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**MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2013 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. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN**

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 **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the January 03, 2013 minutes were approved.

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

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the January 08, 2013 minutes were approved.

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

**LETTERS**:

A letter from the Warren County Board of Elections (summarized)

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A reminder from the Assessors that March 1, 2013 was the deadline for exemption applications (read)

Letters of interest for Board of Assessment review from **Charlotte Needham** and **Shirley Wendling** (read)

A letter from **Sherry Cameron** (read)

### **REPORTS:**

**Councilman Vasak** gave a report on the Highway department, the landfill and the food pantry.

**Councilman Galusha** Youth - said that the youth Easter party would be held March 24, 2013.

**EMS – Councilman Galusha** stated that the **Thurman EMS** had held a meeting on Saturday.

**Councilman Galusha** put a motion on the floor to fund the Thurman EMS. There was no second motion.

### **Supervisor's Report**

**Supervisor Wood reported on ...**

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Engineering matters

Bridge painting to be done in May

Warren County Bicentennial Proclamation

A Verizon worker would like to be able to park on town property

Office space for the Justice and Court clerk

Discussion: **Supervisor Wood** introduced **Joanna Cummings, Town of Thurman Court Clerk**. Discussion ensued regarding the court's office space. **Mrs. Cummings**

said that the present office space was so small that she and the judge could not fit in it at the same time. Also, it didn't allow room for private conferences that are sometimes needed by the court and can involve up to 3 people. The town board decided to move the court to the present tax collector office and come up with an alternative plan for the tax collector and historian.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion pertaining to occupancy tax funds

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Voting machines:** The town board talked about what to do with the old lever voting machines (the county is returning the old lever voting machines to the towns for disposal). Possible solutions were to give them to the school or send them out for scrap.

**Solid waste bid:** There was discussion about solid waste disposal and the different available options. **Supervisor Wood** stated that by law we need to go with the lowest bidder. It was decided to award bids separately. On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board decided to award solid waste bids individually.

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

**Landfill bins:** The town board decided to keep the landfill bins and get some spare bins from the county (the county is getting rid of landfill bins).

**Double HH Ranch:** There was discussion about the Double HH Ranch charity cycling event and that they are requesting approval to ride through our town.

**RESOLUTION by Councilwoman Seaman:** On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board approves and supports the consolidation of the Thurman EMS and the Warrensburg EMS for the purpose of better serving the public and to obtain available grant funding.

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

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**Discussion: Supervisor Wood** said that she had seen the grant application and thought they (EMS) could be eligible. **Councilman Bills** asked when the grant would have to be submitted. **Councilwoman Seaman** and **Supervisor Wood** said the grant had to be in the early part of March. **Councilwoman Seaman** said that Warrensburg had a grant writer available (to write this grant).

**RESOLUTION # 12:**

**Resolution to Award Occupancy Tax**

*WHEREAS the Town of Thurman awards Occupancy Tax funding to events promoting tourism in our town, be it*

*RESOLVED that the Town Board awards the Thurman Station Association \$4,050 for the Wilderness Heritage Corridor Showcase and the Thurman Fall Farm Tour and be it further*

*RESOLVED that the Town plans to spend \$5,620 for the Town's Bicentennial Signature Event to be held June 14 and 15, 2013 and be it further*

*RESOLVED that the Town Board agrees to advance the funds to the Thurman Station Association so that the Thurman Station Association may coordinate the use of the funding as necessary for advertizing and other purposes.*

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 12 was approved.

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

**RESOLUTION #13:**

**Resolution to Appoint to Board of Assessment Review**

*WHEREAS the Town of Thurman currently has openings on the Board of Assessment Review and*

*WHEREAS Charlotte Needham and Shirley Wendling have written letters to the Town Board requesting appointment to the Board of Assessment Review, be it*

*RESOLVED that the aforementioned individuals are hereby appointed to the Board of Assessment Review.*

On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 13 was approved.

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**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, BILLS, VASAK, SEAMAN**

**1 ABSTAIN ~ GALUSHA**

**RESOLUTION #14:**

**Resolution Congratulating the Town of Warrensburg on Their Town's Bicentennial**

*WHEREAS the Town of Warrensburg was formed on February 12, 1813, and*

*WHEREAS the Town of Warrensburg has grown and flourished in the two hundred years since it was formed to reach its Bicentennial year, be it*

*RESOLVED that the Town of Thurman does hereby offer our congratulations and well wishes to our neighboring township on this momentous occasion, and be it further*

*RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Town of Warrensburg.*

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution # 14 was approved.

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

**RESOLUTION #15:** Budget transfers. See attached

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution # 15 was approved.

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

**RESOLUTION #16:**

**Resolution to Accept Annual Audit**

*WHEREAS the Town Board is required to annually audit the books and receipts of the officers of the Town, and*

*WHEREAS the audit for the year 2012 has been completed,*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the attached audit results.*

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, Resolution # 16 was approved.

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

**RESOLUTION # 17:**

**Resolution Approving Event**

*WHEREAS Double H Ranch has requested the Town Board's approval to host a charity cycling event, and*

*WHEREAS the State Department of Transportation requests that a form be filled out, be it*

*RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Challenge Ride and authorizes the Supervisor to fill out the necessary forms concerning the event.*

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 17 was approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013-30 thru 2013-96 for a highway and general fund grand total of \$101,614.04.

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Tonight's meeting was attended by approximately 118 town folks. Most folks were there to show support for the Thurman EMS. The general consensus was financial support for the Thurman EMS by the town even if it meant an increase in taxes. Many people stood up and spoke on behalf of the Thurman EMS; some of the speakers were given loud applause and even a standing ovation. The idea of consolidating the Thurman EMS with the Warrensburg EMS was not favorable to a majority of those present tonight. It was also clear that many of these folks were unhappy with the Thurman Town Board.

One person spoke against funding the Thurman EMS and was unhappy with their service.

Representatives from the Warrensburg EMS were also in attendance.

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**Councilwoman Seaman** was in support of a consolidation of Thurman EMS and Warrensburg EMS with the hope of accessing grant money for this consolidation and better serving the people.

**Supervisor Wood's** stance was fiscal responsibility and a desire to do what she felt was right and legal for the good of the whole town.

A motion to fund the Thurman EMS that was introduced by **Councilman Galusha** was still on the floor. **Councilman Bills** seconded the motion.

**MOTION DEFEATED: 2 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS**

**3 NAYS ~ WOOD, SEAMAN, VASAK**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Cynthia R. Hyde**  
Town clerk  
02/27/2013

**Attached:**

Letter from Board of Elections

A note from the assessor's

Letters of interest from **Charlotte Needham** and **Shirley Wendling**

Letter from **Sherry Cameron**

TOWN OF THURMAN  
RESOLUTION # 15 OF 2013

Resolution introduced by: Leon Galusha  
Seconded by: Al Vasak

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Charles Bills	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Al Vasak	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Gail Seaman	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>

Resolution to Adjust 2012 Budget

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Increase Expenses

DA5110.4	General Repairs Contractual	1,274.38
DA5130.4	Capital Improvement	23,746.05
DA5142.1	Snow Removal PS	5,680.43
DA5142.4	Snow removal Contractual	27,484.32
DA5148.4	Service to Other Gov't	283.14

Increase Revenue

DA43960	State Aid Emergency	58,468.32
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		\$ 58,468.32 \$ 58,468.32

**GENERAL FUND**

Increase Expenses

A1355.4	Assessor Contractual	214.07
A1410.4	Town Clerk - Contractual	12.68
A1411.1	Town Clerk - Deputy	53.21
A1440.4	Engineer Contractual	960.00
A3510.4	Dog Control - Contractual	181.21
A5132.4	Garage Contractual	3,024.82
A6772.4	Programs for the Aging	440.00
A7510.4	Historian Contractual	56.27
A8810.1	Cemeteries PS	606.56
A8810.4	Cemeteries Contractual	14.07

Decrease Expenses

A1990.4	Contingency Account	5,562.89
		<u>5,562.89</u>
		\$ 5,562.89 \$ 5,562.89

This Resolution was passed on February 12, 2013.  
Cynthia R. Hyde  
02/20/2013



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## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REPUBLICAN COMMISSIONER  
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01-28-2013

Dear Election Officer of the City and Towns,

The Warren County Board of Elections in conjunction with the Support Services Committee has agreed that the local Municipalities should have the Lever Voting Machines returned to them for choice of disposal be it donation to schools for their elections or historical society for exhibition or scrapping of them for metal & brass parts. This is an option for the City/Towns as the County would make arrangements to dispose of them should a City/Town not choose to have to make that choice.

We would suggest that each Municipality have a conversation with their local school districts and fire companies to determine if they would need/want the lever machines before you as a City/Town determine how to dispose of them. The school districts and Fire Companies are allowed to continue to use these machines for their elected offices and budgets. **The Board of Elections would not be available for supplies for the Lever Machines.**

We would like to know by March 1, 2013 or sooner what each City/Town decides or we will make arrangements to sell them.

Thank you for your time and we await your reply.

Mary Beth Casey  
Wm. A Montfort  
Elections Commissioners  
Warren County Board of Elections  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Human Services Building  
Warren County Municipal Center  
1340 State Route 9  
Lake George, NY 12845



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ALL EXEMPTIONS ARE  
DUE BY MARCH 1.

OFFICE HOURS  
TUESDAYS + THURSDAYS 9-12  
WEDNESDAY 9-11

OR CALL 623-4593

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ENHANCED STAR =  $\frac{\text{Adjusted Gross Income}}{\$79,050}$  2011 <sup>INC.</sup>TAX  
FOR ADDITIONAL OFF COUNTY  
PORTION,  $\$32,400$  <sup>up to</sup> 2012 INCOME  
OFF SCHOOL and TOWN,  $\$17,725$   
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1/29/2013

to whom it may concern

i understand there is an opening for the board of assessment ..i would like to be considered for this position .. i have lived in this are most of my life..and have some knowledge of the real estate here..

thank you  
Charlotte Needham  
58 Sky-Hi Rd  
Thurman,NY 12885

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188 Combs Rd  
Warrensburg, NY 12885  
02/06/2013

Thurman Town Board:

I am interested in a position on the Board of Assessment Review. I have been a resident of Thurman since 1996, though we purchased our property here in 1989. After several years of commuting, from Connecticut, my husband and I decided we loved the town, so we made the move permanent. I am an RN, worked in Connecticut a number of years, and after moving here, worked at Glens Falls Hospital. I am now retired. I am willing to attend whatever training is necessary for the position, and to participate as needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Shirley B Wendling

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September 8, 2012

To The Thurman EMS & Thurman Town Board

I know a lot of you know my children and me. I know the economy is bad and people are trying to make ends meet. You know everybody looks at money, money this money that, but nobody cares anymore about people lives or if they need help, everybody used to look out for everyone if they needed help like your neighbor or the neighbor down the road people would help each other out or help take care of them in some way. It seems this town has really gone to hell because its not like that anymore and we are losing what we used to have like the help from the town people helping one another out.

I am asking for my voice to be heard because of my children. I know you people have loved ones that you really care for out there. Someone who has severe medical issues and problems that live in Thurman and Athol needs to really have an ambulance that can get there within five minutes. This means **life or death** for some people!!! We need to have the right equipment that they can use and be there to respond to save our loved ones. Unless you have a person that you take care of every single moment and every single day with medical problems **you will never understand** what they go through **unless you experience it yourself or live with it everyday to know how it feels**. My son lives a tough life and struggles with his medical condition everyday unfortunately with his medical condition five minutes is to long for him and he goes quickly down hill and medical attention has to be right there to catch him in time so I don't lose him.

Put yourself in my spot for a day!! I have had to do CPR on my son a few times to get him to come back. My son turned completely purple laying on the floor, not breathing, and unresponsive. This only took a second for him to turn, with no signs or symptoms. I was panicing and tired while doing CPR and everything I needed to do to try to get him to come back to me. There was nothing he was not coming back I kept doing CPR and praying someone would come to help me save my sons life. Do you know how this feels when you are working on your own child in these conditions and nothing is bringing him back, you want help and you want and need them there ASAP. They need to have the *right equipment to have in the ambulance to be able to keep our loved ones alive when they need it*.

I know everything cost money. So do the lives of our loved ones. But when it comes to a presses life over money and to be able to save someone's life instead of losing them because we didn't have the right equipment or because the town didn't feel that it was necessary means that someone's life

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they cannot save and we will never have them back again. Where you can enjoy them and talk to them and see them grow. Just to be there for someone when they really most need the help. We have enough medical problems that goes on in everybody lives that takes them from us like cancer please don't take away the ambulance and there equipment where it will cost someone's life because the other ambulances cant get to us quick enough. Some people who live in this are cannot afford to wait more than five minutes for an ambulance to get to them.

Thank You

Sherri