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MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR
MR. MICHAEL EDDY, COUNCILMAN
MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN
MR. DANIEL SMITH, 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:

Supervisor Wood said that there are a number of minutes in need of approval.

December 10, 2013 Minutes:

Supervisor Wood said that she had multiple problems with the December 10, 2013 minutes. **Wood** stated that the minutes violated opinion # 2491 of the open meetings law found on page 39 of the town clerk's manual. **Wood** also said that were problems in the back section. **Supervisor Wood** felt that the minutes were confusing and she was uncomfortable approving them. **Councilman Smith** asked if they legally have to be approved. **Wood** replied that they don't legally have to be approved but if it is the board's custom then they should approve them.

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The town board decided to set the December 10, 2013 minutes aside until next month.

January 06, 2014 Organizational Minutes:

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the minutes of the January 06, 2014 Organizational meeting were approved with the following amendment. **Al Vasak** was appointed as deputy supervisor and **Councilman Leon Galusha** was appointed as liaison to the snow mobile club.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

January 14, 2014 Minutes:

The January 14, 2014 Minutes were put aside until next month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A report was read from **Thurman ACO Dexter Baker** and a report was read from **Joan Harris, Town Historian**. Attached

REPORTS:

Councilman Galusha gave a report on the Warrensburg EMS. **Attached**

Councilwoman Seaman reported on gleaning and food pantry, the Thurman Youth Commission (the Thurman Youth Commission is looking for volunteers), the Thurman Highway Department and the Thurman Fire Department.

Supervisor Wood gave the supervisor's report

WARRENSBURG SCHOOL YEARBOOK AD:

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the board approved a ¼ page ad in the Warrensburg High School Yearbook for \$100.00.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wood talked about the final budget adjustments for 2013. **Wood** said that she was pleased with coming in under budget in the General fund but was concerned about having to dip into the fund balance for the highway fund.

Supervisor Wood stated that when FEMA money comes in it will be used to rebuild the Highway fund balance

Councilman Galusha headed up a discussion pertaining to sanding and salting the roads.

Discussion ensued regarding the **Harris House**, a possible court grant for the **Harris House** and perhaps allowing the John Thurman Historical Society to use the **Harris House**.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

The Youth Easter party is coming up as well as Maple days and the Jack Wax party.

HONOR ROLL:

The Thurman Honor Roll is in storage.

RESOLUTION #16:

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 5th Annual Camp Challenge Ride and authorizes the Supervisor to fill out he necessary forms concerning the event.

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution # 16 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #17:

Final Budget Adjustments for 2013

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the following Budget Adjustments for the 2013 budget.

General:

<u>Increase</u>		<u>Decrease</u>	
3510.1 Animal Control	1	1990.4 Contingent	<u>4,600</u>
5132.4 Garage	2,333		4,600
7310.4 Youth Programs	266		
1440.4 Engineer	<u>2,000</u>		
	4,600		

Highway:

<u>Increase</u>		<u>Decrease</u>	
5130.4 Machinery	9,441	5110.4 General Repairs	10,000
5142.1 Snow Removal	8,026	5130.2 Machinery Equip.	1,850
5142.4 Snow Removal	<u>15,616</u>	5110.1 General Repairs	3,074
	33,083	9060.8 Medical Insurance	8,400
		9055.8 Disability Insurance	1,500
		9030.8 Social Security	1,500
		9010.8 State Retirement	<u>2,313</u>
			28,637

The remaining \$4,446 shall come from the Highway's unassigned fund balance.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #18:

Resolution to Enter Contract with Glens Falls National Bank

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman's Contract with Glens Falls National Bank is due for renewal and

WHEREAS Glens Falls National Bank has presented the Town with a contract which offers complimentary check printing, no service charges, no required balance, and the Town's deposits will earn a minimum of .1% with no maximum rate.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman hereby authorizes the Supervisor to renew the Town's Banking Contract with Glens Falls National Bank for a period of three years.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 18 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

NOTE: Supervisor Wood said that she has filed all financial reports from her office with the Town Clerk's Office and the town board all have copies.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2014-98 thru 2014-148 for a grand total of \$86,915.82 plus \$100.00 for the ¼ page ad in the Warrensburg High School yearbook.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

Discussion ensued regarding reports about questions directed to the town attorney and on this month's attorney bill.

Councilman Eddy said that he and **Councilman Smith** appreciated the training they went to and that they found it very informative.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The following people asked questions:

Delbert Chambers, Marilyn Youngblood, Jerry Shapiro, Winnie Martin, Brian Angell, Debra Runyon, Mary Eddy, Joyce Eddy, Cynthia Hyde.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha** seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ **WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN**

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town clerk
02/24/2014

Attached: Warrensburg EMS report, Thurman ACO report and Thurman Historian report

DATE	IPCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	ENROUTE TO ON SCENE TIME
1/9/2014	14-01004	ALS	CARDIAC ARREST	8 MINUTES
1/10/2014	14-01134	ALS	EMS CODE 4	11 MINUTES (DUE TO WEATHER)
1/19/2014	14-02294	BLS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	8 MINUTES
1/20/2014	14-02366	ALS	WEAKNESS	14 MINUTES (DISPATCH ISSUES)

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*Our Patients Are Our First Priority
Our Members Are Our Greatest Asset*

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Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for January 2014. We handled 4 calls in Thurman in January and our average response time was just over 10 minutes. There was also one call that Johnsbury took in Thurman due to Warrensburg EMS already being out on an MVA with multiple injuries.

I have spoken with the Johnsbury EMS Captain and President and have worked out a mutual aid agreement to help us cover the town if for some reason we are not available. This will help ensure a prompt response when you need it. We also have 5 WEMS members that are Thurman residents that are set up for first response with the basic equipment to help you while the ambulance is responding.

As I mentioned last month, I would encourage any Thurman Town Board Member and resident alike to stop by and see us at our building at 3 King Street in Warrensburg. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached on my cell phone at 232-0817.

I would like to thank the Town Board and the Thurman residents for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson

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Dexter J. Baker
450 High Street
Athol, NY 12810

Dear Thurman Town Board,

The following is a report of animal control services for the year 2013. All together for the year 43 actual calls for service were reported. These 43 calls are broken down as follows:

- 16 complaints for loose animals.
- 14 calls for stray dogs.
- 3 dangerous dog complaints.
- 2 calls for cat problems.
- 1 dog bite case.
- 3 barking dog complaints.
- 1 animal neglect complaint.
- 1 call concerning wildlife.
- 2 calls for assisting law enforcement.

Of these 43 calls, 5 total tickets were written for last year, including ones for loose dog complaints and dangerous dogs. Mentioned earlier were 2 calls for assisting law enforcement. One originated in Stony Creek, whereby a State Trooper nearly hit a loose dog and sought assistance in locating the owners. The second came from Warrensburg, whereby a Sheriff's Deputy sought assistance in capturing a stray dog, such taking over several hours to complete. Among the more interesting calls of the year were in the farm animal category, where one call was received for a loose horse in the road and a second for assisting in the capturing of loose pigs. Furthermore, a total of 11 licenses were made based off complaints.

Once again I thank the board for continuing my services and look forward to serving again for the 2014 year. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Dexter J. Baker - 1-6-2014

Town of Thurman Historian's Annual Report

1-7-2014

This year has been interesting, not only in the realm of historical searches but in establishing a permanent location of the Historian's responsible collections and files. A large amount of items too large for the present Historian's office are still at the Harris house which is not maintained or sufficiently protected. The Harris house, an icon of the Town of Thurman, has yet to be maintained and properly repaired for public use. The front step were removed and not replaced, therefore allowing the porch to sag and will affect eventually the roof.

The Harris house is one of only 2 remaining with the David I Combs architectural signature filigree. This house being the only one left in Thurman. Recently the assessors had their office on the first floor and storage on the second. The Historians office was located there along with the memorabilia and collection of farm equipment. The Youth Commission had an outreach in the building plus storage, and the Town Board graciously allows the John Thurman Historical Society and others a place for its collections. In the past the Judge's chambers and court room were located there also.

The age of the building is the reason the Town Board has declined to heat the building and properly maintain the structure. In the past few years the roof has been fixed, building has been painted and renovated for the Judge's chambers and court room. This Supervisor and past town board members have diligently searched for grants for many other projects. Therefore I believe they have researched grants that will give us hope and a future for the Harris House.

For the past 6 Months I have continued helping others:

With information for the Warren County Bicentennial;

Genealogy research;

West Stoney Creek project;

Communicated with the Warrensburg Central School concerning a "this and Now" project;

Transferred files from the Harris House to the new room in the town hall,

Down loaded flash drives of work done at home to the historian's computer in the new office;

Copied newly acquired Historical manuscripts that were shared

I was available for personal office visits and computer request.

I look forward to 2014 to be a lucrative year with opportunities to serve the town and its people.

Thank you



Joan Harris Town Historian