The Theresa Town Board held a regular meeting August 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office at 215 Riverside Ave. and the following were present:

Kristopher Ryder	Supervisor
Timothy Busler	Councilman
Jamie Papin	Councilman
Lynn Brown-absent	Councilwoman
Aimee Martini	Councilwoman
Vickie Karg	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Jerry Bartlett, James Bartlett, Pamela Brown, Rachel Roberts, Brian Bridge, John O'Driscoll, Regina Ryder, Brian Corbett-Youngs, Kat Hunter, Greg Parmes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ryder at 6 p.m.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning July 2026 report
Transfer Site July 2026 report
Supervisor's July 2026 report
Judge Savage's June & July 2026 report

Res. # 50

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Aimee Martini

Resolved, that the minutes of July 8, 2026 be accepted as read.

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder-aye, Timothy Busler-aye, Jamie Papin-aye, Lynn Brown-absent, Aimee Martini-aye Motion carried.

Res. # 51

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher # 340-343,345-353,357-388,396-402 **Total $ 63,312.19**

General	$ 32,246.76
General O/S	$ 1,738.07
Highway	$ 18,332.22
Highway O/S	$ 10,995.14

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder-aye, Timothy Busler-aye, Jamie Papin-aye, Lynn Brown-absent, Aimee Martini-aye Motion carried.

Res. # 52

Motion by: Jamie Papin
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Ryder as the Chief Financial Officer to handle accounts at the Gouverneur Savings and Loan (accts ending in #3856 and #3859).

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder-aye, Timothy Busler-aye, Jamie Papin-aye, Lynn Brown-absent, Aimee Martini-aye Motion carried.

Discussion:

mail & correspondence:

-NYS Senate letter from Mark Walczyk's office about Coopers Corners.

Coopers Corners intersection:

- Meeting with Scott Gray and DOT at the Theresa Fire Hall about Coopers Corners. Opened the discussion to message or call your Senator. Scott Gray reached out for a meeting. It was basically brainstorming, going back and forth. DOT explained their side of the process and the policies. If the collected data doesn't meet the criteria, if data doesn't meet specifics, then they can't change the speed limit. Traffic lights cause more problems. The area is wide open and sits back, so the larger capital plan for 5 years is submitted for a roundabout. Kris states that they convinced him.
- Ostrander's Corner is going to have a veer off, it has been approved and work will start next year.
- In the meantime, maybe- close some of the entrances, talk to business owners, try to do something on Wilson Rd to accommodate more traffic, would need to be budgeted. Replace reflective tape, add a stop sign, move diner sign. DOT suggested buying solar signs, authorized to put on the State Rd by filling out a permit.
- Jersey barriers, proposing roundabout.

Comprehensive Plan:

- It's going well, small meeting, moving forward, and getting focused in.
- Another meeting mid-September- goals and should have finished product soon.
- If anyone ever has any questions about it, please ask.

Update of Highway Dept.:

- Last mile of paving finished yesterday, hoping to have bills by the end of next week to be reimbursed by CHIPS.
- Big pipe to be replaced on Silver Street.
- Sand to haul before fall.
- Brush head some of the back roads before winter.
- Everything is going really, really well.

Update Park & Rec:

- Kids went to Water Safari yesterday- thanks to a generous donation lunch and ice cream were included.
- TYC received a generous donation from Make Cents of $1000.
- Last day of rec is August 14th.
- The library received a grant from the North Country Community Foundation Wilcox grant for Jade Reynolds to do a painting class for the rec kids.
- Chapman Days August 21-23
    - August 22 at the Rec Center will be Dunking Booth, petting zoo, lemonade stand, chalk art, face painting.
    - All is free to the public.
    - Fire Dept. is having a chicken BBQ and will have the fire trucks out to check out.
    - Janet is selling tickets for the Ducks; the funds are to help make the Library, handicap accessible.
    - Online fishing derby- post pictures in the online thread; 3 kids will win $25 gift card.
    - About 40 kids attend summer recreation program
    - The kids to Eisenhour Locks, Water Safari and the Syracuse Zoo.

Library:

- Memorandum of Understanding: between the Town of Theresa and Theresa Free Library- Pam Brown and Regina Ryder presented a draft to be looked over- safeguard the Town and Theresa Free Library when players change- understanding roles for the future.

Zoning: CAR-

- A lady a few months ago brought a law to Tom about being able to put in a manufactured home, found a loophole. Tom gave it to our atty, it is legit. Manufactured Home is a mobile home in two or more sections, planning board Daren Morgan and John O'Driscoll; what the intent to restrict, tighten back up to uphold what the original intentions were. Have planning board review it, then the Town Board, update discussion with Tom, Daren, Mike and Tom- to include manufactured homes.
- Stated that manufactured homes are much different than they were 30 years ago.
- Table until the next meeting, talk with Tom and have him come to the next meeting.

Bartlett Drive Association:

- Kris thought he had the resolution in the file; it is in the process – Sept. 19th projected date for sealing. Will get the projected Town amount figured out.

Court will have an update at the next meeting in September.

Res. # 53

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the Town Board go into executive session to address personnel issues at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Lynn Brown- absent, Aimee Martini- aye Motion carried.

Res. # 54

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the Town Board ends executive session at 8:19 p.m.

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Lynn Brown- absent, Aimee Martini- aye Motion carried.

Res. # 55

Motion by: Timothy Busler
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE: Kristopher Ryder- aye, Timothy Busler- aye, Jamie Papin- aye, Lynn Brown- absent, Aimee Martini- aye Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Karg
Town Clerk