MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD OCTOBER 11, 2016 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: **Mrs. Evelyn Wood, Supervisor**

Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

Mr. John Youngblood, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Councilwoman

Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The Meeting was called to order by **Evelyn Wood, Supervisor**

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION #105:

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Board resolved to approve the September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

CORRESPONDENCES: Letters were received from Michael Eddy, Mary Eddy, Joyce Eddy, Kathy Templeton

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Susan Shepler: The Youth Commission is having the Halloween Party On Saturday October 22nd, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. here at the Town Hall. Children are invited to wear their costumes.

Councilman Eddy: Wanted to read the letter he submitted. **Supervisor Wood** said this was for committee reports. Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Gail Seaman: Gleaning was Monday October 3rd, 2016 and had a really good turnout. They are receiving less meat this month. The meats are donated and it needs to be divided it amongst the food pantries in the area. That is way it is important for

people to sign the sheet. It helps improve the amount we receive.

EMS Report – attached – They are looking for volunteers. Many local EMS are struggling for man power hours. They are in need for drivers and providers. Anyone interested please contact **Steve Emerson**. Lighting the Way campaign is going very well and anyone wishing to get the lights please contact Steve Emerson.

Councilman John Youngblood: Concerts – by the next meeting we will have about two-thirds of the groups signed up for next year.

Highway crew is finishing up preparation for paving on River Road, cleaning out ditches. They are still waiting for the truck bed and the Bolton Truck to be delivered. The reason for the delay of those is the State placed an order for 200 and Pat is on the phone almost daily to make sure we are prioritized. Town of Bolton has not received their truck yet. They have busy doing a lot of other things.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Fairly busy month. I had meetings regarding the health insurance. I attended Bolton's New Visitor's Center opening with many other local officials. They did a fantastic job on the Visitor's Center. I did attend the EMS advisory board meeting. There was a state representative there that spoke and she had some really good things to say. I think it was good for all of us. We had our first Union negation meeting. Later tonight I will ask for an executive session so we can discuss that. We will hold that to the end of the meeting. I changed the Supervisor's report. I do not like the old from Williamson. Let me know if you do not like it. We had an AATV meeting. The State is going through a classification for the Boreas Pond Track property. All the public hearings are scheduled. They are going to be all throughout the state. It is important to turn out for them. The environmental groups are saying that they are an ecological jewel and untouched by man. There are roads, concert dam. What the towns to our north are pushing for is that those that the roads stay intact for bicyclist, snowmobilers, hikers could walk down those roads. Want to allow access and for cars to drive farther in

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so seniors can still access it. If anyone has a change and wants to should attend. The first one starts November 9th, 2016 in Raybrook.

Highway guys have been super. They have been helping us out with the fuel tank. We are just wanting on the containment tank for the Town Hall Building. It should be here next week sometime. We will put that in and then the new tank. Then we will only have the underground tank. We are trying to coordinating with the paving.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are going to hold off on the Recycling Attendant for a little bit. DEC requests. We have talked about them a little bit in the last month or so. We have worked with DEC and Cedarwood extensively. In your packet tonight you have a draft, we got the final rendition this afternoon. So this is in here. It addresses the concerns the DEC has. It has been through DEC, Cedarwood and the Town Attorney. They all have had a look at it and input on it. DEC had requested that we submit it on Friday. I cannot submit it without your approval. I sent them a letter that we would look at it tonight and would hopefully be approved. We will draft a letter with help of the attorney. We have some time why don't you have a look at it.

Last month when we paid the bills the Capital Project has been fully expended. So we will need to identify another source of funds for this work and other work going forward. When we original established it, it was for a $100,000.00. We had additional changes in work in the last little bit. The second time we increased it for about another $72,000.00. That should have seen us through the end of it. We have had all these additional changes. The membrane was $9,000.00 and that was not even part of the plan. I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of that.

BIDS:

The bids were opened at 7:00 p.m. by Jeanie Sprague.

The following bids were submitted by Heidi Haskell with Non-Collusive Certifications:

Bolens Push Mower $10.00

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Bolens Riding Mower $101.00

Husquvarna Push Mower $10.00Bolens Push Mower $10.00

The Following bids were submitted by Luland Taylor with a non-Collusive Certification:

120 L Husquvarna Trimmer, Husquvarna Curve Shaft Trimmer, LRS 251 Sachs Dolmar Trimmer and Troybilt Curve Shaft Trimmer for $26.00 each for a total of $104.00

Bolens Riding Mower $111.00

2001 Dodge Pickup for scrap or parts $111.00

2 Bolens Push Mowers and 2 Husquvarna Push Mowers for $26.00 each for a total of $104.00

Power Plan Setup $202.00

RESOLUTION #106:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to accept the bids submitted by Luland Taylor in the total amount of $632.00.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

RESOLUTION #107:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to approve the plan, have the attorney draft the letter and send to DEC.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

NEW BUSINESS: We are losing our cleaner next week. Does the board want to advertise for the position? Councilman Eddy asked if we could go back to the applications that came in last time. Supervisor Wood stated that it had been over sixty days. We usually don't keep them. Discussion ensued. Does the board want to advertise in the Sun and the web site? Cutoff date of November 14th, 2016.

RESOLUTION # 108:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to move the November Board Meeting to Tuesday November 15th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

I talked to the men at the landfill. We are going to discontinue taking brush November 1st and resume April 1st.

We did receive a proposal today. Warren County SPCA is proposing a contract with a lot of the towns. They gave us some brief information. They would enforce the Town's ordinances regarding dog control. Their staff is fully trained Peace Officers levels 1, 2 and 3. They have a 24/7 hot line. They already go with law enforcement. They can assist the town code enforcement, which would actually be County, in hoarding situations and rehabbing animals. They check all the dogs in Thurman for dog bites and do the recheck after quarantine. They give monthly report. It would be $1,000.00 at the sign of contract. Calls would be $150.00 each, but they would be willing to negotiate that down significantly. They are doing this with other towns now and have heard good things about it. They can handle cats, and other animals, horses, cows and those kind of things. Discussion ensued by the board.

Supervisor Wood asked if the board had any comments or questions on the budget. Our aid to municipalities is holding pretty steady. It is supposedly suppose to be declining every year, but ours has stayed around $20,000.00-$21,000.00. **Councilman Eddy** asked about overriding the tax cap. **Supervisor Wood** said we are under the tax cap right now. We were able to cut and find efficiencies and that has managed to keep us under the tax cap. **Councilman Eddy** asked about the $310,000.00 Bond. **Supervisor Wood** said that is in anticipation of doing the water project. It makes the most sense to Bond the work to keep property taxes down and pay the bond over several years to keep costs down. We anticipate bonding next year to do the water project. Hopefully the board will proceed next year, and if they don't the affected homeowners will not have water put in. Someone will have to explain to DEC why it was not done.

Councilman Eddy asked if we had received any money back from White Space yet? **Supervisor Wood** stated not currently, no.

Councilman Eddy asked do we have any anticipation of grant money coming in. **Supervisor Wood** said she had no knowledge when the state would do it. **Councilman Eddy** asked have we met all of our obligations for the grant. **Supervisor Wood** yes we have. **Councilman Eddy** asked if we had a learning center here at the town hall. **Supervisor Wood** said it was proposed not required. We do have internet access here through the Wifi.

Councilman Eddy asked what bonding agent are we going through. **Supervisor Wood** said we would be going through Miller and Mannix and it would depend on when we bond is who we would go through. **Councilman Eddy** asked if that cost of going through the town attorney was figured out in the $310,000.00. **Supervisor Wood** said yes. **Councilman Eddy** brought up what was spent on White Space. Discussion ensued about White Space, River Road Grant and tax payers' money.

Supervisor Wood said we are good for personal services for the cemeteries is good. We currently do not have a Cemetery Superintendant that money is for the workers. Bumped Veteran's services up to $250.00. The attorney was bumped up in anticipation of bonding and the Winters' lawsuit. We do not have the sidewalks in there and a number of other things. Board discussed SPCA proposal further. The tax collector's contractual was bumped up a little to $,2,500.00. The Board also discussed highway, buildings, carded entrances, medical insurance, salaries, raises, consolidated highway, salt, and equipment. It is a .4% increase from last year.

RESOLUTION #109:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to Adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2017.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

RESOLUTION #110:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to set a Public Hearing date for November 15th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m..

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

RESOLUTION #111:

Resolution to Contract for Professional Services

WHEREAS the position of confidential secretary to the supervisor is vacant, and

WHEREAS there is an opportunity for savings to the town by contracting for service until the end of the year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into a contract for the service of a confidential secretary for the period of October 12, 2016 until December 31, 2016 in the amount of $1,500.00.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, Resolution #111 was passed.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

RESOLUTION #112:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to authorize the due to and due from the General Fund to the Capital Fund in the amount of $9,400.04.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler** the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 Ayes ~Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

August 23, 2016

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WARRENSBURG
EMS

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Operations Manager

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Our Patients Are Our First Priority
Our Members Are Our Greatest Asset

October 11, 2016

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for September 2016. We handled a total of 5 calls in town. 3 were ALS calls, 1 call was for a "lift assist only", and 1 was for an EMS Code 4 so no times were generated. Our average response time to being on scene was just over 15 minutes.

HELP NEEDED! Warrensburg EMS strives every day to provide excellent and timely care to those that need our services. Recently however, all EMS agencies are struggling with manpower problems, and this is true with Warrensburg EMS as well. We need drivers as well as trained providers. This is a genuine need so we can continue to provide the high level of service that people expect from Warrensburg EMS. Anyone interested in joining our team and helping your neighbors, please contact me as soon as possible, so we can get you on board.

Our ***"Lighting the Way to YOU"*** campaign is going well and we have already installed several bulbs and more will be scheduled to be installed soon. If anyone has any questions about this program or you would like a bulb installed, please call me, or call the squad building at 623-4911, and please leave a message.

All Thurman Town Board Members and residents are more than welcome to contact me at any time if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached on my cell phone at 232-0817. I would like to thank the Town Board and the Thurman residents for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson

Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager
Warrensburg EMS, Inc.

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE
9/4/2016	16-31668	ALS	EMS CODE 4	NO TIMES
9/11/2016	16-32636	ALS	HEAD AND KNEE INJURY	3 MINUTES
9/14/2016	16-33087	ALS	RIGHT HAND PAIN	3 MINUTES
9/20/2016	16-34522	ALS	POSSIBLE OVERDOSE	4 MINUTES
9/28/2016	16-34739	BLS	LIFT ASSIST	3 MINUTES

ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
NO TIMES
13 MINUTES
11 MINUTES
14 MINUTES
23 MINUTES

Joyce Eddy
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Athol, N.Y. 12810

A public hearing is suppose to be for the public to be heard.

During the public hearing, July 20, 2016 there were letters from people that couldn't attend. The town clerk asked the board if the letters could be read?

town Board member Gail Seaman, said "the board needed to adhere to the policy" Resolution # 13 2012. Correspondence can not be read and privilege of the floor is not allowed.

On September 14, 2016, a letter to the board concerning box top + lids was read. Good for one good for all, Why wasn't the other letter read to the board and public?

At the same meeting September 14-2016 Perky Granger was allowed to talk about Fall Farm tow Good for one Good for all, Why weren't the rest of th citizen allowed to speak?

The board disregarded the rules twice during the same meeting, they recently vowed to enforce

It is obvious, that Supervisor Wood and her selected board members, believe they are above the rules of the Town of Thurman. They can pick and choo whose letter is read, who can speak at a board meeting, or when to adhere to the policies.

Democratic administration, obviously not

Sincerely Joyce Eddy

Oct 11 - 2016 Attach to minutes

Mary Eddy
P. O. Box 9
Athol, NY 12810

To: Thurman Town Board October 7, 2016

The ridge cap of the Harris House blew off around April or May and is still not replaced.The town has been paying a maintenance person.

At one meeting when the Supervisor was asked why the ridge cap hadn't been replaced she said, " the edges were just turned up."

Why hasn't the ridge cap been replaced all summer? This is October.

There was a petition filed by a concerned citizen, Mrs. Ronnie Dibble, in June, for the Harris House to be saved. There are people that would take care of this historical building. A new furnace was installed and used for 2 winters.

Why has this administration ignored Mrs. Dibble's request and not addressed the petition or discussed the Harris House at a town meeting in public?

In April 2016 there were over 40 paint cans placed on the Harris House porch, many full or partially full.

Why are the cans still setting on the porch in October 2016?

In November 12, 2013, the town board discussed including the cost of painting the town hall in the budget. The paint was peeling and the building was in dire need of attention.

Why isn't the exterior of the town hall done in stages, one wall section sanded and painted at a time? Not a major cost all at once.

Why hasn't there been any attempt by this administration to maintain the disgraceful exterior of the town hall?

The entrance concrete sidewalk has been severly deteriorated. One maintenance person made an attempt to patch it, which lasted almost as long as took to patch it.

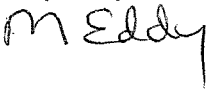
Mrs. Shepler mentioned getting quotes at 3 meeting in April and May 2016.

Why hasn't the maintenance personnel been directed to replace the concrete walk in the past 3 years?

Managerial Details, but the town lawns are not neglected and have been mowed religiously whether necessary or not.

Mary Eddy

Please attach to minutes



Michael Eddy
Legally Elected Thurman Town Boad Member
October 7, 2016

To: The 2 Legal Setting Thurman Town Board Member & Taxpayers

The Salt contamination problem is decades old. Salt has been stored and mixed behind the town hall/garage since the 50's and 60's.

The DEC violations were received by Thurman in May 2012.

The delays to the solutions for the DEC violation has been going on since this administration has been in office.

The Town Resolutions to move forward, in 2013, with the Salt Shed project were approved before I became a board member. There have not been any Resolutions to cause the delays in the 3 years since 2013.

I did call DEC the end of July. Residents called me after seeing multiple loads of the salted soil from the salt shed area being dumped around town. There was enough soil slurry removed from that area to fill the picnic pavilion on the ball field more than twice. And that is on the conservative side. One and all have a right to be concerned about more contamination in Thurman.

I also called Pat Wood. He said the salt slurry had been taken to the Thurman town landfill. I went to the Thurman landfill and there were only about 6 dump truck loads there. Far, far less than the amount removed from salt shed area.

I called Mr. Suozo, Cedarwood Engineering, and asked who was responsible for the removal of the salted slurry from the salt shed area.

Mr. Suozo, said he was only responsible for shooting the grades to level the area for the cap.

DEC said that there is only one location permitted, designed and allowed to receive that type of soil in Warren County. Thurman town landfill is not designed nor permitted to accept the salted soil from the salt shed area. Thurman landfill is permitted for C&D (Construction and Demolition Debris).

After Supervisor Woods August 6, 2014 and September 14, 2016 lengthy dictatorial tirades of accusations to blame others for the management and coordination to solve DEC violations and complete the salt shed project, I absolutely did call DEC again to see which parts were true. After so many years of falsehoods, you can't tell fact from fiction. Go to the Source. In this case the source it is the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

You can listen to Supervisor Woods September 14th speech online and/or read her attached speech along with the following rebuttals.

Supervisor Wood, "The DEC comes out, Cedarwood has to draft more plans."

Cedarwood drafted a plan, DEC approved the plan in 2013. The plans were not followed. According to DEC the drains were not installed as designated on the approved plan. Any and all excavation sites are required to have a silt fence installed to surround the perimeter. The silt fence is to prevent any run off into ditches, springs or other property until excavation is completed. A silt fence has never been erected in 3 years.

Supervisor Wood, (because of the calls to DEC), "We got a $7,000.00 bill (Cedarwood) this month and probably another $15,000.00 unbudgeted work this month."

Cedarwood's approved bill for September payment of over $7,000.00 - description of work completed: on-site survey, field report, forms & estimate preparation, town hall sampling, quarterly visual monitoring.

Supervisor Wood, " The DEC changed their mind 4 times today."

At least 3 FOIL requests were sent to Town of Thurman requesting documentation of DEC changes. Response from Supervisor Wood, "The requested record is not in my Office".

A FOIL request was sent to DEC for changes. DEC response - Pursuant to phone conversation with Chad Seivers, of our Warrensburg sub-office, please be advised that a diligent search of the files maintained by the Department produced no responsive records.

Supervisor Wood,(because of calls to DEC) " DEC wants the underground tank taken out".

DEC did an inspection in October 2015 and sent a notice of violation concerning fuel tanks in November 2015. Several letters between DEC, Thurman and Cedarwood were sent between January and March 2016. One tank was replaced, the rest of the tanks ignored. These violations have not been solved to date, a year later. In a letter from Supervisor Wood to DEC: In regards to a heating fuel tank to be removed from the building after the heating season - the work is planned to be done on or about May 1, 2016. Another detail ignored, and delayed. by the Town Supervisor/ Manager/Coordinator. Heating season is here again.

Supervisor Wood, " Last week we narrowly evaded a consent order with mandatory fines." I don't know that we are out of the woods yet."

It has been 3 years since the DEC approved the plans in 2013 and there was notice of daily fines included. 3 years and the project is going into a 4th year without the proper drains in place and the salt shed area capped.

Supervisor Wood, " We have over $80,000.00 in engineering fees thus far and that number is going to go right through the roof."

Consolidate all Cedarwood bills, Abstract Account #5190.2, - Cedarwood has been paid over $122,000.00 since the salt problem was brought to the town boards attention in January 2012.

Supervisor Wood, "we were under the tax cap yesterday." "We tacked on another $250,00.00 on the budget today."

The Supervisor as Thurman's Day to Day Operations Officer, Manager and Coordinator needs to complete the details of the Salt Problem and adhere to the DEC approved plan.

Supervisor Wood, " I'll spend all night rewriting the SWPP (Storm Water Prevention Plan) tonight."

DEC said that the SWPP was outdated and overdue. An Engineer is required to complete the SWPP forms.

Or, if Supervisor Wood is qualified to file the SWPP why did Thurman pay Cedarwood $2,970.00 to file the Highway Garage SWPP in April 2016?

Enough with the blame, accusations, delays and falsehood.

The DEC violations were received in May 2012. This administration needs to learn to Deal with them and get the job accomplished.

This administration needs to address the resident contaminated water supply. It is abominable that the water situation has been ignored, delayed and not solved for more than one homeowner in 4 years. Two wells have been drilled and just set there.

As one board member, I can not move this administration forward, backward or in any direction. That is why there is suppose to be 5 legally elected board members.

Don't be led by the nose.

Any taxpayer or citizen is free to call DEC, ask questions and get your own answers.

Please attach all to minutes.

Michael Eddy
Legally elected Board Member

September 14, 2016 Thurman Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Wood report: (verbatim from audio recording)

Starting at approximately 28 minutes ending approximately 36 minutes

RE: Phone Calls to DEC

A couple of requests. It's a little hard to do right now.
With all the additional calls, complaints, delays.
Every time somebody calls DEC and say, Oh My , such and such has happened.
We halt work, we wait, they come out . They look everything over.
We talk about it.
Then everybody proceeds.
It's been going on for a while now.
It's really ramped up in the last month and a couple of the board members who were doing budgeting asked me for estimated costs.
I want to let you guys know
I am working on that
I do not have the final costs for what it was for the last month yet.
Because not all the bills have come in
But essentially time town alone it cost about one thousand six hundred fifty dollars every day we pause.
And then on top of that and we've seen Cedarwood bill for this month.
It's enormous.
Because every time we stop , we've got to get an engineer on sight.
They got to come out
They have to draft plans.
It's not like we can draw diagrams and ship them in.
So we got a $7,000.00 bill there for this month.
By my calculations
We probably did about $15,000.00 in unbudgeted work this month.
And that's not all the bills are in
There's going to be attorney bills, you are going to see more bills in the future as long as this continues.
The cost is going to escalate.
I regret it.
I'm very sorry to the people, but
You're going to pay for this.
But you're gonna pay and
You are gonna pay a lot.
Let me tell you.
Today DEC changed their mind 4 times

Every time they change their mind we have to go and fix something
Every time I have to call the engineer to fix something, we got to pay the engineer.
We got to go back and forth.
It's lost time.
It's lost money.
It's lost staff time.
River Road should be paved by now. We don't know if we're going to get River Road paved or not. We are hung up here.
Then the other thing to keep in mind, the longer we don't get the Cap on the hill.
It's not helping anybody.
It's not helping the people who have impacted homes.
DEC wants the underground tank taken out. Until we get the hill finished we can't remove the tank out of the ground.
So there is a very good likely hood
We will likely see fines for not getting that out of the road.
We have had, the bids are done, everything is done all set to go.
We can't pull it, till we get the paving done on top of the hill.
Pat is going absolutely berserk trying to move this forward as much as possible.
DEC has been on sight this week, they made changes today, and will make changes tomorrow, I'm certain.
Last week we narrowly evaded a consent order with mandatory fines.
I don't know that we are out of the woods yet.
We have a certain small segment of the population who is calling and making all sorts of complaints or concerns or what not.
I can't do anything about that.
It doesn't hurt me
I'll be very clear.
It does not hurt me.
If I have to take 10 minutes out of my day to set on the phone with the engineers, meet the engineers, go talk to DEC
I'll do it
Doesn't bother me a bit.
What bothers me is, it should bother you.
It Isn't costing the engineers.
It is costing you a fortune.

We have over $80,000.00 in engineering fees thus far and that number is going to go right through the roof and the really sad part - the part that is really upsetting,
who is it hurting most?
The people who need water. So everyone is aware, nobody pass out incitement.
That's not happening this year!
We had the specs started, we had a plan in place. We are waiting for final approvals.
I'll can tell you as of last week that is off the table for this year!
You will not see water for these homes until next year. There is no actual way we could complete it and get approvals in time because DEC is completely wrapped up on this hill. So I will do the best I can in the budget.
I'll tell you we were under the tax cap yesterday. WE are so far over it today. It isn't even funny. We tacked on another $250,000.00 on the budget today alone.
You guys need to be aware. This constant calling DEC.
They can do it,
They can keep doing it.
And we know Who is doing it.
You know Who is doing it, I'm more than sure.
If anyone wants to see the emails. I'd be happy to hand them over.
But it's unfortunate that this is happening to You.
I'm sorry
I apologize to you.
I will do the best I can
But there is nothing I can do to stop these people from calling DEC every 3rd hour and bottom line. It's going to cost you folks cause you're going to pay for it and it's going to cost the homeowners that are affected cause they are Not going to get any water. And you are also going to pay to provide them with water until we get the water system in.
So that's my update to the board.
DEC will lecture me lengthy tomorrow, I'm more than certain because I'm not suppose to tell you folks that.
I'm not suppose to tell you who is calling, who is complaining.
They don't like it.
I was told quite frankly that they were very unhappy that I would actually tell you folks what is going on.

It is what it is.
But you should all know on the 30th I'm going to present a budget.
I'm going to do the best I can.
You have 1 lawsuit now, you have the threat of a consent order and mandatory fines.
And there is another possible lawsuit coming.
I can tell you 2017 my personal expectation you see that 3rd one manifest you are going to pay for all of it.
And I'm sorry there is nothing I can do because we have hustled all year, put aside road repair, tree removal, all this stuff for the highway garage that they normally need to get done, So you guys have good roads to drive on and what not. And the matter of the fact is we have lost that, we have lost a years worth of paving.
You are losing all sorts of stuff, left, right and sideways. And all it does is compound the cost because it's not only the lost time, but also loss of future use. You are going to lose another year on River Road.
I'm frustrated with it.
It's been a long day, things have changed **4 times** today , it can change **4** times tomorrow.
I don't know what will be tomorrow,
It will be what it is and we are going to get through it.
I'll spend all night rewriting the SWPP tonight.
It is not an issue.
I'll go back and forth with the engineers. I'll do what ever I have to do
But I want to make it clear it doesn't bother me.
It's not hurting Me personally,
It is hurting you,
You guys need to know it and
I apologize to you
But these folks don't seem to care.
You are going to pay for it and there is nothing I can do about that.
But if I were the town I would start telling them to knock it off.
Again it is your pocket book whatever you'd like to do is fine with me.
I'm just making you aware of it.

That's the end of my report.

Please attach to minutes with my Letter: Michael Eddy

Andrew & Kathy Templeton

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Thurman Town Hall

Attn: Jeanie Sprague

cc: Evelyn Wood, Michael Eddy, John (Jey) Youngblood, Gail Seaman, and Susan Shepler

P.O. Box 29

Athol NY 12810

Re: Thurman Jack Wax Party

October 9, 2016

Dear board members and fellow residents,

At the July 20, 2016 Public Hearing, the supervisor, asked whether the board wished to have letters read in whole. Gail Seaman is quoted saying "I don't want them read in whole, I'd just as soon maintain policy." At the September 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, an organizer of the Box-tops and labels for education submitted a letter which was read in whole without discussion. Additionally, at that same meeting the organizers of the Fall Farm Tour were allowed to give a presentation supporting the Fall Farm Tour event. Again, no discussion by the board to permit the presentation by the event organizer(s) of the Fall Farm Tour took place in public view. Precedent has been set during the September 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Therefore, we request this letter be read in whole, not summarized.

On September 30, 2016 at approximately 2:15 pm we were alerted by Persis Granger to the fact that a large portion of donated items and items we personally purchased for and loaned to the Jack Wax Party had been discarded. These items were housed at the town hall in the basement upon verbal permission, knowledge and request of the supervisor. We were told Items were disposed of after a spring flood of the hall basement.

Enclosed you will find an inventory of materials at the conclusion of the event last year and the current inventory after the unauthorized disposal.

There were 2 plastic totes impervious to damage which contained materials which were summarily disposed of. They are listed with an asterisk on the 2016 inventory list.

Additionally, a portable electric oven (value $60) (which was a gift to Kathy for Christmas from her mother) has gone missing.

The supplies were placed on plastic pallets 3 inches tall. We have been told that the water in the basement hall was 1 inch deep.

We are deeply saddened by the arbitrary taking of materials and feel all of Thurman should be made aware of this action. We were never notified of flooding and never notified of the necessity to dispose of donated materials and our possessions. Of course the Supervisor has our contact information (i.e. home phone number and email address.) Additionally, the deputy supervisor should have had contact information for the event organizers, and the supervisor's secretary (at the time) had personal knowledge of Kathy's cell phone number. However, no attempt to contact either of us, as the organizers, by any means took place.

We are left feeling unsure whether or not these items were in fact damaged, having never been contacted and therefore unable to assess the alleged damaged property. No photographs have yet been provided, furthermore, those given the responsibility and permission of removing the items have yet to be named.

We put a lot of time and lost earnings into this event every year to secure donations. After many years we had enough materials to support the Jack Wax Celebration for 2017. We are now back to day one for supplies.

As many of you are aware corporate donations are on a decline and not having to ask every year for materials enabled us the ability to ask only when it was necessary. We are not sure how our contributors are going to respond to our requests this year. We can only hope they will be able to help us.

Therefore, we, as the event organizers, request that the board make good on the replacement of disposed of property. We were given reassurance by the board that storage of these supplies in the hall would be secure. That appears to not be true. Total loss of supplies, approx. $750.00.

Please attach to the Board Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew & Kathy Templeton

2 Portable Electric Ovens (White)

1 Slow Cooker/Crock Pot

30 Large size shafing station aluminum pans *

75 half size shafing station aluminum pans *

1000 plastic knives *

1000 plastic spoons *

1000 plastic forks *

1000 dinner napkins *

1000 Styrofoam cups

75 Jack Wax trays

500 plates

18 Red Gingham tablecloths *

30 Renyolds browning bags *

1 box Salada tea *

1 digital meat thermometer *

1 plastic cutting board *

1 roll aluminum foil *

1 roll plastic wrap *

1 roll wax paper *

6 Gallon size Rubbermaid food storage containers *

8 cans sterno

12 cans sterno partially used

1 box nametags *

2 partial roll(s) tickets

Flowers for dressing tables

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*Contained in plastic totes

1 Portable Electric Oven (White)

1 Slow Cooker/Crock Pot

2 Empty totes

Flowers for dressing tables

1 box nametags

1 partial roll tickets

4 cans sterno partially used

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