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**MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JULY 14, 2015, 2015 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...**

**PRESENT:**     **MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR**  
**MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. DANIEL SMITH, COUNCILMAN**  
**MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN**

**ABSENT:**     **MR. MICHAEL EDDY, COUNCILMAN**

Recording secretary: **Cynthia R. Hyde**, Town Clerk

**FISCAL MEETING:** The Town Board reviewed all claims.

**BOARD MEETING:** The regular town board meeting was called to order by **Evelyn Wood, Supervisor.**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**MAY 12, 2015 minutes:** Resolution # 50: At the May 12, 2015 meeting the actual amount to be paid for trolley service to Thurman by the Greater Glens Falls Transit System and the fund that it would come out of was not determined so could not be added to resolution # 50 to be reflected in the minutes. Tonight on a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the Town Board agreed that the amount would be \$500.00 (voucher # 2015-418) and the fund it would come of would be 6989.4.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

Approval of the May 12, 2015 minutes was tabled pending receipt of the cemetery regulations.

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Approval of the June 09, 2015 and the June 19, 2015 was put off until next month.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Laura Saffer gave a presentation on WIC (Women Infants and Children).**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A letter was read from Winefred Martin. Attached**

**OPENING OF SEALED QUOTES:**

A quote was received for piping and electrical connection for the Town of Thurman new water supply from **Jim Jones excavating, 2617 Garnet Lake Road N., Johnsburg, New York 12843, (518)251-3312 in the amount of \$17,884.00.**

A proposal for Concrete Anchors for the Thurman Salt Storage Building from **Gallup Concrete, LLC. 22 Industrial Park Road, Warrensburg, New York 12885 (518)623-3362 in the amount of \$8,690.00.**

**REPORTS:**

The following officials gave verbal reports... **Councilman Smith, Councilman Galusha, Councilwoman Seaman**

**Supervisor's Report:** The supervisor gave a verbal report and filed the June 30, 2015 balance sheet, operating statement and treasurers report.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**Discussion:** At the June 09 2015 regular meeting **Councilman Smith** had asked for a box for town board members mail and meeting packets to be placed where they could access it after business hours and he was wondering how that was coming along.

**POINTS OF INTEREST: None**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE for Loran Eddy and Carol Hall**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

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The following people spoke during privilege of the floor...

John McGilrath, William McGilrath, Sally Wallace, Lorrie Smith, Joan Harris, Mary Eddy and Jeanie Sprague.

The following person read a letter from the floor... Joyce Eddy. Letter attached

**RESOLUTION #68:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the following training which is budgeted for in the court's 2015 budget: July 20-22 Court training at SUNY Potsdam for Joanna Cummings

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 68 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**RESOLUTION # 69:**

First Wilderness Corridor Intermunicipal agreement between and among Warren County and the Towns of Johnsbury, Chester, Lake Luzerne, Stony Creek, Thurman, Warrensburg, Hadley, Corinth and the village of Corinth concerning local waterfront revitalization program

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 69 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**RESOLUTION # 70:**

To send a letter of intent to participate in a Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 70 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

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**CLEANING POSITION:**

Four applications were received for the Thurman Town Hall cleaning position and the town board looked them over.

**RESOLUTION # 71:**

To award **Karen Ward** the cleaning position, nine hours per week at the rate of \$8.75 per hour.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution # 71 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**Discussion: Supervisor Wood** said that after people reserve the Town Hall they usually come back to pick up their deposit, however one person did not and now 18 months later they want their deposit back.

**RESOLUTION # 72:**

To approve the refund of a \$50.00 deposit from 2014 and authorize the supervisor to issue a \$50.00 check for the refund.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 72 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2015-409 thru 2015-464 for a highway, general and capital projects fund grand total of \$46,757.91.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SMITH, SEAMAN**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Cynthia R. Hyde**

**Town clerk**

**07/28/2015**

**Attached: EMS report, a letter from Winnie Martin and a letter from Joyce Eddy.**

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

June 9, 2015

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for June 2015. We handled a total of 11 calls in Thurman in June and our average response time was 11.25 minutes to arriving on-scene. Two of the calls were good intent calls and 1 was a fire stand-by. Of the remaining calls eight of them were ALS and three were BLS. We did turn 1 call over to Johnsbury EMS as we had three calls at the same time in Thurman on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

All Thurman Town Board Members as well as 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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Operations Manager  
Warrensburg EMS, Inc.

THURMAN CALLS HANDLED BY WARRENSBURG EMS  
JUNE 2015

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCHED TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
7/3/2015	15-19285	BLS	RT LEG LACERATION	4 MINUTES	12 MINUTES
7/11/2015	15-20431	BLS	PT RMA	3 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
7/14/2015	15-20777	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	4 MINUTES	15 MINUTES
7/14/2015	15-20796	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	2 MINUTES	17 MINUTES
7/14/2015	15-20805	ALS	ECHO~ DROWNING	10 MINUTES (2nd Call)	12 MINUTES
7/19/2015	15-21537	ALS	SOB ~ PT RMA	2 MINUTES	6 MINUTES
7/20/2015	15-21583	ALS	SORE THROAT	6 MINUTES	7 MINUTES
7/20/2015	15-21697	BLS	NO PT FOUND	NO TIMES	NO TIMES
7/24/2015	15-22173	BLS	SERVICE CALL	NO TIMES	NO TIMES
7/25/2015	15-22292	BLS	POSS SMOKE INHALATION	2 MINUTES	5 MINUTES
7/25/2015	15-22292	BLS	STRUCT. FIRE STANDBY	NO TIMES	NO TIMES

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Thurman Town Board  
PO Box 29  
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To the Thurman Town Board,

The resolution for the code of ethics and disclosure policy failed during the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting. Supervisor Wood brought this before the board. "..... pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 806(1)(a), counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, and fire districts must adopt a code of ethics which, at a minimum, contains provisions with respect to: disclosure of interest in legislation before a local governing body; holding of investments in conflict with official duties; private employment in conflict with official duties; and future employment."

Some of the disclosures may be a bit intrusive to a private citizen but once in public office it has to be expected that some privacy is lost. This is a given when you hold office and if you object then you should reconsider your priorities.

When asked what specifics in this policy was causing concern, and told that the policy could be adjusted, Councilman Smith mentioned only one item. After some discussion it became apparent that he had completely misunderstood that section. Even with that issue eliminated he still objected to the policy but would state no other specific concerns.

Why?

What parts of the policy are of a concern?

Why not discuss the sections that are of concern?

Why did Councilman Galusha vote nay?

Why did Councilman Smith vote nay?

And why did Councilman Eddy vote nay?

Both Supervisor Wood and Councilman Seaman voted aye.

Thank you,  
Winefred Martin



Please include this in the board meeting minutes

**Joyce Eddy  
P. O. Box 65  
Athol, NY 12810**

**Town Board Members**

**July 10, 2015**

I'm sure most of you have heard the naysayer's, over the last couple of years, say the "Eddy's" in a derogatory manner.

But the Eddy's have always dealt with facts not rumors.

I would like to address the issue of the letter read by Mrs. Youngblood at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. It's purpose was to bash the Eddy's with character assassination and in particular Michael Eddy a board member.

Loren had a saying passed down from his grandfather, "If one knew better they would do better".

The letter was despicable.

Let's start with Loren's volunteer service in the Town of Thurman. He a Charter Member of the Thurman Volunteer Fire Company, served as secretary and treasure, and built the fire house with the other volunteers. For several years he was chairman of "Old Home Days". He built the Christ Community Church in town with the other church members. He painted and wallpapered the historical room at the Harris House. He was a Boy Scout Lead and served 2 terms as a town board member. At the Veteran's Field he worked on the grounds, pavilion and youth building.

Michael at the age of 14 worked on building the steps of the Christ Community Church with Mrs. Gideon. At 15 he helped one fireman save Fannie Harris's house. He enlisted in the U. S. Army, was a sergeant out of basic training and was a heavy equipment engineer. He was a volunteer in the Thurman fire company and served as chief. When the Veteran's field was being developed he was one among others that ran the bulldozer. He volunteered himself and his crew to build the youth building. While they were building he donated his dump truck for the EMS building project and had another person drive the truck. He also helped Jean and Rex Reynolds many years with the Cancer Jackwax Dinner.

There was one committee assignment designated which was to update the veteran's list. After accumulating over 130 names and given to the supervisor, nothing further has been done with it. What was the purpose?

This letter is submitted as one of Loren's last wishes.

**Joyce Eddy**

*Please attach to minutes*





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