

January 20, 2017

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JANUARY 20, 2017 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: Mrs. Susan Shepler, Deputy Supervisor

Mr. John Youngblood, Councilman

Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman

Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Councilwoman

Mrs. Kathy Templeton, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

The Meeting was called to order by **Susan Shepler, Deputy Supervisor**

Deputy Supervisor Susan Shepler, made the following statement, "My name is Susan Shepler and I am the Deputy Town Supervisor. The reason I am sitting here tonight and not our **Supervisor, Evelyn Wood** is because Evelyn tendered her resignation today. As Deputy Town Supervisor, I take the responsibility of running the meeting. I do not have a vote, but it is my responsibility to see that this goes on. We are here tonight for the annual audit and I've heard through the grapevine that there is some additional information that wishes to be discussed."

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamiee Ross, Tax Collector; Jeff Ackley, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Patrick Wood, Highway Superintendent

Deputy Supervisor Shepler stated that the annual accounting meeting will start with the court. **Joanna Cummings, Court Clerk**, turned over the court's books for review by the board and gave a brief summary of how things work in the court's office. The board reviewed the books of the court. The board stated they had no further questions and everything looked good. **Joanna Cummings, Court Clerk**, left the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Shepler stated that we had a letter from the **Town Historian, Joan Harris**. **Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk** read the annual report from the Historian.

Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk, turned over the town clerk's books for review by the board and gave a brief summary of how things work in the town clerk's office. The board reviewed the books of the town clerk. The board stated they had no further questions and everything looked good.

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Discussion ensued by the board members about how the rest of the audit would be handled at a different time under the circumstances.

RESOLUTION #16:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to close the Audit portion of the meeting.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Youngblood

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Supervisor Shepler, has a voucher that she wished to discuss with the board. The highway garage came to the town board last fall. They talked to us about the chipper. The engine needed to either repair or replace the engine. They discovered it would be more cost effective to repair the engine then to replace the chipper. **Jeff Ackley** was present and answered the questions the board has. Discussion ensued about the need for it, the cost of a new one and fixing the old one. **Highway Superintendent Patrick Wood**, also answered questions on the chipper.

RESOLUTION #17:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to approve a check to Vermont Engine Service in the amount of \$6,294.68 for the Chipper.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Youngblood

The check will be cut for Tuesday so the Highway Garage can go and pick up the engine.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from **Viking Electric** resigning as operator of Whitespace. Association of Towns needs the town to designate a delegate and a back up delegate for the town. We also received two letters of interest for the Board of Assessment Review seats that are open.

Councilwoman Hyde wanted to make a motion to abolish the position of Deputy Supervisor. Discussion ensued by the board about keeping or abolishing the position of Deputy Supervisor. Also discussed the importance of training

RESOLUTION #18:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Hyde**, seconded by **Councilman Eddy**, the Board resolved to abolish the position of Deputy Supervisor.

Motion Carried: 3 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy

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1 Nay ~ Youngblood

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Eddy ~ Aye

Councilwoman Templeton ~ Aye

Councilman Youngblood ~ Nay

Councilwoman Hyde ~ Aye

Susan Shepler excused herself from the meeting since the position of Deputy Supervisor was abolished.

RESOLUTION #19:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to designate **Councilwoman Cynthia Hyde** to chair the rest of the meeting.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Youngblood

RESOLUTION #20:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to designate Town Board Member Cynthia Hyde to handle payroll and sign checks for the next few days.

Motion Carried: 4Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Youngblood

RESOLUTION #21:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to call a Special Meeting on January 26th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Youngblood

Councilman Youngblood stated he wanted to read a statement he had prepared. **Councilman Youngblood** read his resignation letter which is attached. **Councilman Youngblood** left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the board meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

3 Ayes

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Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

February 6, 2017

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