towns Insurance Carrier performed a Risk Control Audit and had (4) recommendations for the Town to consider. Supt. Culligan prepared a Public Playground Safety Handbook including inspection checklist schedules to comply with one of the recommendations. Another recommendation was to install an ADA Compliant Chair Lift in the Town Pool. Supt. Culligan has been in contact with Michael Taylor of Wechsler Pool Supplies to inquire about obtaining and installing an ADA Compliant Chair Lift for Disabled Accessible Pool Access. Mr. Taylor and his brother may donate the chair lift, but he is unsure if the Town would be responsible for the installation cost. Supt. Culligan will report back with his findings at the next meeting. The two other recommendations regarding the Employee Manual and Professional Training and Testing are still being worked on and there should be more information to report on by the next meeting. A copy of the Public Playground Safety Handbook has been received and filed with the Town Clerk.

#### **6. ESTABLISH DATE FOR SHREDDING DAY EVENT MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – COUNCILMAN SCOTT MACE**

Councilman Mace announced that the Town will be co-sponsoring with the Rock Hill Pharmacy again this year for the annual Spring Shredding Day Event. The event will take place on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 9am until Noon. We will not be accepting Prescription Drug Disposal due to a change in Federal Regulations. Also electronic equipment recycling will not be accepted, because it can be disposed of directly at the landfill free of charge.

#### **The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 109 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that the Town of Thompson enter into a joint agreement with Rock Hill Pharmacy to co-sponsor a Community Shredding Day Event to be held on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 9 am to 12 pm. Further Be It Resolved, that the Town shall contribute half the cost towards the event.

Motion by: Councilman Sush

Seconded by: Councilman Briggs

Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
Nays 0

## **7. CARPET INSTALLATION PROPOSALS**

Supervisor Rieber advised that the Resolution previously approved at the last meeting for the carpet installation in the Supervisor's Office, Supervisor's Secretary Office/Entryway, Closet and Comptroller's Office needs to be rescinded due to a miscalculation error regarding the price of the proposal. Supervisor Rieber originally thought the one proposal in the amount of \$2,422.00 was for all three rooms; however the other two proposals were actually calculated separately, which resulted in confusion and misunderstanding. The three proposals from Bruce's Carpet & Floor Covering actually totaled \$6,246.00 (\$36.00 per yd. installed). The proposal from TFC Flooring, Inc. for all three rooms is \$3,665.00, which is actually cheaper (\$28.00 per yd. installed). Supervisor Rieber is asking that the Board Rescind the previously approved Resolution and adopt a new Resolution accepting the lower proposal of TFC Flooring, Inc. in place of Bruce's Carpet & Floor Covering Proposals, which is in fact much higher in price. The Board took action as follows:

### **A. RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 105 OF 2014**

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 110 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that Resolution No. 105 of the Year 2014 regarding the acceptance of carpet installation proposal from Bruce's Carpet & Floor Covering hereby be rescinded due to a discrepancy in pricing.

Motion by: Councilman Pavese                      Seconded by: Councilman Mace

Vote: Ayes 5              Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
Nays 0

### **B. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM TFC FLOORING, INC.**

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 111 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that the proposal from TFC Flooring, Inc. hereby be accepted and approved to purchase new carpeting to be installed in the Supervisor's Office, Supervisor's Secretary Office/Entryway, Closet and Comptroller's Office for a total cost of \$3,665.00.

Motion by: Councilman Sush                      Seconded by: Councilman Briggs

Vote: Ayes 5              Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
Nays 0

## **8. WINDOW PROPOSAL – SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE**

Supervisor Rieber said that the Board approved the purchase of an additional window replacement for the Supervisor's Office from Sullivan County Glassworks, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,671.00. However Supervisor Rieber spoke with Sullivan County Glassworks, Inc. to inquire about changing the single fixed window to one that opens slightly. Sullivan County Glassworks, Inc. provided another quote dated 03/11/14 for the window that opens and that quote came in at \$1,519.83, which is actually \$151.17 less than the initial quote for the single fixed window that was approved at the last meeting.

Supervisor Rieber would like to try this type of window to see if it will be feasible in other areas of the building. He is recommending that the Board rescind the previously approved Resolution for the \$1,671.00 quote and adopt a new Resolution accepting the lower \$1,519.83 quote. A copy of the window sketch diagram/detail sheet was provided. The Board took action as follows:

**A. RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 101 OF 2014**

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 112 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that Resolution No. 101 of the Year 2014 regarding the acceptance and approval of the installation of a new replacement window for the Supervisor's office from Sullivan County Glassworks, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,671.00 hereby be rescinded due to a change in the window specifications and pricing.

Motion by: Councilman Briggs                      Seconded by: Councilman Mace

Vote: Ayes 5              Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace

Nays 0

**B. ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR REVISED LOWER AMOUNT**

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 113 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr. hereby be authorized to purchase a new replacement window for the Supervisor's Office from Sullivan County Glassworks, Inc. for a total cost of \$1,519.83 as per price quote dated 03/11/2014.

Motion by: Councilman Mace                      Seconded by: Councilman Pavese

Vote: Ayes 5              Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace

Nays 0

**9. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CLOUGH HARBOUR & ASSOCIATES (CHA) TO REVIEW TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY EPT CONCORD RESORT**

Clough Harbour & Associates (CHA) has submitted an extra work authorization and agreement dated 03/11/14 for the peer review of the Traffic Impact Study for the Proposed EPT of Concord Resort Project on behalf of the Town of Thompson. The total cost will not exceed \$10,250.00, which is being paid for by the developer out of the escrow account. (CHA) trust that the information included in the attached agreement is consistent with the project scope and objectives. If the Town agrees then we are asked to execute both copies, return one back to (CHA) and retain the other copy for our records.

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 114 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that the Town of Thompson hereby authorizes the additional support for the Peer Review of the Traffic Impact Study for the Proposed EPT Concord Resort Supplemental Scope of Services by Clough Harbour & Associates (CHA) and

Further Be It Resolved, that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute said extra work authorization/agreement for a total fee not to exceed \$10,250.00 to be paid

for out of escrow funds that have been collected by the Town directly from the developer.

Motion by: Councilman Mace                      Seconded by: Councilman Sush

Discussion: Councilman Pavese asked what the focused areas would be covered in this Traffic Impact Study in terms of the surrounding area. Attorney Mednick replied advising that the focus would be any traffic that would be impacted by this proposed development project. All of those areas will be incorporated into the study.

Vote: Ayes 5        Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace

Nays 0

**10. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR INTERNET SERVICES AT KIAMESHA SEWER PLANT & TOWN HALL**

Supervisor Rieber received the service agreement from Time Warner Cable to increase the Towns internet service, Wi-Fi service in the Town Hall and also to install internet service at the Kiamesha Sewer Plant. The total cost for this service will be \$174.00 per month. The Town currently pays approximately \$156.00 per month for internet service, \$76.00 per month for the Town Hall and approximately \$80.00 per month for (DSL) at the Kiamesha Sewer Plant. There will be approximately an increase of \$20.00 per month for faster service and Wi-Fi service. Supervisor Rieber, Supt. Culligan and Comptroller Lasher all recommend moving forward with the new service agreement. The Town Board agreed they are in favor of making things more efficient.

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 115 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby enter into a new service agreement with Time Warner Cable for High Speed Internet Service in the Town Hall and the Kiamesha Sewer Plant including Wi-Fi service in the Town Hall for a total monthly fee of \$174.00 according to Order # 3953805 and

Further Be It Resolved, that the Town Supervisor hereby be authorized to execute said service order agreement.

Motion by: Councilman Mace                      Seconded by: Councilman Pavese

Vote: Ayes 5        Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace

Nays 0

**11. APPROVE RE-EXECUTION OF JUNE 2013 CONTRACT WITH RUPCO FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Supervisor Rieber received a copy of a revised agreement dated June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 from Rural Ulster Preservation Company, Inc. (RUPCO), which was a revision to the original agreement between the Town and RUPCO including additional administrative responsibilities. The original agreement was executed by former Supervisor Anthony P. Cellini however they are requesting that an updated copy be re-executed by Supervisor Rieber. The contract will end in December, 2014. Supervisor Rieber asked Attorney Mednick if he reviewed the agreement to make sure that it is the same as the previous one. Attorney Mednick stated that it was and recommended execution. A discussion ensued regarding some issues that the Town has had. Councilman Mace asked how



Vote: Ayes 5        Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
      Nays 0

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 119 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that the following bills over \$1,250.00 for the Water & Sewer Department be approved for payment as follows:

<b>BLACK BEAR PLUMBING/HEATING</b>	<b>\$2,184.24 TOTAL COST</b>
1 – CIRCULATOR – TACO 007	\$1,702.62
1 – FLANGE – 1 ¼” IPS	\$148.23
1 – CHIMNEY CAP – 12X8	\$333.39
<b>TOTAL COST =</b>	<b>\$2,184.24</b>

(For: Replacement Parts and Installation for the Air Handler in the Filter Building at the Kiamesha Lake Sewer Treatment Plant.)

Motion by: Councilman Mace                      Seconded by: Councilman Sush

Vote: Ayes 5        Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
      Nays 0

**14. ORDER BILLS PAID**

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 120 of the Year 2014.**

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.<sup>1</sup>

Motion by: Councilman Briggs                      Seconded by: Councilman Pavese

Vote: Ayes 5        Rieber, Pavese, Briggs, Sush and Mace  
      Nays 0

**REFUND OF PLANNING BOARD FEES: THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY**

Mr. David Rooney from The Center For Discovery contacted Supervisor Rieber regarding the possibility of refunding the Planning Board fees that have been paid for regarding the proposed Solar Panel Farm project that will not be completed. The Board discussed refunding the monies to the developer and it was decided that they would refund them 75% of the fees after all engineering fees has been paid. The Town will retain the remaining 25% to cover the Towns expenses.

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 121 of the Year 2014.**

Resolved, that 75% of the Planning Board fees received from The Center For Discovery for the Solar Farm Project, which will not be taking place hereby be refunded to said developer conditioned upon all outstanding engineering fees being paid prior to refund issuance.

Motion by: Councilman Sush                      Seconded by: Councilman Mace

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<sup>1</sup> ATTACHMENT: ORDER BILLS PAID



applied for by Terry VanderMeulen. He explained the proposed project. A copy of the approved Resolution will be provided to Sullivan Renaissance and Terry VanderMeulen.

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 123 of the Year 2014.**

**Resolution in Support of and  
Accepting a Sullivan Renaissance Project at the Town Park**

**Whereas**, Terry VanderMeulen entered the 2013 Sullivan Renaissance competition with a beautification project called “Seeds of Hope Garden” at the Town of Thompson Town Park, and

**Whereas**, the project won First Place in Category B in the Sullivan Renaissance competition and was awarded a \$10,000 prize, and

**Whereas**, Ms. VanderMeulen has entered the 2014 Sullivan Renaissance competition in Category B with another beautification project for the Town Park, and

**Whereas**, Sullivan Renaissance has approved Ms. VanderMeulen’s project proposal and she has received a \$1500 initial grant plus \$250 in Flower Dollars and,

**Whereas**, proposed improvements at Town of Thompson Park to be funded with Sullivan Renaissance grant funds include:

- 1) Installation of trees and associated landscaping surrounding the new park building,
- 2) Installation of three (3) new way finding signs (design to be approved by the Town) on Town property or on Town highway right-of-ways,
- 3) Installation of new landscaping around the two existing entry signs to the park,
- 4) Installation of new landscaping along the existing fence at the park entrance.

**Whereas**, the proposed landscaping improvements will enhance the Park’s appearance and improve the experience for those that visit and use the Park,

**Therefore be it Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby confirms its support for the project as described above.

Adopted the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Moved by: Councilman Peter T. Briggs

Seconded by: Councilman John A. Pavese

The members of the Town Board voted as follows:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.	Aye
Councilman Peter T. Briggs	Aye
Councilman Richard Sush	Aye
Councilman Scott Mace	Aye

Councilman John A. Pavese                      Aye

**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FOR MAFCO FOOTBALL FIELD AT TOWN PARK**

Charlotte Mattice, Secretary for MAFCO Football League was present to explain the Category B Beautification Grant that they are planning to apply for through Sullivan Renaissance. She explained their plans to beautify the area surrounding the football field if the grant funding is awarded. This project would also compliment the beautification efforts that have already been done at the Town Park as well as the newly proposed plans for this year.

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 124 of the Year 2014.**

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the  
Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052  
Route 42, Monticello, New York on March 18, 2014

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND ACCEPTING A SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE PROJECT AT THE TOWN PARK FOR THE MAFCO FOOTBALL FIELD**

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Mattice, Secretary for MAFCO Football League, plans to apply for a 2014 Sullivan Renaissance Category B Beautification Grant to beautify the area surrounding the football field at the Thompson Town Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed landscaping improvements will enhance the appearance of the park’s football field and will improve the experience for those who visit and use the park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby supports and authorizes the submission of the Sullivan Renaissance Category B Beautification Grant application on behalf of the Town of Thompson by the MAFCO Football League subject to the Town Board’s review and approval of the final plans for the project.

Adopted the 18th day of March, 2014.

Moved by: Councilman Richard Sush

Seconded by: Councilman Peter T. Briggs

The members of the Town Board voted as follows:

Supervisor WILLIAM J. RIEBER, JR.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman PETER T. BRIGGS	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman RICHARD SUSH	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman SCOTT MACE	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman JOHN A. PAVESE	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**REVISED TAX CERTIARI SETTLEMENT: HALIL CENOVIC, SBL#'S 10.-12-2 & 6.-1-1.1**

Attorney Mednick provided a Resolution on the above named property tax settlement proceeding being presented. Attorney Mednick and Assessor Van B. Krzywicki recommended that the settlement be approved as per the presented Resolution. Attorney Mednick explained the settlement agreement, which is replacing Resolution No. 296 of 2013 originally approved to correct typographical errors. The Town Board took action on the settlement as follows:

**The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 125 of the Year 2014.**

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

WHEREAS, Halil Cenovic, has instituted proceedings under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law to review the assessment of Tax Map Parcel Section 10, Block 12, Lot 2 and Section 6, Block 1, Lot 1.1 and which proceedings are pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Sullivan, under Index Nos. 2012-2084 and 2013-1875; and

WHEREAS, the parties herein have appeared through counsel, to wit, Michael B. Mednick, Esq., on behalf of respondent, 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 was outlined in Resolution 296/13 adopted by the Town Board at the October 15, 2013 Town Board Meeting, and it has been subsequently determined that a typographical error was contained therein.

WHEREAS, this Resolution will replace Resolution 296/13, as follows:

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to petitioner's **2012, 2013 and 2014** assessments, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of petitioner's real property, **SBL 10-12-2** from \$88,300.00 to \$70,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will also result in a fair and equitable resolution of the complaint with respect to petitioner's **2012, 2013 and 2014** assessments, to wit, a reduction in the assessment of petitioner's real property, **SBL 6-1-1.1** from \$43,000.00 to \$35,000.00.

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 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 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 proceeding.

Moved by: Councilman Richard Sush

Seconded by: Councilman Scott Mace

and a roll call vote thereon as follows:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.	voting	Aye
Councilman Peter T. Briggs	voting	Aye
Councilman Richard Sush	voting	Aye
Councilman Scott Mace	voting	Aye
Councilman John A. Pavese	voting	Aye

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT YEAR TO DATE DEPOSIT COMPARISON 2013 & 2014**

Code Enforcement Officer Logan E. Ottino provided the Town Board with a Year to Date Deposit Comparison for 2013 & 2014 for Building Department Funds. In 2013 from 01/01 to 03/07 the total funds deposited were \$35,743.00 (\$22,695.00 of which was for the ARC permit and less that fee the total would have been \$13,000.00). In 2014 from 01/01 to 03/07 the total funds deposited were \$28,643.76 (the largest fee included with this figure is \$4,970.00).

#### **TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT: THOMPSON STATION, INC., SBL #'S 13.-3-40.1 & 13.-3-40.3 – THOMPSON SQUARE MALL**

Attorney Mednick reported on the above-mentioned tax settlement proceeding, which will be presented at the next Town Board meeting for consideration. A copy was provided for the Boards review, which will be included in the next Town Board Meeting Agenda Book for action.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Rieber reported on a conversation that he had with a representative from the NYS Governor's Office regarding the Property Tax Proposal being presented by the Governor. According to the NYS Senates "Freeze Plus" Proposal there is a possibility of restoring the Video Lottery Aid (VLT) monies back to the 2008-2009 levels originally issued to local municipalities. The various mandates on the local taxing municipalities were discussed including changes necessary for this program to work. The Board talked about the different aspects of the proposal. He also reported that the proposed Trading Cove/Stockbridge-Munsee Casino project located off Exit 106 is moving forward and will be coming before the Planning Board on March 26<sup>th</sup> for Sketch Plan Application and Intent to Become Lead Agency.

## **COUNCILMEN & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Councilman Mace provided the Board with an updated report regarding the Assessor's Office and what the new Assessor Van B. Krzywicki has been doing. He is doing a good job and seems to be working out well. The Board is happy with his performance. Councilman Mace also suggested having a presentation and issuance of a Certificate/Plaque of Special Recognition to Dr. Abraham Garfinkel, MD for his many years of service as Town Health Officer. Town Clerk Calhoun will look back to obtain the date he was first appointed to the position.

Councilman Briggs reported on the status of the High Impact Free Roaming Cat Grant Funding through PetSmart Charities. The Town is looking into applying for \$7,500.00 in Grant Funding to Spay/Neuter Feral Cats. The application is quite involved and Thomas J. Kelly is in the process of completing the application. They have been working with Elsa Sonnenschein a Town resident who is a member of the catch and release program throughout the Town. Mrs. Sonnenschein was present and she recommended that the Town request more funding than originally planned. Councilman Briggs said that they will try to amend the application to increase the funding.

Councilman Sush provided the Board with three sketch designs for the proposed signs at the Town Park as part of the Sullivan Renaissance Beautification Project. The signs were designed by Laurie Kilgore a Thompson resident. Ms. Kilgore made one of the signs located in the circular entrance in the park area parking lot. The Town Board reviewed them and said that the signs are lovely, but would like to have signs that would blend more with the common theme of the current signs that are present. Councilman Sush will contact Mrs. VanderMeulen to advise her of the Boards suggestion.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **STATUS OF THOMPSON SQUARE MOVIE THEATER CINEMAS**

Councilman Briggs asked what the status of the Thompson Square Movie Theater Cinemas was. He said that he has been asked by several Town Constituents what the status was. Code Enforcement Logan E. Ottino reported that the roof has been repaired, but they still have an issue with the walls leaking. The tenant does not want to put valuable equipment in the building, which has already been acquired to only be damaged by moisture until the walls are sealed. There is a new management company for the mall and the tenant is working with them directly. The Town Board suggested that the Building Department contact the Mall Property Owners to bring this to their attention in case they are not aware of it. If they are aware of it maybe the Town could help speed them along with the process.

### **ROCK HILL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE REPORT**

Councilman Mace gave kudos to the Rock Hill Business and Community Association, the Rock Hill Fire Department and all else who helped organize this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rock Hill. The event was very successful, which gets bigger and better each year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**BENMOSCHE PROPERTY ACQUISITION ISSUE**

The Town would most likely need to acquire additional property surrounding the BenMosche Sewage Pump Station in order to expand the facility. According to the Engineering Report the Town would need to obtain approximately 2.75 acres for the expansion project. Supervisor Rieber will contact the adjacent property owner of 22 acres located to the left of the current Pump Station to open a line of communication to see if the Town could negotiate with them to acquire a few acres of the property from them for the purpose of expansion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Two Village of Monticello residents who did not state their names commented on an unsafe issue at the end of NYS Route 17 Exit 104 Ramp. They said that a new stop sign is required at the intersection of the end of the ramp and County Road 174. Supervisor Rieber is not sure if the County DPW or the State DOT would be responsible for the sign, but he will refer the matter over to Highway Superintendent Richard Benjamin, Jr. who is not present to ask him to look into the situation. Supt. Benjamin will most likely contact both agencies to inquire, who is responsible and request that a new stop sign be installed advising them of the unsafe condition. The residents also commented on property assessment values, property tax issues and rates. They also had concerns regarding development in the Monticello area. Supervisor Rieber referred them to the Village of Monticello regarding those concerns. Supervisor Rieber thanked them for coming and providing their concerns he welcomed them to attend other meetings in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Boy Scouts Troop #101 Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner held at the Rock Hill Fire Department, 4PM to 7:30 PM, \$8.00 Adults, \$5.00 Ages 5 to 12 and Under 4 Free.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Monticello Competition Blood Drive Event between Monticello Kiwanis, Monticello Elks Lodge, Monticello Fire Department and Monticello Rotary sponsored by American Red Cross, 1PM to 7PM at the Monticello Firehouse.
- April 15<sup>th</sup>: Cancellation of Regularly Scheduled Town Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion made by Councilman Mace and seconded by Councilman Sush the Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:52 PM with Town Attorney Michael B. Mednick to discuss Personnel Matters and Employment Contract Issues.

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Pavese the Town Board returned from Executive Session and reconvened the Town Board meeting at 9:30 PM. No further action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Briggs and seconded by Councilman Sush the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

*Marilee J. Calhoun*

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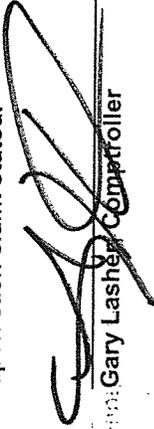
**Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk**

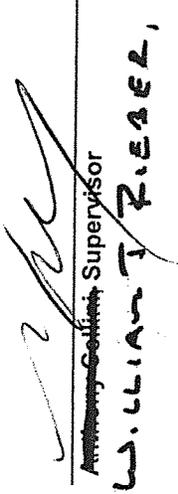
# TOWN OF THOMPSON

## Voucher Detail Report

Voucher No.	Stub- Description	Req. No.	Req. Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Ordered By	Fisc Year	Check ID	Voucher Amt.	Pay Due	Approved
Invoice Date	Batch	Recur Months	Refund Year	PO No.	PO Date	Approved By	Period	Contract No.	Check No.	Non Disc.	Cash Account
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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 18 day of MARCH 2014 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.

  
 Gary Lasher, Comptroller

  
 William J. Reber, Supervisor

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Invoice Date	Batch	Invoice No.	Refund Year			PO Date	Ref No	Period	Contract No.		Disc. %	Outstanding	Paid	Total
A - GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE			TOWN			119,240.55						0.00	0.00	726,121.27
B - GENERAL TOWN OUTSIDE			TOWN			13,857.00						0.00	0.00	22,789.43
DA - HWY#3 / 4 - TOWN WIDE			TOWN			185,091.87						0.00	0.00	266,878.87
DB - HWY#1 - TOWN OUTSIDE			TOWN			51,742.36						0.00	0.00	51,742.36
SHW - HARRIS WOODS SEWER			TOWN			442.36						0.00	0.00	649.68
SL1 - ROCK HILL LIGHTING			TOWN			603.89						0.00	0.00	603.89
SL10 - EMERALD CORP. PARK L/D#10			TOWN			297.05						0.00	0.00	297.05
SL2 - LUCKY LAKE LIGHTING			TOWN			166.33						0.00	0.00	166.33
SL3 - LAKE LOUISE MARIE			TOWN			449.61						0.00	0.00	449.61
SL4 - PATIO HOMES LIGHTING			TOWN			1,019.74						0.00	0.00	1,019.74
SL5 - KIAMESHA SHORES LIGHTING			TOWN			139.75						0.00	0.00	139.75
SL6 - EMERALD GREEN LIGHTING			TOWN			4,786.31						0.00	0.00	4,786.31
SL7 - TREASURE LAKE LIGHTING			TOWN			29.73						0.00	0.00	29.73
SL8 - CONGERO ROAD LIGHTING			TOWN			90.73						0.00	0.00	90.73
SL9 - YESHIVA/KIAM. LIGHTING DISTRICT			TOWN			697.44						0.00	0.00	697.44
SRH - ROCK HILL AMBULANCE DIST			TOWN			7,213.91						0.00	0.00	7,213.91
SSA - ANAWANA SEWER DISTRICT			TOWN			1,299.90						221.14	0.00	1,521.04
SSC - COLD SPRING SEWER			TOWN			382.50						0.00	0.00	382.50
SSD - DILLON SEWER DISTRICT			TOWN			320.05						55.43	0.00	375.48
SSG - EMERALD GREEN SEWER			TOWN			32,584.01						7,194.50	0.00	39,778.51
SSH - HARRIS SEWER DISTRICT			TOWN			11,053.50						2,381.19	0.00	13,434.69
SSK - KIAMESHA SEWER DISTRICT			TOWN			39,620.26						9,728.31	0.00	49,348.57
SSM - MELODY LAKE SEWER DISTR.			TOWN			3,715.24						541.01	0.00	4,256.25
SSR - ROCK HILL SEWER DISTRICT			TOWN			1,247.12						221.14	0.00	1,468.26
SSS - SACKETT LAKE SEWER DISTR			TOWN			13,885.78						3,095.51	0.00	16,981.29
SWC - COLD SPRING WATER			TOWN			242.50						54.94	0.00	297.44
SWD - DILLON WATER DISTRICT			TOWN			172.30						55.92	0.00	228.22
SWK - KIAMESHA RT42 WATER			TOWN			26.25						0.00	0.00	26.25
SWL - LUCKY LAKE WATER DISTR			TOWN			172.04						55.03	0.00	227.07
SWM - MELODY LAKE WATER			TOWN			26.25						0.00	0.00	26.25

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						Regular	420.74		Prepaid		Wire Transfer		Outstanding		Paid						Total
							491,037.07		11,644.02		45,738.52		0.00		0.00						57,803.28
							491,037.07		733,055.61		45,738.52		0.00		0.00						1,269,831.20
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Grand Total Regular, Prepaid, Wire Transfer and Direct Pay