

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD DECEMBER 02, 2011 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

 MRS. REBECCA HITCHCOCK, COUNCILWOMAN

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

CLAIMS On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the purchase of the Tax Collectors manual from the Association of Towns for \$10.00 was approved.

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

Supervisor Wood asked the Town Clerk to put the following into the minutes for the record. **Supervisor Wood** said that it was noted in a recent column by Evelyn Russell (in the Adirondack Journal), that Sky High Road had been closed since the Memorial Day storm. **Supervisor Wood** stated that Sky High Road was repaired after the 2011 Memorial Day storm and reopened. Hurricane Irene (summer 2011) caused a wash out on Sky High road, causing the road to be closed a second time. **Wood** added that FEMA was contesting the Sky High Road Bridge which is why she wanted the correct information (about Sky High Road) on the record.

LOCAL LAW: The Town Board looked over proposed local law # 3 of 2011, a local law to address littering. Discussion ensued regarding fines.

INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW #3 2011: On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock** the Town Board introduced Local Law # 3 2011, a Local Law to address littering.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: The Town Board set a public hearing regarding Local Law # 3 for December 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

EMS: The Town Board discussed several options for EMS coverage for the Town of Thurman. It was decided to give this topic more thought.

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, the Town Board went into executive session at 6:45 pm to discuss contract matters.

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

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the Town Board came out of executive session at 7:00 pm., with no action being taken.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Paula Hubert asked about fines.

Councilman Galusha and **Councilman Vasak** discussed minimum amounts for littering fines and decided on \$250.00 as a minimum.

Mary Eddy felt that the Supervisor was shortsighted regarding the EMS.

Arron Beadnell thought the Town Board did not have the correct information on Thurman EMS's response rate.

Barbara Farrell also felt that Thurman EMS responded more than the Town Board thought they did. **Farrell** also said that EMS is about saving lives not numbers.

Joyce Eddy asked who should be contacted if littering was found.

Thurman EMS was hoping they could purchase fuel from the town. **Supervisor Wood** said that the Town of Thurman cannot legally sell fuel.

Jean Coulard stated that **Supervisor Wood** was wrong about not being able to sell fuel to the EMS. . **Supervisor Wood** replied that the Town of Thurman would not be extending the sale of fuel.

Arron Beadnell said that she thought **Supervisor Wood** was rude to the tax payers. **Supervisor Wood** said she was not trying to be rude, but was following rules for procedure at town meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding possible EMS coverage solutions. **Councilman Vasak** suggested Thurman and Warrensburg EMS working together.

Jean Coulard wanted the Thurman EMS to meet with The Thurman Town Board without upsetting the public. **Supervisor Wood** reminded Ms. Coulard that the Town Board may not conduct private meetings.

Supervisor Wood stated that the Town Board sincerely wanted coverage for the town and would weigh all options. **Wood** added that the Town Board must be fiscally responsible and cognoscente of our figures, while weighing these options.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman**, seconded by **Councilman** the meeting was adjourned at time pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town clerk

