

September 11, 2012

**MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...**

**PRESENT:     MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR**  
**MR. CHARLES BILLS, COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. ROBERT HITCHCOCK JR., 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**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**: On a motion by **Councilman Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the Town Board approved the August 14, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**: **5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK**

**CLAIMS**: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, payment of vouchers # 2012-579 thru 2012 -612 for a grand total of \$12,618.58. was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**: **5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK**

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A semiannual report from Historian **Joan Harris**

A resignation letter from **Linda Moffit**, Thurman Town Court Clerk

A letter from **Evelyn Russell**

**REPORTS**

Reports were given by the following officials:

**Councilman Vasak**

**Supervisor Wood**

**DICUSSION REGARDING:**

Landfill fees

Whether or not there was a senior citizen discount on C+D brought to the landfill.

Landfill hours and what hours should be scheduled for winter.

Councilman Galusha apologized for not being at the special EMS meeting.

Thurman EMS

The new electronic sign

**COURT CLERK:**

**Linda Moffit**, Thurman Town Court clerk is resigning at the end of the month. It was noted that the Thurman Town Court Clerk was leaving the court office in good shape. On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board appointed **Karen Griffen**, the Chestertown Court clerk, to fill in the Thurman Town Court clerk position for the remainder of the year. **Karen Griffen** will work the same hours and receive the same pay as the former Thurman Court clerk.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK**

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**ACO:**

**Dexter Baker**, Thurman Animal Control Officer, addressed the town board regarding a town wide dog enumeration. No action was taken on this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**BIDS:**

*INVITATION TO BID*

*Town of Thurman will accept bids for*

*1 Craftsman Riding Mower, 19.5 Hp, not running*

*1 25 inch Television*

*1 1968 Gradall, not running, minimum bid of \$1,000*

*Sealed bids should be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office by September 11, 2012.*

*Each sealed envelope should clearly state what item is being bid on. The Town Clerk will open the Bids on September 11, 2012 at 7pm during the Town Board meeting.*

*The Thurman Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.*

*BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD.*

*Cynthia R. Hyde*

*Town Clerk*

*August 21, 2012*

The following sealed bids were received for the purchase of the 1968 Gradall

**Vincent Nevins** - \$1500.00

**John Howe** - \$1000.00

**Tom Curtis** - \$1487.00

The following sealed bids were received for the purchase of the Craftsman Riding Lawn Mower

**Leroy Bills** - \$35.00

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On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Hitchcock**, the Town Board awarded the Gradall to **Vincent Nevins** for \$1500.00 and the Craftsman Riding Lawnmower to **Leroy Bills** for \$35.00.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK**

The Town Clerk was asked to advise the bidders.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Mary Eddy** asked about the broadband grant.

**Mary Eddy** spoke to the town board about blind spots on Heath Road.

**Paula Hubert** asked if the EMS building in Thurman was designated as an emergency shelter.

**Joyce Eddy** asked if there were any buildings designated as emergency shelters.

**Joyce Eddy** said that she understood why **Councilman Galusha** couldn't be at the meeting requested by the EMS. **Mrs. Eddy** was disappointed that the only town Board members that made the meeting with the Thurman EMS were **Supervisor Wood** and **Councilman Bills**.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Hitchcock**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Cynthia R. Hyde**

**Town clerk**

**September 25, 2012**

**Attached: Highway report and Historian's report**

## HIGHWAY REPORT

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1. The repairs to Garnet Lake Rd., Ski Hi Rd. and Henry Westcott Rd. from the floods have been completed.
2. New culvert pipes have been installed on Buckley Rd. and Bear Pond Rd.
3. Shoulder scouring and potholes on Bowen Hill road have been repaired.
4. All roads, including county roads within the Town have been mowed and any brush at intersections that could cause visibility problems has been removed.
5. All Highway trucks have passed the annual safety inspections.
6. CHIPS reimbursement application has been sent out. We should be receiving these funds around September 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. The Town has until January 2013 to switch all our radios over to narrow band. We will be doing this in September as this is when the county will be switching over. According to our radio repairman, our radios can be reprogrammed to accept narrow band so we will not have to purchase new radios. He estimates the cost to be 600.00 or less.

Food Pantry  
SERVED - TWENTY PEOPLE - FROM FOOD PANTRY  
GLEENING - SERVED 86 PEOPLE ON JULY 2  
NOT AS MUCH FOOD WAS AVAILABLE  
PLEASE ASK PEOPLE NOT TO BRING CHILDREN, IF POSSIBLE  
NEXT GLEENING SEPT. 3 1PM

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Please read this report into the town minutes.

May 2012

#### Town of Thurman Historian Semi-Annual Report

I filed the 2011 Town of Thurman Historian's annual report with the town, county, and state as required.

I have responded to several inquiries received on the Thurman Historian e-mail site over the past 6 months which includes December of 2011.

Some researched were Richards; Ingraham; King; Izzo; Twiss; Lanfear; Wells; Lent; Meyers; and the history behind the Thurman name. Doing so, I have made copies that were sent to the person requesting information and have had numerous conversations with the recipients. I do thank Cynthia Hyde's office for her help in sending information gleaned from town records and the help of other Historians in adjoining towns. Many of these names had numerous spellings and that made the search much more interesting for me.

By the time you read this I will have had a meeting with the Lanfear family on May 26, 2012 at the Harris House. We will have looked through information from the Historian's office and the Historical Society papers. I also have sent out family group sheets to those on file of which I am trying to "flesh out". The ones that have been sent back to me have been recorded and filed and very much appreciated.

I will be moving the Historian files back into the Harris House for the next two seasons and will be working out of my office. I have talked to Mr. Knoll concerning getting the computer up and running and hopefully on the internet. I then will transfer information I have so that it will be more convenient to cross reference names and places. I will place the Historian's phone in service again and make it available to those who do not have a computer to contact me. I thank Cynthia for forwarding phone inquiries to my home during the winter.

Concerning the Warren County Bicentennial, I attended a meeting in February for Perky Granger and the town Bicentennial committee and relayed information of what was still outstanding. I then worked with Perky as a research partner in providing our town's chapter for the Bicentennial Souvenir Book; Pictures and information for the "wondering" Kiosk; and the "hook" stories they needed for the Bicentennial web page. We kept the other committee member Supervisor Evie Wood informed of what was being accomplished.

I have attached a bill for paper and ink. The other items, room, phone, heat, lights and computer space are graciously donated. Obviously this town board does not appreciate what I do in light of the pay cut, but I have job satisfaction from those whom I have met and helped over the past 6 months.

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I will finish with one request. Since all offices have been moved to the town Hall, I would like to use the downstairs of the Harris house for a meeting room and collection center for items donated to the town and the Historical Society. At the convenience of the Historian and during some events and occasions the room will be opened to the public for review of information, research and viewing the collection of items. Donated items will have identity tags and a separate inventory will be kept for Historian and Historical Society files.

This being approved many items that are stored there would have to be removed, such as printers that don't work, left over town hall and assessor's items & papers, etc.. Historical Society files would be left and made available for research during opening hours.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Joan Harris

Town Historian

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