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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD MARCH 29, 2016 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn Wood, Supervisor
Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman
Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman
Mr. John Youngblood, Councilman
Mrs. Susan Shepler, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION #45:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Town Board resolved to approve the Minutes from March 8, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION #46:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Town Board resolved to accept and approve the amended Abstract 003 in the amount of \$97,115.51 from the March 8, 2016 meeting..

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

1 Nay ~ Eddy

Councilman Michael Eddy asked if there had been a meeting with two board members and the supervisor. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Michael Eddy exited the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Discussion by the Board about brush and leaf disposal. No stumps, a possible size limit and no boards with nails on what is taken. We will not need any permits or inspections because of the

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desired use. Chipping the brush and limbs into wood chips and we can either use it or give them away to the residents. Leaves we can do composting but has to be less than 3000 cubic yards.

C & D we have gone ahead and covered it. We are looking like we are getting close to our boundaries. Need to have someone to come down from Cedarwood to see where we are versus the boundary and how much life is left. Do we need to start planning expansion of the C & D or even if we can.

A request came in to **Patrick Wood, Highway Superintendent**, from Kubricky about disposal of concrete decking around 2,000 yards from the Route 28 Bridge. One possibility is where the old land fill is to dispose of it there if we can get a permit from DEC. Board discussed inquiring with DEC about getting approval. Board does not want to fill our C & D with it. Supervisor Wood will call Dave Mt. Pleasant to inquire about the town's options with a clean fill.

Cemeteries: In the Reynolds Cemetery fencing is getting wobbly and rusty in spots. It looks bad. There is an enormous tree in Reynolds Cemetery that needs to be taken down. Board will look into getting that tree removed.

RESOLUTION #47:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Town Board resolved to approve the travel for May 12th and 13th for Finance School for **Sally Feihel** and **Evelyn Wood**, and for April 13th and 14th Local Government Days for **Susan Shepler, Jey Youngblood and Evelyn Wood**.

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

The Multi Year Financial Plan for the 2016 Year is on file in the clerk's office. Discussion about the Multi Year Plan ensued.

Discussion from the board on the quotes for the new phone system:

- 1) Storedtech - \$8,129.89
- 2) Verizon - did not give an exact quote on removing old lines and replacing the lines. \$199.99 for the phone system, requires a two year term. Flat rate of \$35.99 per month per phone.
- 3) KB 24 - sent two proposals, both consists of tens phones and voices, three fax machines and eliminate several of our phone lines. The difference between the two proposals is the phone – one is a twelve button and the other is a twenty-four button phone with extra features. Twelve button phone is \$3,607.04 and the twenty-four button phone is \$4,098.32.

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The phone in the vestibule will be kept by itself, not part of our system. The 'snow phone' allowed residents to call for help if there were problems. Need to restrict the calling so there will be no long distance calling.

RESOLUTION #48:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Town Board resolved to approve:

Resolution to Authorizing Telephone System

WHEREAS the town has experienced issues with its telephone system, including but not limited to loss of ability to fax, dead lines, line disrepair, loss of answering service, inability to transfer calls, inability to receive or make phone calls, and

WHEREAS this difficulty has impacted the town's ability to conduct the day to day business of the town and serve the public effectively, and

WHEREAS the Town Board wishes to resolve these issues as soon as reasonably possible to correct the difficulties in operations, and

WHEREAS the town has received at least three written quotes for the repair of the phone system, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board selects KB 24 Communications at a cost of \$4,098.32 to repair the phone system and authorizes the supervisor to sign any necessary documents, a down payment of \$3,073.74 with a committal of the date to start and make the arrangements to have the repair take place.

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

Discussion by the board on the building evaluations done by Cedarwood and possible solutions to the problems raised by the evaluations. **Councilwoman Shepler** and **Councilman Youngblood** were asked to go to the different departments and see what the issues and needs are.

DEC is supposed to be here in April.

RESOLUTION #49:

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board resolved to move into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person associated with the Whitespace Project.

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

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RESOLUTION #50:

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board resolved to come back from Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. and no action was taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman** the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 Ayes ~Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

April 11, 2016