

November 12, 2013

MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2013 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. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN
 MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT: **MR. CHARLES BILLS, 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:

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Regular meeting and the October 15, 2013 Workshop were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

LETTERS: Letters from **Beth Coughlin, Jamiee Ross, Lindsay Wood and Mary Eddy** were read. Attached

REPORTS:

Food Pantry ~ Councilman Vasak said that 12 to 15 families used the food pantry and 50 people came to gleaning.

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Highway Crew ~ Councilman Vasak stated that the Highway crew did a good job salting the roads this morning and that they were working hard to finish the bridge.

EMS ~ Councilman Galusha read the EMS report. Attached

Youth Commission ~ Councilwoman Seaman said that the Halloween party was well attended and that the Christmas party would be held December 14, 2013 from 1to 3pm.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Wood reported on ...

An email from the Adirondack Council giving Town of Thurman a thumbs up for the White Space project.

The Adirondack Association of Towns upcoming meeting for government officials.

The Thurman Fall Farm Tour which was fabulous with a fun time had by all.

Warren County's open house and bicentennial events.

A special county budget meeting.

A funding request from the Warren County Youth Court.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the town board approved **\$500.00** for the Warren County Youth Court.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

Supervisor's report continued:

Bids for assistance to the highway department in building the salt shed were received after the due date. **Supervisor Wood** asked the board if they wanted to rebid or build with current staff. The town board decided to have the Highway department crew handle the job.

The county has figured out a new way to designate 911 numbers.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

BUDGET:

Supervisor Wood asked the board if they wanted to pass the budget or set another meeting to do that.

Councilwoman Seaman suggested budgeting for a paint job for the town hall. Discussion ensued and it was decided that buildings contractual 1620.4 contained enough funds to paint the town hall.

Councilman Galusha asked if there was enough money in machinery. **Supervisor Wood** stated that there was money built into the budget for another new truck box.

Supervisor Wood suggested establishing a machinery reserve and said that she would have the attorney draw up a resolution for the December meeting.

Supervisor Wood said that American Rock Salt lost the state contract to Cargill whose price reflects a 30% increase. **Wood** said that she would check to see if Cargill has our region and would look into other salt suppliers.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCR + R Recycling sent a copy of the new contract which is the same except for a 25 cents per pound charge for gray tube monitors and TV sets.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

The annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up.

RESOLUTION #51:

To attend the Adirondack Association of Towns meeting.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 51 was approved.

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MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #52:

To attend the annual Association of Towns meeting in NYC in 2014.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution # 52 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #53:

Resolution to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c and Adopt Local Law #1 Of 2013 to Override the Tax Levy Limit

***WEHREAS** the Town of Thurman must fund increased costs expenses; and*

***WHEREAS** the Town Board held a Public Hearing on the proposed Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for fiscal year 2014 on November 6, 2013, and*

***WHEREAS**, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law§3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by adoption of a Local Law approved by sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman, County of Warren is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman adopts Local Law #1 of 2013 entitled Tax Levy Limit Override for fiscal Year 2014.*

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 53 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #54:

Resolution to Adopt the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

***BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby adopts the Town Budget for fiscal year 2014.*

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On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution # 54 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: ROLL CALL ~ WOOD-YES, GALUSHA-YES, VASAK-YES, SEAMAN-YES

Discussion ~ The town clerk reminded the supervisor and the town board that the seniors had requested \$1000.00 for 2014 and that the town board had not included that amount in the budget. The Town Board added \$1000.00 to A6772.4 for the seniors and thanked the town clerk for reminding them.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013-686 thru 2013-735 for a highway fund (\$8,722.39), general fund (\$6,089.15) and capital projects fund (\$34,475.29) grand total of \$49,286.83.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Kathy Templeton reminded everyone that November 30 was the Christmas Bazaar and November 20 was the Seniors Thanksgiving dinner.

Mary Eddy asked if the funds for Frontier (for using lines for white space) come out of the grant.

Supervisor Wood said that Frontier would be paid partly from the grant and partly from subscribers.

Delbert Chambers asked if someone had resigned from the board (referring to the disappearance of the 5th board member since last September).

John Haskell asked when the new well would be drilled.

Supervisor Wood replied that it would be sometime in the next week.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the Town Board went into executive session at 7:26 pm to discuss an appointment.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board came out of executive session at 7:45 pm with no action being taken.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

APPOINT A TAX COLLECTOR:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the Town Board appointed **Jamiee Ross** to collect taxes for the year 2014.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha** , seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

Respectfully Submitted:

**Cynthia R. Hyde
Town Clerk
11/26/2013**

Attached: Letters and EMS report

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BETH COUGHLIN

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Oct 11 , 2013

Thurman Town Clerk
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RE: Tax Collector

Dear Hiring Manager,

Your ad for a Tax Collector caught my eye as I see it as the next logical step in my professional development. After working for 13 years at Warren County Health Services after my position got abolished. During that time, I was able to hone my skills by going to college. At this point, I now feel like I have the exact qualifications that your company needs.

I also have experience in customer service as well as some pharmacy skills. And although I've been out of the workforce, I have stayed current with industry trends and found many opportunities to engage my skills.

My enclosed resume outlines further details of my greatest accomplishments. If you're interested in what you read, call me.

My sincere gratitude for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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Jamiee Ross
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To the Thurman Town Board;

I am send this letter of intent for the Tax Collector position that has recently become vacant. I feel that there is a need for an experience person who knows what the job entails and can perform the duties satisfactory. I did perform this job for two four year terms in the past for the town and have been the Warrensburg School Tax Collector for 29 years.

I have used a computer program and understand the detailed duties of preparing for the initial mailing, reports to town and county and closing the books. There are a few small details I will need to investigate but I truly believe I am able to perform this job with excellent attention to details.

I wish to be considered for this position.

Respectfully,



Jamiee Ross

Thurman Town Board,

My name is Lindsay Wood, I am writing to express my interest as tax collector. I am currently a nursing student. Prior to nursing school I worked as a teller for Trustco Bank from December 2013 to June 2014. I gained a wealth of knowledge and experience in various computer programs, money and account handling as well as several different types of loans. I believe this knowledge and experience qualifies me for this position and I would very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely, Lindsay Wood

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Mary Eddy
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Athol, NY 12810

Thurman Town Board
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Athol, NY 12810

November 8, 2013

To: Town of Thurman Supervisor & Board Members,

The Town of Thurman Property Tax Collector has been an elected 4 year position to collect the property taxes during January through March.

The current tax collector resigned from the balance of her term.

According to the New York State website there are 562 Town Clerks that are also property tax collectors. It has been proven to work. The town clerks, in the surrounding towns of Thurman, collect the property taxes. These towns are: Bolton, Hague, Horican, Chestertown, Johnsburg, Indian Lake, and Warrensburg.

Please consider the Thurman Town Clerk for this coming year on a trial basis to fill the vacancy for this position, at least until the next election, to see whether it works efficiently.

The Town Clerk's up to date computer would work with the tax collector software. It would not be necessary to purchase an additional computer to be used for only 3 months.

There is not another office space available in the town hall.

The Town Clerk has the hours available that would be convenient for the taxpayers. There are 2 assistances to the town clerk available when needed.

In the past year you have considered Shared Services and consolidation of employees and jobs. This would be a good opportunity to test consolidating the jobs of town clerk and tax collector while maintaining the current classifications and wages for each job respectively.

Sincerely,
Mary Eddy
Mary Eddy

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10/25/2013	5-0003077	ALS	BURNS TO HAND	24 MINS
10/31/2013	5-0003087	ALS	INCREASED HEART RATE	22 MINS

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Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager

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Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find a list of the calls that WEMS responded to in the Town of Thurman during the month of October 2013. Warrensburg EMS handled two (2) calls in the Town of Thurman and our average response time was 23 minutes. The first call was a priority 2 call (no lights or sirens) but ended up an ALS call. The second call was on River Rd but our crew was given River Street. Only after the crew was on scene in Warrensburg were they notified that the call was for River Road in Thurman. The calls were 911 emergency calls and all calls were at the ALS level. Warrensburg EMS responded to a total of 63 calls in October and 5 of those calls were second out calls.

I know that I mentioned this in my report for last month but it is very important; we have noticed recently in both Warrensburg and Thurman that there are many houses that are not clearly marked with the house numbers. It is very important that all addresses are clearly marked so that the Police, Fire, or EMS responders can easily find you in your time of need. If we can help you help us, please feel free to call me at 232-0817.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson

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