

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York held Remotely via Zoom Meeting on **May 19, 2020.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Michael B. Mednick, Attorney for the Town
Paula E. Kay, Deputy Town Attorney
Melissa DeMarmels, Town Comptroller
Patrice Chester, Deputy Administrator
Michael G. Messenger, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Glenn Somers, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
James L. Carnell, Jr., Building, Planning & Zoning Director
Kelly M. Murran, Deputy Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING – CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Rieber opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. Supervisor Rieber announced that due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) the meeting will be held via Videoconferencing and streamed live on the Zoom app and Facebook Live, which is accessible to the public and 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 Councilman Mace the minutes of the May 5th, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Vote: Ayes 5 Rieber, Pavese, Schock, Meddaugh and Mace
 Nays 0

On a motion made by Councilman Pavese and seconded by Councilman Mace the minutes of the May 11th, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting were approved as presented.

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

- **Sheila Greenberg, President, Greentree Vacation Homes HOA:** Letter dated 05/05/20 to Supervisor Rieber Re: Sewer Bill Increase for Harris Sewer District.
- **Charter Communications:** Letter dated 05/15/20 with Check #80078645 for \$29,465.04 & Check #80077089 for \$15,807.02, Total of \$45,272.06 – 1st Quarter Franchise Fee (01/01/20-03/31/20).

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) DELAWARE ENGINEERING, DPC: KIAMESHA LAKE WWTP UPGRADES – BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROJECT, REVIEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED SEWER UPGRADES FACT SHEET, REVIEW SEQR (EAF) & DECLARE LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR REVIEW

Helen Budrock, Senior Planner of Delaware Engineering D.P.C. gave a brief overview of the proposed Kiamesha Lake WWTP Upgrades Project. She reviewed the proposed project, the schedule and the proposed sewer upgrades fact sheet, which were provided. A completed copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1 was provided for the Town Boards review. A Lead Agency Declaration Resolution was also provided for consideration. This project is one as a result of the Infrastructure Master Plan. The Engineering Report was completed last fall. The SPDES Permit includes a schedule of compliance, which was explained. The total estimated maximum cost for the entire project would be \$27 Million Dollars. Financing options and rate increases were also discussed. A copy of a site plan is available for inspection. The Map, Plan and Report should be available in June. Mr. Robert Chiappisi of Delaware Engineering D.P.C. was also present and also commented on the (EAF). Discussion was held regarding the project and action to declare lead agency was taken as follows:

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 194 of the Year 2020.

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 May 19, 2020

RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF THOMPSON'S DECLARATION FOR LEAD AGENCY FOR KIAMESHA LAKE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Thompson has previously determined that repairs and upgrades are needed for the sewer force main and pump station replacement for the Kiamesha Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and have had engineering plans for such upgrades prepared by the Town Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received and reviewed a full environmental assessment form for the Kiamesha Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade; and

WHEREAS, this project includes an upgrade and improvement project at the existing 2 MGD wastewater treatment plant that serves the Kiamesha Lake Sewer District to ensure the plant's long-term viability and meet updated SPDES permit discharge limits;

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to be lead agency in connection with the environmental review for these potential revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Thompson will take all steps necessary to become lead agency in connection with the environmental review pursuant to SEQRA and that all proper notices will be sent out to any interested agencies in connection with the further environmental review of the proposed Kiamesha Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

Moved by: Councilman John A. Pavese
Seconded by: Councilman Ryan T. Schock

Adopted on Motion: May 19, 2020

The members of the Town Board voted as follows:

Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Scott A. Mace	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman John A. Pavese	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Ryan T. Schock	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

2) DELAWARE ENGINEERING, DPC: EMERALD GREEN WWTP UPGRADES – BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROJECT, REVIEW OF PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED SEWER UPGRADES FACT SHEET

Helen Budrock, Senior Planner of Delaware Engineering D.P.C. gave a brief overview of the proposed Emerald Green WWTP Upgrades Project. She reviewed the proposed project the schedule and the proposed sewer upgrades fact sheet, which were provided. The Preliminary Engineering Report should be completed by the end of June and then the Map, Plan and Report will be completed. The estimated maximum entire cost would be \$14 Million Dollars. Financing options were discussed. Discussion was held regarding the project and there was no action taken.

3) DELAWARE ENGINEERING, DPC: EMERALD GREEN WWTP – REVIEW & APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR MANDATED TEMPERATURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 195 of the Year 2020.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson hereby approves the Contract Proposal between the Town of Thompson and Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. for Professional Engineering Services related to preparation and submission of a Temperature Management Plan for the Emerald Green WWTP for a total cost not to

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In the Matter of the Increase and Improvement
of the Facilities of the Harris Sewer District
in the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County,
New York.

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ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, has had under consideration the increase and improvement of the facilities of the Harris Sewer District, in said Town, consisting of the demolition and replacement of the three existing pump stations, the construction of a new pump station and the installation of approximately 21,500 linear feet of sewer force main, including incidental expenses in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of said Town has duly caused McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers D.P.C. to prepare a plan and report, including an estimate of cost, dated May 06, 2020, relating to said increase and improvement of facilities in said District; and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost to said District of such increase and improvement of facilities is determined to be \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, such cost shall be annually apportioned and assessed upon the several lots and parcels of land within said District in the manner provided by law in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same become due; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on said proposed increase and improvement of facilities and the plan and report, including estimate of cost pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, will be held by video-conference, in said Town, on June 16, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Prevaling Time, and for public health and safety reasons, the public may participate via video-

conference at [<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83205442397>], all in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of said District in said Town, and the plan and report, including estimate of cost referred to in the preambles hereof, at which time and place said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject thereof.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of said public hearing to be published in the Sullivan County Democrat, a newspaper having general circulation in said Town, and posted in the manner prescribed by law, which notice shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

Section 3. This order shall take effect immediately.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York, will meet by video-conference, in said Town, on June 16, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, and for public health and safety reasons, the public may participate via video-conference at [<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83205442397>], all in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing relating to the proposed increase and improvement of the facilities of the Harris Sewer District (the "District") in said Town, consisting of the demolition and replacement of the three existing pump stations, the construction of a new pump station and the installation of approximately 21,500 linear feet of sewer force main, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, in said District, at an estimated maximum cost of \$10,000,000, at which time and place said Town Board will hear all persons interested in the subject thereof.

Such cost shall be annually apportioned, levied and collected in said District in the manner provided by law in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same become due.

The plan and report, including estimate of cost, relating to this project, prepared by McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers D.P.C. and dated May 06, 2020, is on the file in the Office of the Town Clerk where it is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Dated: Monticello, New York
May 19, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON,
SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk

Moved by: Councilman John A. Pavese

Seconded by: Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 201 of the Year 2020.

Resolved, that the following budgetary transfers hereby be approved as presented.

Budget Transfers/Amendments

FYE 12/31/20 Town Board Meeting Date: **5/19/2020**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>		<u>Revenue Increase</u>	<u>Revenue Decrease</u>	<u>Appropriation Increase</u>	<u>Appropriation Decrease</u>
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A000.2680	Insurance Recoveries		1,750.00			
A000.7520.400	Historical Property				1,750.00	
SSC0.8130.400	Cold Spring - O&M Contractual				8,000.00	
Totals			1,750.00	-	9,750.00	-

Net
Effect To
Budget 8,000.00

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

9) ORDER BILLS PAID

The Following Resolution Was Duly Adopted: Res. No. 202 of the Year 2020.

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

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

¹ ATTACHMENT: ORDER BILLS PAID

10) UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Supervisor Rieber said that the Town is moving forward in a cautious manner regarding the reopening of the Town Hall. He has been following the current positive rate numbers, hospitalization rates and death rates each day. The Highway Department, Water & Sewer Department and Department of Parks & Recreation are all back working full crews at this time. He said there has been no direction from the Office of Court Administration (OCA) regarding plans for future re-opening of the Town Justice Court System. He will try to setup a meeting with the Judges to obtain their input and discuss safety procedures and plans for the future when reopening is permitted.

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.

- Letter from Sullivan County Board of Supervisors to New York State Governor's Office expressing concerns pertaining to the opening and operation of summer camps this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Health Crisis. The letter was approved by 14 out of the 15 Supervisors. Response from NYS has been received advising that they are currently addressing the matter.
- He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day Weekend.

COUNCILMEN & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh

- 2020 Census – Encourage Completion and the importance and how it impacts all of us. The Town will continue to promote the Census.

Director James L. Carnell, Jr.

- ISO Rating Report Received and Filed – According to the survey that they completed there has been an improvement in the rating from 8 to 4, which is good news. He will send a copy of the report to the Town Board for their review.

Deputy Administrator Patrice Chester

- Sullivan Renaissance Project Updates: 1) Received \$15,000.00 in grant funds for binder and flower dollars. Comptroller DeMarmels has the check. Supt. Somers should receive \$700.00 in flower dollars and \$300.00 to Rock Hill in flower dollars to begin those activities. 2) Preliminary Application for the Community Impact Grant was submitted today for \$400,000.00 towards improvements at the New Town Park to include a new ballfield, playground, fencing, bleachers, concession stand, bathhouse and building, which would include a first aid station and restrooms. The grant would be a matching grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Town, \$250,000 from Assemblywoman Gunther's Office, \$100,000 from

Sullivan Renaissance and \$50,000 from Senator Metzger's Office. The matching funds can be used on in-kind services. Both this grant if received and the Golden Feather award funds would allow for major improvements to the property. The funds have to be used on capital improvements. 3) Plans to follow up with Sullivan Renaissance to see if there is any additional funding available towards the Neversink River Property Improvements Project since the Plan and Progress Grant Program originally applied for through the County is not being funded at this time. Supervisor Rieber said that the NYS DEC might also have grant funding available. Councilwoman Meddaugh will look into other possibilities.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Michael G. Messenger

- Sullivan County provided a shipment from (EOC) yesterday including PPE supplies and sanitizer for use by the Town for employees.

Town Clerk Marilee J. Calhoun

- Update regarding computer server issue at the Town Hall. The internet service was down since Friday afternoon until approximately 8PM last night when Spectrum came to repair the issue. Thomas Kelly stayed last night until Spectrum was finished.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Betters on behalf of the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) expressed his concerns regarding the opening of camps and bungalow colonies throughout the area this summer season. He asked if anyone from the Town was going to communicate with the NYS Governor and the NYS Department of Health regarding these concerns. Supervisor Rieber responded regarding the letter from the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors to NYS along with their response. He said that the matter is not regulated by local government. Discussion ensued regarding the matter. Supervisor Rieber said that the letter along with the response was posted on the Town Facebook page for the public's review. He will also post them on the Town Website. Supervisor's Rieber advised Mr. Betters that he would send him a copy as well. Mr. Better's thanked Supervisor Rieber and the Town Board for all of their efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS & FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- May 21st at 2PM: (2) Bid Openings for the Department of Parks & Recreation
 - 1) Asbestos Abatement at 15 Jened Drive, Rock Hill, NY 12775 (Camp Ida Park F/K/A Camp Jened Property) and
 - 2) Demolition and Grinding of Multiple Structures at 15 Jened Drive, Rock Hill, NY 12775 (Camp Ida Park F/K/A Camp Jened Property).
- Cancellation of Annual Spring Cleanup Program and Annual Spring Shred Day Event at this time.
- June 2nd at 7PM: Regular Town Board Meeting.
- June 16th at 7PM: Public Hearing – In the Matter of the Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Harris Sewer District in the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meddaugh and seconded by Councilman Pavese the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The Zoom Livestream Videoconferencing connection and Facebook Live were disconnected.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Marilee J. Calhoun

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk