

The Theresa Town Board held a public hearing & regular meeting March 11, 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	Councilwoman
Aimee Martini	Councilwoman
Vickie Karg	Town Clerk
Mark Savage	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Sheila Woodward, Greg Parmes, Joe Pasquini, Isabelle Savage, Tina Bartlett Bearup

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ryder at 6:01.

Reports received and placed on file:

Town Clerk's & Building & Zoning February 2026 report
Transfer Site February 2026 report
Supervisors February 2026 report
Judge Savage February 2026 report

Res. # 17

Motion by: Lynn Brown
Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the minutes of February 11, 2026 be accepted as read.

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

Proof of Public Hearing having been furnished, Supervisor Ryder opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on Local Law No. 1-2026 entitled "Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C for the 2027 budget".

Res. # 18

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder
Seconded by: Jamie Papin

Resolved, that the following bills be paid:

Voucher # 82,83,85,86,87-95,97,98,100-130 **Total \$ 283,342.02**

General	\$ 95,522.79
General O/S	\$ 753.63
Highway	\$ 41,622.60
Ambulance District	\$ 145,443.00

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

Res. # 19

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder
Seconded by: Lynn Brown

Resolved, that the Local Law No. 1-2026 entitled "Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C for the 2027 budget" be adopted.

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

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Discussion:

Email, mail, correspondence:

Brief open forum:

Tina Bartlett Bearup-

- States that she has property on Butterfield Lake and so does her family that rent properties during the summer and they have renters not coming this summer because of the boat launch shut down.
- Ms. Bearup is going to the Legislative Conference on Monday and would like to have any message points/ strong points or issues for discussion that need to be addressed.
- She is currently on the school board and not seeking re-election to have more time to see what the Towns and Villages need.

Mr. Parmes brought up about the accident that occurred yesterday, DOT feels it is driver errors vs. speed for that area. Mr. Savage feels it's the congestion in that spot. If we could get a speed reduction there would be a little more reaction time. We have had meetings with Scott Gray in the fall. Mr. Savage also feels there are too many signs. FOIL's need to be done to see how other Town's were able to get reductions. Maybe there needs to be a police presence in the area if no reduction is granted or rumble strips.

Supervisor Ryder read an email that was sent last year from DOT.

Mr. Savage stated that he will do what he can from Wilson Rd. Attention needs to be made for the area. Mr. Savage is going to try to reach out to the head of the DOT and see if he can get anywhere. He'd received an email from the head DOT about any problem areas.

Use of Facilities form:

Theresa Progress Group- Easter egg hunt preparations- April 2nd at 6 pm and April 4th, Easter egg hunt and clean-up 8 am-2 pm, has been approved by the Town Board.

Joseph Pasquini- State Boat Launch Closure on Butterfield Lake-

- Is the President of the Butterfield Lake Cottage Owners Association for 16 yrs., lived at the lake for 50 years and his wife has been there for 75 year and total family for about 130 years.
- There is an issue- he received a letter saying that the boat launch would be closed. The DEC is rebuilding an existing boat launch. Mr. Pasquini says that there is a concern for fire police and EMS not having an access point because it's the only boat launch. Mr. Pasquini states that there has been no public outreach. He asked questions about if they were going to do testing when they were dredging. He also states that the State DEC says that it will take 30 days for the concrete to be cured.
- Mr. Pasquini states that they aren't firm about their answers to anything that they are doing and that they didn't think about the consequences for the Lake owners. He says that they pay big taxes and want to get onto the Lake during the summer.
- He is going to make a FOIL request.
- Highway Superintendent Mark Savage will check with Zach Calhoun tomorrow.

Update of Highway Dept.:

- Starting on spring work once the weather allows, cutting brush on Hyde Lake Rd, the new brush head is working excellently.
- Mr. Savage met with Trever Johnson from Suite-Kote who does most of our paving to get quotes for Creek Rd and part of Dano Rd to see how far CHIPS money will take, being that it is over 3 miles long. Dano Rd hasn't been paved in 22 years.
- Next year Silver St, complete rebuild. See how far money takes to do Eddy Rd being that they are two highly traveled roads.
- The guys are doing a great job here at the office, a bunch of work done so far. Stripped downstairs, took boiler out, patched holes in the walls, and took the copper to the salvage yard.

Update Park & Rec:

- ❖ Sheila Woodward asked about summer rec. which will begin July 6th and go for 6 weeks.
- ❖ Ice rink went great for the second year in a row.
- ❖ Baseball had a lot of kids sign up.
- ❖ April 19th Walmart helpers are cleaning up the baseball fields.
- ❖ May 16th playground workday, pergola to go over walkway, fluff mulch, mural on the side of the building, bike rack, pet receptacle and trash, sign installation, benches to stain.

There have been cars parking on the courts and there should be NO parking on them.

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Mr. Savage says that he has some of the bigger rocks he can place around the court because he doesn't want stakes. Mr. Savage wants to get the court sealed, Lynn Brown asked about striping and about getting quotes for striping from Cody Delles.

Court Clerk:

Supervisor Ryder states that it can't be avoided any longer, Lindsey's hours are running out. Advertise for the job now, Judge Savage can start training and new clerk can maybe work with Lindsey as well.

192 tickets since Jan. 1st

Lindsey has been working mostly backlog. Judge Savage states that last week's court night was hellacious- scheduled to have 50-60 cases come in and had 25 or 30. It takes 5 hours to just prepare for court night. 15-16 hours of work a week and still can't get ahead.

The month of January did 92 hours, February did 58 hours, this month made the mistake of not coming in over the weekend and now must catch up. If I was retired, I would have a lot more time to get things cleaned up.

12-15 hours a week for court clerk, could keep up with the current.

New DWI laws/new DMV laws

All the training to keep up to date for the year.

Supervisor Ryder states that the initial shock of the whirlwind is over and now it is just working on stuff as you can and keeping up with the current stuff. The most important thing is to fix this court and ensure that this never happens again.

It has been years since the Court has had communication and transparency.

Res. # 20

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder

Seconded by: Timothy Busler

Resolved, that the Town Board approves the hiring of a clerk for the Town Court, up to 15 hours per week and pay at \$21 per hour.

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

Veteran's tax exemption: See handout

=Bonnie sent Supervisor Ryder an email and Dale Raymo was talking about it, it's going forward and will be implemented in 2027. The Veteran must be 100% disabled and unable to work and received grants to help make home accessible. February the Law was amended that the Town no longer can opt in, it's a must per legislation for those that qualify.

Community Bank:

Supervisor Ryder, Kim and Vickie met with the Bank about the CD's, liquid funds, and money market. Checking accts are going to give a .25% interest rate. Public fund liquid money market rate 2.35% and other savings acct.

Mr. Ryder was going to look around to NYCLASS but it's not local.

Nicole from CBNA said that CD rates for 3 months at 3.15% would be the better route so that the Town is getting a better rate than it has been getting.

NorthShore:

Lynn Brown states that the website is in desperate need of help and needs to be updated.

Supervisor Ryder says that he will get log in and help get it updated. Lynn Brown would like to get the local business published.

ATV:

Lynn Brown states that the Law needs to be abided by. They don't move over; they aren't going with the speed limit, they don't have signals, they are loud. The times are supposed to be sunrise to sunset and not obeying. Rules need to be followed.

Mr. Parmes would like to know what The Progress Group could do more of or what they can change or make better. What would the Town like to see from The Progress Group?

Lynn Brown states that there were a lot of applications for the Russ Wilcox Foundations and everyone got something it may not have been fully funded but something was given. The Community Foundation has a grant for up to \$5000 for a grant writer, we did budget for one but if it were granted then move that money somewhere else.

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TYC:

Thank you to everyone that has made this happen, all the summer rec trips and baseball are funded to be covered.

Res. # 21

Motion by: Kristopher Ryder

Seconded by: Lynn Brown

Resolved, that the meeting be closed at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Karg
Town Clerk