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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JUNE 14, 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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR Loretta Santasier and the Victims of the Shooting in Florida

RESOLUTION #73:

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board resolved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2016, the Emergency Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2016 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016.

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

Supervisor Wood said that after the last meeting there were a lot inquires about the Rules of Correspondence at Board Meetings. We went back and had a look and we do have Rules of Correspondence Policy from 2012, we have not strictly adhered to them and should start to. Specifically it says 'All the correspondence to the Town Board shall be acknowledged at a regular meeting of the Town Board. Letters shall not be read aloud at meetings. Correspondence shall not be printed in the minutes unless it is specifically requested.' We are going to adhere to the policy henceforth.

CORRESPONDENCES: A petition was filed in the Town Clerk's Office, 'Petition to save the "Harris House" built in 1890 from being removed or destroyed & now located next to the Town

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Garage in Athol, NY'. The petition is on file in the clerk's office for review. The following letters were received from **Michael Eddy, Sally Jo Wallace** and **Gary Martin**.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Gail Seaman: Gleaning – Had a great assortment and 48 signed up for the gleaning. The new hours are working out for a few more people and the hours will continue.

EMS Report – attached – Lighting the Way campaign is going and anyone wishing to get the lights please contact them.

Councilman John Youngblood: Highway Report – Filling in to get the cemeteries mowed and taking down a few fallen trees. Ready to replace the fuel tanks.

Concerts – There have been a number of volunteers that have been sprucing up the area for the concerts. We have resolved the drainage problem in town.

Councilwoman Shepler: Youth Committee is very busy sprucing up for the concerts.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Did have the meeting with DEC and DOH and discussed our plans. WE are having plans prepared for submittal and expect to be moving forward and get done by the end of the summer.

We are working on the underground fuel tank removal and replacement. We have received two quotes and are expecting more.

Glens Falls Business Machines have been bought out. We have been getting a lot of quotes from other companies.

Homeland Securities sent a request and we sent them the information requested.

July 1st, the consolidated purchasing with the county will start.

Want to thank the highway guys they have been super helpful. The highway guys cleaned up the down branch.

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I have had a lot of complaints about Verizon about people's services going out and taking weeks to get it fixed. I am currently trying to find out why it is taking so long.

I had a wonderful visit in the Town of Bolton and it was very nice. They will have their visitor's center open shortly. They are doing some wonderful projects over there. Saw the truck we have been discussing and it is very nice and well kept. Our guys have been helping haul for the ball field.

We have a land bank resolution tonight. Many towns have been finding that they need to do little land swaps with the state so things can get fixed. There is a constitutional amendment that will be proposed by **Betty Little** and **Dan Stec** may take it. We are all passing resolutions to support it.

DEC sent an email that they are now hiring seasonal employees.

We received the garbage bags. They did contact us because they had an overage and they wanted to know if we wanted it. We did not take the overage.

I wanted to thank **Dick Granger**. He has the welcome to and date on the welcome sign. It looks wonderful and I appreciate it.

We have received notice that tentative equalization rate for the town is a hundred percent this year.

We had one resignation from the Board of Assessment Review. **Carolyn Groovevant** resigned. We have two open seats now. Anyone that is interested please send a letter of interest.

OLD BUSINESS:

IT Services contract and everyone has had some time to look it over. Do we want to award or reject it?

Councilwoman Shepler suggested that we seek out other proposals. **Councilman Youngblood** supports that. He had a chance to talk to some people there and thinks it a

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good idea. **Supervisor Wood** suggested that all proposals are rejected.

RESOLUTION #74:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to reject all the proposals for the It Services Contract.

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

1 Abstention ~ Eddy

Supervisor Wood asked Councilman Eddy is there was a conflict. Discussion ensued about abstention.

Supervisor Wood was contacted again about Route 28 Bridge. Is there any interest in revisiting that or let it stand. **Councilwoman Seaman** said to let it stand. **Councilman Youngblood** also said to let it stand. **Councilwoman Shepler** and **Councilman Eddy** are fine with that.

The truck purchase from the Town of Bolton. The Town of Bolton did look into trading it. They were given \$20,000.00 as a trade in. They would rather have it go to another municipality if they offered \$20,000.00. Is the board comfortable with offering \$20,000.00? Discussion ensued about the truck and the price.

Councilman Eddy did look at the truck. He asked what truck we are going to be getting rid of. **Supervisor Wood** said that we are going to keep it as a backup.

RESOLUTION #75:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to approve the increase to offer the Town of Bolton \$20,000.00 for the truck for the highway department.

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

No Vote ~ Eddy

Consolidated purchasing – Julie from the County has sent up the spreadsheets that we will use to track our purchasing power.

NEW BUSINESS:

The copier company was sold. We have received several offers. Seeley's, National and from the company that bought GFBM Repeat Business. Repeat Business is offering to leave our contract the same. Our copier is at least seven years old at this point. Supervisor Wood asked Repeat Business to send our original contract over. National has the state contract. We only have black and white. The Assessors do need color for some things. We have been prices for both black and white as well as color.

Community Vision Workshop. **Councilman Youngblood** and **Councilwoman Shepler** have been looking at the buildings. Eventually we would like to apply for grants. **Councilman Youngblood** and **Councilwoman Shepler** would like to hold a community workshop. Stations are step up and people can come in and give suggestions and ideas of what they think the town needs. The town board does not put it on. A third party will do the workshop.

Councilman Eddy asked if that was part of the Thurman Planning Board. **Supervisor Wood** stated that there has not been a planning board since the 80's. Discussion ensued.

Board of Assessment Review Voucher was submitted incorrectly. We believe that there was a miscommunication of what the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board of Assessment Review got on top of the \$150.00 that you get for sitting on the board.

RESOLUTION #76:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to approve the Change to Kathy Templeton's voucher from \$400.00 to \$250.00.

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

Supervisor Wood brought up that one assessor has been out for six months. The other two assessors shouldering the burden of three. Wanted the board to be aware there may be a resignation from the assessor. Discussion of the options that are available if a vacancy does occur in the Assessor's Office.

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Filling the vacant positions. **Doug Needham** has resigned. Would like to bring back three separate positions of cleaner, maintenance and recycling attendant. Discussion ensued about separating the positions and the about to be paid for each.

The Court Clerk, **Joanna Cummings** talked to **Supervisor Wood** training that she has attended every year.

RESOLUTION #77:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to approve the training for Joanna Cummings on July 19, 2016 and July 20, 2016.

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

Issue with garbage truck the side has a large hole. Work has been done on it already. Wanted to let everyone know that it is not going to last as long as we want it to. Garbage truck could go out to bid and switch to a compactor.

ITEMS OF INTERST

The Summer Concert Series starts July 4th. The Nettle Meadow is having the cheese and spirits pairing this weekend. Tickets are still available for purchase ahead of time.

RESOLUTION #78:

Resolution Approving Advertisement

WHEREAS, the Thurman Town Board received a request from to advertize the town and its events in the Dining and Entertainment Guide, and

WHEREAS the Town has done so in previous years, and

WHEREAS half the cost of the ad will be reimbursed to the town as part of Warren County's First Wilderness Corridor, and

WHEREAS the town board conceptually approved submitting an ad at its February meeting, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes a full page ad in the amount of \$945 to be funded by Occupancy tax.

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, Resolution #78 was approved.

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

1 Nay ~ Eddy

RESOLUTION #79:

Resolution to Hold Community Visioning Workshop

WHEREAS the Town Board desires to gain a better understanding of the thoughts of the community, and

WHEREAS the Town Board values the public's input in on all aspects of the town, and

WHEREAS the Town Board is currently endeavoring to begin work on both a Capital Plan and Community Plan for the future of the town, and

WHEREAS the Town Board desires to gain initial general input to assist with this process,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to arrange for a community visioning workshop led by an independent party to take place at the town hall for the purposes of gathering input from citizens.

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution #79 was approved.

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

1 Nay ~Eddy

RESOLUTION #80:

Resolution to Fill Positions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town will fill the following vacant positions:

Cleaner - up to 9 daytime hours a week, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour

Maintenance - up to 15 hours per week at a rate of \$10.00 per hour

Recycling Attendant - 19 hours per week at a rate of \$9.00 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the positions shall be advertized in The Sun and on the town's website and applications will be accepted until June 22, 2016.

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, Resolution # 80 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #81:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A LAND BANK AND TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW AND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, IN RELATION TO THE REGIONAL LAND BANKS FOR PROJECTS ON STATE LAND WITHIN THE ADIRONDACK PARK

WHEREAS, the location of some New York State “Forever Wild” Forest Preserve ownership to local population centers in the Adirondacks and Catskills has created hardships for municipalities as they provide health, safety and welfare services to their constituents, and

WHEREAS, these hardships range from communities in which the State Forest Preserve exceeds 96% of all lands, to communities where State land intertwines with community centers hindering attempts to address such basic needs as bridge relocation, clean drinking water, reliable electric power distribution, broadband service, proper placement of municipal buildings, safe roadways and other various circumstances which constitute severe hardship, and

WHEREAS, the State Land Master Plan clearly states the desirability of a Constitutional Amendment providing a Land Bank of modest acreage that would permit small scale land exchanges to avoid the difficult amendment process, such as those now part of Article XIV, § 1 of the NYS Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Legislative Delegation, lead by Senator Elizabeth Little & Assemblyman Dan Stec, the New York State DEC, the Common Ground Alliance, and a working group of local government, environmental groups and utility companies has developed bills which would approve submission to the voters of the state of an amendment to Article XIV of the New York State Constitution to create a road and bridge land bank, and which would lead to the adoption of legislation to provide for access to the land bank for environmental infrastructure, utilities, and water wells, and codifying the right to have public utility infrastructure within road rights of ways, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Thurman believes the proposed amendments will address many of the hardships Adirondack and Catskill municipalities have faced as they work to provide services to their constituents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Thurman supports Senate and Assembly Bills to resolve these issues in a permanent way; expresses its deep appreciation for the work of Senator Elizabeth Little, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Senator Hugh Farley, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and numerous Catskill legislators, the New York State DEC and all involved in the drafting of the Bills; and urges the New York State legislature to approve these Bills.

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, Resolution #81 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #82:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: 2016 Abstract 006 (General Fund - \$26,413.94; Highway Fund - \$14,259.55, Capital Fund - \$11,016.20 and Enterprise Fund - \$1,243.23) for a total of \$52,932.92.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board approved payment of the claims.

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

1 Nay ~ Eddy

RESOLUTION #83:

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 \$11,016.20.

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

1 Nay ~ Eddy

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman** the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

June 28, 2016

WARRENSBURG



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

July 12, 2016

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for June 2016. We handled a total of 4 calls in town. 1 of the calls was a BLS lift assist only, and 3 were ALS calls. Our average response time to being on scene was 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes. Johnsburg EMS also covered a call in town as we were already out on another call.

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 this coming week. 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

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Thurman Calls handled by Warrensburg EMS

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DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
6/11/2016	16-19483	BLS	PT LIFT ASSIST	4 MINUTES	28 MINUTES
6/20/2016	16-20865	ALS	CHEST PAIN	4 MINUTES	12 MINUTES
6/22/2016	16-21120	ALS	COPD/DIFF BREATHING	3 MINUTES	15 MINUTES
6/26/2016	16-21735	ALS	HEADACHE	2 MINUTES	12 MINUTES