

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NY HELD JANUARY 019, 2018 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30P.M....

PRESENT: Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman
Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman
Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman
Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman
Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Debra Runyon – Bookkeeper, Pat Wood – Highway Superintendant

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan E. Staples

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Resolutions:

Resolution # 25

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

Resolution For Approval of Claims

Town Board approves the following claims A9060.8 \$268.00, E8989.4 \$50.00.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Ackley, Harris, Needham, Hyde, Nays~0, Abstain~1 Seaman

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde asked **Superintendant Wood** to come up and talk about the proposed purchase of a new truck.

The meeting was paused 6:35 pm while **Councilwoman Seaman** talked off topic, and for interruptions from the audience. The meeting resumed at 6:47 pm with **Superintendent Wood** reported on the three local bids that he got for this purchase.

Resolution # 26

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Seaman** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

Resolution to Purchase Truck For the Highway Department

WHEREAS THE 2018 HIGHWAY BUDGET has appropriated funds for a new truck

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman approves the purchase of a Ford F250 4x4 with a Fisher plow from Auto Saver for the price of \$35,352.00 which comes with a 3 year free maintenance agreement.

A Roll Call Vote was called.

Motion Carried: Ayes~5 Ackley, Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0

Supervisor Hyde read the following:

Tonight we approved the purchase of a truck. This was an expected 2018 purchase that was budgeted for. Because we knew that there was money in the budget to buy this truck we approved it.

The budget also contained funds supported by revenue in the amount of

\$24,336.00 for the supervisor's confidential secretary \$4,000.00
for the deputy town clerk

\$\$11,000.00 for the assessor clerk

All three of these important positions are fully funded

The reasons money was appropriated for these positions are that they are important and that they are needed in order to adequately serve the Town of Thurman and in order for the officials from the 3 offices to uphold their responsibilities.

At the organizational meeting 3 board members cut all funds for the deputy town clerk and the assessor clerk and cut back the funds for the confidential secretary to the supervisor.

If these three board members can understand that we can buy a truck for the highway department because it was budgeted for THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE CAN AFFORD THESE THREE POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY

WERE BUDGETED FOR IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE TRUCK WAS BUDGETED FOR.

If these three board members can understand that the highway department needs this truck in order to do their work then THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO

UNDERSTAND THAT

The town clerk needs the paid deputy town clerk that was budgeted for in 2018 budget in order to do her work

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The Assessor needs the assessor clerk that was budgeted for in 2018 budget in order to do his work

The supervisor needs a full time confidential secretary that was budgeted for in 2018 budget in order to do her work

Thank you,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Supervisor

Prior to **Supervisor Hyde** finishing her statement **Councilwoman Seaman** started to interrupt telling the Supervisor she was done. The Supervisor finished her statement, and asked that it be included in the minutes. At this point **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that now I going to make my statement which I want included in the minutes verbatim. The **Supervisor Hyde** told **Councilwoman Seaman** that if she wanted a statement included verbatim that she would have to write it down. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded Oh no that is what the Town Clerk is for. Both the Supervisor and the Town Clerk told her that she was incorrect. The **Town Clerk** informed her that she was not required to include a statement in the minutes. **Councilwoman Seaman** that she was sure the Clerk had to, and could get a ruling from the Association of Towns because she was sure that it had to be included.

AUDITING OF THE BOOKS: At this point in the meeting the Town Clerk and the Bookkeeper brought up their books to be audited by the Town Board.

Resolution # 27

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Seaman** and seconded by **Councilwoman Ackley**

Resolution to Fund the Valentine for Vets Party

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves writing a check for \$125.00 to **Susan Shepler** for the Valentines for Vets party.

Motion Carried: Ayes~5 Ackley, Harris, Needham, Seaman, Hyde

On a motion from **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilwoman Ackley** the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

February 14, 2018