

Michael Eddy - Town Board Member
May 9, 2017
Report: General Fund Act. # 230 - Cash, Special Reserve
Report #1

In January 2017, I was delegated for a second year, as a Memorial Day Parade committee person, by the former Supervisor.

Thurman has participated for more than 40 years on Memorial Day, with the Town of Warrensburg. The tradition and camaraderie should stand.

The last Thurman town parade was for "Old Home Days", a Thurman Fire Company event.

Instead of a report for a parade.....

I am submitting a report to the Current town board , covering several years of the Thurman Taxpayers Savings Account - General Fund Act. #230 Cash, Special Reserve": aka Capital Reserve Fund, aka Capital Improvement Fund, or aka Road Repair Reserve Fund.

Submitted with attached backup.

July 9, **2013**, page **5**, Reserves: (Act. 230) Wood informed the town board about the Capital Reserve fund. Supervisor Wood had spoken to the town attorney to look over rules for using Capital Reserve Funds. Wood stated, the Town Attorney prepared a resolution and notice of Referendum. (According to Town Attorney - Moving money from a Reserve Account such as Act. 230 Cash, special reserve is subject to a Permissive Referendum.)

Follow the movement of money in and out of Act. #230 Cash Special Reserve.

July 9, 2013 board meeting minutes, page **8**, Supervisor Wood stated that there was \$364,689.87 in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Act #230 Balance Sheet - July 31, 2013 \$318,815.16

July 17, 2013 Resolution #35 Authorize Expenditure of **\$100,000.00** Subject to Permissive Referendum.

When there is a permissive referendum attached to a resolution, 30 days is required to pass before the resolution goes into affect and money permitted to be moved.

Where did the unauthorized **\$45,874.71** go to between July 9 and July 31, 2013?

Act #230 Balance:

11/30/2013	\$319,384.32
12/31/2013	\$208,567.20

Where did the **\$110,781.12** go between 11/30/ 2013 and 12/30/2013? Who approved the use of the money? No resolution, No Permissive Referendum option?

October 14, 2014, Resolution #74 Adjust Budget.
Highway Fund Decrease Road Repair Reserve (Act. #230) - <\$49,152.00>
Increase: Highway Fund Act 5112.2 Perm Improv - \$49,152.00
Further resolved upon receipt of Multi Modal Fund reimburse for the Bowen Hill paving project those funds will be used to reimburse Road Repair Reserve.

Three (3) problems with Resolution #74. Supervisor Wood and Board member Gail Seaman repeatedly cited the ruling, see December 9, 2014, page 2, "it's not an option to take money out of the general fund and put it in the highway fund because, #1 you can never get it back and #2 that will blow our budget for next year because we're counting on using fund balance from there to offset our budget." #3 No resolution to move money subject to permissive referendum.

Monthly General Fund Balance Sheets - Act #230:

10/31/2014	\$209,010.28
11/30/2014	\$29,019.65

\$179,990.63 removed from Act. #230. How does that amount relate to any approved resolutions subject to Permissive Referendum?

December 9, 2014 minutes page 2 - New Business: Highway Budget for 2013 was in a deficit of **minus \$11,000.00**. It looks like it is going to be in a deficit again this year 2014 -**minus \$60,000.00**.

January 13, 2015 minutes page 3 - Old Business: Highway Budget 2014 outstanding bills - **minus \$101,335.68**.

January 13, 2015 Resolution #15 to Reduce Reserve, Pay Bills and Fund Reserve. Note **no** mention of permissive referendum to reduce reserve.

How can the "Reserve" Act. #230 be reduced to pay **\$101,335.68** of outstanding bills when the balance sheet reflects the Act. has only a balance of **\$29,024.50**?

Monthly General Fund Balance Sheets - Act #230:

12/31/2104	\$29,024.50
01/31/2015	\$72,787.84
02/28/2015	\$72,790.31
03/31/2015	\$107,693.52
04/30/2015	\$218,612.72

Large problem: The financial report dollar amounts given to the town board do not correspond with dollar amounts of the Bank

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Reconciliation Reports (prepared by either Supervisor Wood who is Director of Finance OR Sally Feihel, Supervisor Wood's Private Secretary/Bookkeeper. The financial reports do not correspond with the Glens Falls National end of month Bank Statements.

Bank Reconciliation Reports - Act 230 Cash, Special Reserve:
Statement ending date 1/31/2015 \$29,026.97
2/28/2015 \$29,029.20
3/31/2015 \$29,031.67

Again where was a resolution to reduce Act. #230 down to \$29,026.97?

See attached Glens Fall National end of month Bank Statements - Savings..MM Muni Spec 71 (Act. # 230 Cash, Reserve):

Ending Balance 04/30/2015 \$29,034.06
05/31/2015 \$218,624.33

Where did the deposit of **\$189,581.05** transfer from on May 19, 2015 into Act #230 - Cash, Special Reserve?

To be continued with Report #2.

See attachments for financial report backup as proof of years of either a shell game, smoke and mirror, deception or misuse of Supervisor office, Director of Finance office.

Respectfully Submitted


Michael Eddy

Please attach all pages to town board minutes.

WHEREAS The Glen Lodge in Thurman is a participant and our only current generator of Occupancy Tax Revenue, and

WHEREAS the internet is an important tool for marketing and encouraging tourism in our area, be it RESOLVED, that the Town Board awards two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to the Warrensburg Bed & Breakfast Association.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution # 33 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SEAMAN

Fluorescent light disposal:

Supervisor Wood has received requests for fluorescent lights to be accepted at the landfill. **Supervisor Wood** said that she has consulted the county on this matter and contacted several fluorescent light disposal companies.

RESERVES:

Supervisor Wood spoke to the town board about the capital reserve fund. The engineer feels the plans (for salt shed project behind the town garage) are favorable and will get a go ahead from the DEC. With a project estimate of \$100,000.00, **Supervisor Wood** asked the town attorney to look over rules for using capital reserve funds. The town attorney prepared a resolution and notice of referendum (for posting in the paper). **Councilman Galusha** suggested keeping the salt at the landfill. **Supervisor Wood** said that there were numerous problems with the original construction of the old salt shed and that the engineer advises working in one area to keep costs down. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated that we should fix the problem (behind the highway garage) instead of causing another problem somewhere else. **Supervisor Wood** said that **Senator Betty Little** recommended going forward with this plan. **Supervisor Wood** said that we are lacking the OK from the DEC to move forward. This, combined with referendum requirements once the plan is approved, will push the project towards the end of the construction season.

Councilwoman Seaman said that she would like something in writing from the DEC.

Supervisor Wood added that the DEC had been given the opportunity to respond before the budget was passed.

Councilwoman Seaman said that she didn't know the shed was being removed however she knew it had to go because the DEC wouldn't allow it. Councilwoman Seaman stated that she didn't know if removing the shed required a permit.

Mary Eddy inquired about the SWPP and about the NOI (notice of intent) and said \$100,000.00 was the figure from the budget meeting and \$50,000.00 was the price on the building permit.

Supervisor Wood stated that SWPP is storm water prevention plan and NOI is notice of intent. Wood said that if the DEC approves everything it will cost approximately \$100,000.00

Richard Bardi asked if the DEC has to approve the NOI and wanted to know what the Tech Valley bill (from the abstract) for around \$350.00 was for.

Supervisor Wood replied that the DEC gave us a notice of violation and we are required to respond with a NOI. Supervisor Wood said that Tech Valley was the phone and fax lines and that we would be going to bid for phone service later this summer

Patrick Eldridge asked for a breakdown of the cost of the salt shed project and how much money was in the capital reserve fund.

Supervisor Wood said that the full cost should be around \$100,000.00.

Supervisor Wood stated that there was \$364,689.87 in the capital reserve fund.

Mike Eddy wanted to know how the highway worker was paid when they worked at the landfill.

X Supervisor Wood replied that the hours worked at the landfill were paid from the general fund and that they were paid at a lesser rate.

Bruce Trudick
paid same highway + landfill

Joyce Eddy asked if background checks were done on youth commission members.

Ed Brown
paid highway rate of pay at landfill

Supervisor Wood said that background checks had never been done on the commission member's just youth program workers.

← Background check was done by Decker 8

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Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2013 ←

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$116,277.15
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$318,815.16
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$435,092.31

Balance Gen

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Balance Sheet as of 11/30/2013 ←

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$177,856.12
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$319,348.32
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$497,204.44

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Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2013 ←

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$143,342.44
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$208,567.20
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$351,909.64

July 9, 2013 Minutes pg 8
 Capital Reserve Act # 230: 364,689.87
 Balance Sheet 7-31-13 = 318,815.16
 \$ 45,874.71

Act # 230: Balance Sheet
 11-30-13 # 319,348.32
 12-31-13 - 208,567.20
 \$ 110,781.12

Supervisor Wood stated that we would use our own labor but may have to contract some of the work out, such as roof trusses. **Wood** added that in house labor is cheaper and that this project would take a lot of nails.

RESOLUTION # 35:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF \$100,000

FROM CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PAY COSTS OF REPLACEMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALT STORAGE SHED(S)

WHEREAS, the Town Highway Department salt storage shed(s) have been determined to be inadequate and in need of immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the salt shed(s) is anticipated to cost \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town has more than \$100,000 in its general-type Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (the "Capital Reserve Fund"); and

WHEREAS, replacement of the salt shed(s), being a physical public betterment or improvement, is a capital improvement which can be paid for using these funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Thurman Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$100,000 of the funds in the Capital Reserve Fund to pay the cost of the specific project of replacement of the Town Highway Department salt storage shed(s), including removal of the existing shed(s) and construction of a new structure to store the Highway Department's salt, and any related actions including those that may be required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated maximum cost of such project is \$100,000; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum as provided by General Municipal Law Section 6-c and Town Law Article 7, and shall not take effect except as therein provided; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to post and publish the Notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum; and be it

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, Town Bookkeeper and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effect this Resolution and to comply with any requirements of the NYS DEC relating to replacement of the salt shed(s). On a motion by **Councilwoman***

***Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution #35 was approved.*

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, VASAK, SEAMAN

2 NAYS ~ GALUSHA, BILLS

RESOLUTION # 36:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECT

Town of Thurman

Resolution #74 of 2014

Oct. 2014

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea	___	Nay	___
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea	___	Nay	___
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea	___	Nay	___
Councilman	Daniel Smith	Yea	___	Nay	___
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea	___	Nay	___

Resolution to Adjust budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the following budget adjustments:

General Fund:

From	To
7140.1 Playgrounds PS - \$2,616.00	6772.4 - Programs for the Aging \$200.00
	7310.4 - Youth Programs CE \$200.00
	8810.4 - Cemeteries CE \$235.00
	1420.4 - Attorney CE \$1,581.00
	1440.4 - Engineer CE \$400.00
<u>\$2,616.00</u>	<u>\$2,616.00</u>

Highway Fund:

From	To
5130.2 - Machinery EQ - \$9,155	5110.4 - General Repairs CE \$4,272
<u>\$9,155</u>	5130.4 - Machinery CE \$4,883
	<u>\$9,155</u>

Reserve Fund - Road Repair - \$49,152 5112.2 - Perm. Improvements - \$49,152

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the Multi Modal Funds reimbursement for the Bowen Hill Paving Project those funds will be used to reimburse the Road Repair Reserve.

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Balance Sheet as of 10/31/2014

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$44,541.36
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$209,010.28
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$253,551.64

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Balance Sheet as of 11/30/2014

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$142,221.48
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$29,019.65
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$171,241.13

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Received 1/13/15

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2014

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$78,754.61
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$29,024.50
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$107,779.11

Act # 230

Balance Sheet 10-31-14 \$ 209,010.48

Balance Sheet 11-30-14 - 29,019.65

179,990.63

Moved - Resolution?

Subject To Permissive Referendum?

December 09, 2014

Councilman Eddy had the final report on the veteran's memorial and filed a copy with the Town Clerk.

Supervisor's Report:

Topics touched upon were computer classes at the town hall (looking for someone to teach them), scheduling defensive driving classes, a new lending library (children's books) at the town hall, Gateway Council meeting, should think about hiring maintenance person (part time), AATV meeting, Organizational meeting coming up, Warren County Health Services looking for volunteers and Soil and Water Hazard mitigation workshop Jan 08, 2015 6-7 at Crandall Library.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint two board of assessment review members.

Discussion Highway Budget: Supervisor Wood said that a number of bills have come in for the highway department and we don't have the money in the bank to pay them. **Supervisor Wood** read off the amounts of each of the bills. **Supervisor Wood** stated that we're not going to finish the year in good shape, it looks like we will finish the year \$60,000.00 less than we have in the bank. **Supervisor Wood** asked the town board what they wanted to do about this and added that if we pay those bills we can't pay the guys. **Supervisor Wood** said that last year the highway department finished the year minus \$11,000.00 according to the **AUD (Annual Financial Update Document).** **Supervisor Wood** said that the highway department has been trying to keep the bills down but roads need to be plowed as a matter of public safety. **Supervisor Wood** stated that we have to find the money from somewhere, it's not an option to take it out of the general fund and put it in the highway fund because, #1 you can never get it back and #2 that will blow our budget for next year because we're counting on using fund balance from there to offset our budget. **Supervisor Wood** said that with the help of a spread sheet she had looked at this nine different ways and hasn't found a good way to

January 13, 2015

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk said that it was very important to listen to the audio, when I go over my minutes I listen to the audio and read my minutes (at the same time), you'll see that I write accurate minutes.

REPORTS:

Councilman Galusha read the EMS report

Councilwoman Seaman said that a thank you goes out to Catherine Chambers and the youth court for their help with the youth parties. February 07, 2015 from 1-3 will be the assembling of valentines for vets, contact the supervisor's office to donate. March 28 from 1-3 is the youth commission Easter party.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Wood reported that...

The AUD is started

The county is moving forward with the Combs Road Bridge

Wood was the temporary chairman at the county board of supervisors

Problems with trash pickup (ACE Carting) call Jerry Potts 221-8603

OLD BUSINESS:

Back in December the town board faced a dilemma. There was no money left in the highway fund and a pile of highway bills were still outstanding. The town board discussed their options for coming up with the \$101,335.68 needed to pay those bills. They decided to reduce the road repair reserve to \$10,000.00 and transfer funds from the reserve to pay the outstanding 2014 highway claims.

NEW BUSINESS:

Derrick Conine resigned from the board of assessment review chairman position and would like to recommend **Kathy Templeton** as his replacement. The town board will advertise to fill that position.

Town of Thurman

Resolution #15 of 2015

Introduced By: *Gail Seaman*
 Seconded By: *Daniel Smith*

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Daniel Smith	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay <input type="checkbox"/>

Resolution to Reduce Reserve, Pay Bills, and Fund Reserve

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman needs to fund the payment of bills for the Highway Department for December 2014,

BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes the reduction of the funding in the Road Repair Reserve to \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars), and

BE It RESOLVED that the funds transferred from the reserve shall be used to pay the outstanding highway expenses for 2014, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining monies after the bills are paid will be placed in the town's machinery reserve.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)SS:

COUNTY OF WARREN)

I, Cynthia R. Hyde, Town Clerk of the Town of Thurman of the County of Warren, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy and the whole thereof, of a Resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Thurman of the County of Warren, on the 13th day of January, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Thurman this 13th day of January, 2015.

Cynthia R. Hyde
 Cynthia R. Hyde
 Clerk of the Town of Thurman
 County of Warren

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$78,754.61
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$29,024.50
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$107,779.11

Received 2/10/15

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Balance Sheet as of 1/31/2015

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$40,250.46
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$72,787.84
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$113,038.30

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Balance Sheet as of 2/28/2015

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	\$34,766.71
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$72,790.31
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$107,557.02

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Balance Sheet as of 3/31/2015

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	(\$39,637.56)
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$107,693.52
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$68,055.96

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Balance Sheet as of 4/30/2015

Fund: GENERAL FUND A

Assets

CASH ACCOUNT

000200.01.000.00	200 - Cash GENERAL FUND A	(\$64,389.19)
000230.01.000.00	230 - Cash, Special Reserves GENERAL FUND A	\$218,612.72
Subtotal CASH ACCOUNT:		\$154,223.53

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Bank Reconciliation Report

Bank Account	230 - Cash, Special Reserves
G/L Bank Number	000230.01.000.00
Statement Opening Balance	\$29,024.50
Statement Ending Balance	\$29,026.97
Cleared Balance	\$29,026.97
Statement Ending Date	1/31/2015
Completed Successfully ?	Yes

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Bank Reconciliation Report

Bank Account	230 - Cash, Special Reserves
G/L Bank Number	000230.01.000.00
Statement Opening Balance	\$29,026.97
Statement Ending Balance	\$29,029.20
Cleared Balance	\$29,029.20
Statement Ending Date	2/28/2015
Completed Successfully ?	Yes

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Bank Reconciliation Report

Bank Account	230 - Cash, Special Reserves
G/L Bank Number	000230.01.000.00
Statement Opening Balance	\$29,029.20
Statement Ending Balance	\$29,031.67
Cleared Balance	\$29,031.67
Statement Ending Date	3/31/2015
Completed Successfully ?	Yes

Deposits And Other Transactions Cleared

Account #	Date	Description	Transaction Amount	Cleared?
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230 3/31/2015 March Interest Payment

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Account:
Date: 04/30/2015

CYCLE-051

***** SAVINGS *** MM MUNI SPEC 71**

Beginning balance on April 01, 2015
Total Deposits and Credits: 1
Total Checks and Debits: 0
Cycle Service Charge
Ending balance on April 30, 2015

Enclosures	0
Beginning Rate	0.10000
\$	29,031.67
+	2.39
-	.00
-	0
\$	29,034.06

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Account:
Date: 05/31/2015

CYCLE-051

***** SAVINGS *** MM MUNI SPEC 71**

Beginning balance on May 01, 2015
Total Deposits and Credits: 2
Total Checks and Debits: 0
Cycle Service Charge
Ending balance on May 31, 2015

Enclosures	0
Beginning Rate	0.10000
\$	29,034.06
+	189,590.27
-	.00
-	0
\$	218,624.33

Number of days in this statement period: 31

● Account Transactions

Date	Description
05/19	XFER FROM ACCT CK
05/31	INTEREST PAYMENT

DEBITS

CREDITS
189,581.05
9.22

● Balance By Date

Date	Balance	Date	Balance
04/30	29,034.06	05/19	218,615.11
		05/31	218,624.33

● Interest Information

Report for the month of May 2017

- We had meetings with Cedarwood Engineering Corporation to discuss a start date for the water project.
- I completed a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. I emailed all board members the plan.
- I inventoried CPE kits for whitespace: we have 60 units still unsold, I am currently researching the value of these units; 5 extra Pole Antennas (value is currently unknown). I am looking into finding the value of these Antennas. The number of CPE units sold to date is 32, 3 have been returned and numerous subscribers have yet to be hooked up due to not having a qualified person to do so.
- I contacted Fred Engelmann about setting up a time for a workshop on whitespace.
- Board Member Joan Harris prepared invoices for whitespace and sent them out to subscribers.
- I received a letter from Gore Mountain informing us of a summer program they are offering: the fee is \$1000 for up to 50 children. Is that something the board would like me to look into further? It appears to be a fee for a one day admission.
- While going over the vouchers I noticed Crystal Rocks bill was more than double what it traditionally is, so I added every credit and debit to be sure we hadn't been over charged. It was \$469.00 this month and last it had been \$234.00. We hadn't been over charged, it appears the various parties held at the hall had caused part of the increase. So, that brings me to the issue of our decision to charge a small fee for hall rental; one rental will not cover the total cost of water for a large party, but little by little it does add up and I believe it was a good choice.
- I completed the Easter Party Report for the Youth Commission. \$456.11 was spent for the party, \$43.89 was returned. We had about 30 children present. I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with setup and cleanup and everyone who attended – we had a blast!
- I received quite a few calls this month from residents;
 - One resident called to inquire as to why we no longer read each bill out loud at our meeting; I explained as best I could the reasoning

behind it, which is that the Abstract is posted online for anyone to view. If they do not have internet, I explained that I was quite certain Susan would have no problem making them a copy.

- Another resident inquired about the highway department having a P.O. System as was one of the recommendations of the Audit done back in 2008. I explained that for some reason or another they had stopped using that system, but I am a strong proponent of P.O. systems for accountability and budgeting expected maintenance/replacement of equipment.
- The previous conversation brought that caller to inquire as to who the highway liaison is and/or why do we not have one?
- Another resident was inquiring about whether or not the TSA had submitted any receipts to the Supervisor's office.
- Another resident inquired about the Security Camera's. Asking why we did not have them on during the spate of burglaries. I informed that person that they were on, but they did not believe that.
- A resident called and asked if I would be so kind as to remind Thurman residents about the School Board Budget vote on Tuesday, May 16 from 7 am to 8 pm at the Warrensburg Junior / Senior High School, 103 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg NY. Additionally, The Richards Library Budget Referendum is to be voted on as well. My understanding is that they promised not to ask for a budget increase for 5 years back in 2012 and they are asking for your continued support. It is proposed to increase by less than \$10 per year, or \$0.18 per week.
- There were inquiries into who has submitted request(s) for O.T.
- I have heard complaints about Route 418 (the main way in and out of Thurman). I will be contacting Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec regarding this matter. Emergency vehicles must drive over this road at great speed. I think this is a safety issue.

- Today, May 9, 2017, I audited the payment of claims, called some vendors for more detailed invoices and received them.
- I will provide the clerk with copies of handouts for Library and School Budget. You may request a copy of these.

We received letters from National Grid stating they have received notification from ConstellationNewEnergy regarding several of our accounts. Constellation has informed National Grid that we have chosen them to be our electric supplier. The letter states that if we did not authorize this change we should contact them immediately. I called National Grid and they informed me that the contracts on two of the accounts began on May 5th, prior to our receiving the letters. The contracts for the other accounts will begin on May 10th.

No one has spoken with Constellation to authorize this change. It was done without our knowledge or consent.

I have compared the costs of electric with Constellation and National Grid for the past 16 months. Although at the time the original contract was signed National Grid and Constellation may have had similar costs per kilowatt, in looking over the per kilowatt rates it would be a significant savings if we DID NOT agree to a contract with Constellation. Had we not been with Constellation for the past 16 months, the town would have saved \$2,262.85.

We have time to stop the contracts on 4 of the 6 accounts currently with Constellation. As for the other two which took effect on May 5th, I was informed by National Grid that we should call Constellation and find out who authorized the written or verbal contract. No one in this office has given them authorization, and we should be able to terminate the contract without any early termination fee.

I highly recommend that National Grid be the energy supplier for all of our accounts.

Report Bookkeeper

Constellation - National Grid Comparison January 2016 through April 2017

Constellation Accounts	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17
NY-EL_3334245-0 Town Hall	161.98	155.82	181.10	157.44	116.70	108.40	103.51	122.57	141.86	149.67	128.90	147.53	139.89	164.82	164.56	143.49
NY-EL_3334245-1 Landfill	86.52	74.70	79.49	86.04	26.96	14.58	21.51	27.45	24.66	20.10	27.66	75.97	76.26	77.53	83.90	77.08
NY-EL_3334245-2 Garage	84.91	100.15	116.92	78.83	59.05	47.64	58.65	87.85	65.91	51.80	50.47	65.92	102.49	99.27	106.23	92.76
NY-EL_3334245-3 Youth Field	71.79	56.26	58.46	32.97	26.74	3.30	9.91	9.10	10.13	6.67	3.60	30.91	63.70	52.91	51.06	74.23
NY-EL_3334245-4 Harris House	4.32	8.64	6.81	2.93	1.61	1.10	1.10	0.88	0.95	1.03	1.32	2.79	5.06	3.60	0.00	7.64
NY-EL_3334245-5 Fiber Pole S. Johnsbury Rd	13.18	12.16	13.18	12.82	11.79	12.24	13.07	11.96	12.25	11.45	11.45	12.84	10.80	10.80	12.33	10.86
	422.70	407.73	455.96	371.03	242.85	187.26	207.75	259.81	255.76	240.72	223.40	335.96	398.20	408.93	418.08	406.06
Locked In Rate - Constellation	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326	0.07326
Variable Rate National Grid (As Stated)	0.05290	0.05290	0.02600	0.02664	0.02664	0.04826	0.04826	0.05221	0.04540	0.04182	0.03209	0.03209	0.04400	0.06464	0.03648	0.03612
Percentage of Constellation Rate	72.21%	72.21%	35.49%	36.36%	36.36%	65.87%	65.87%	71.27%	61.97%	57.08%	43.80%	43.80%	60.06%	88.23%	49.80%	49.30%
What National Grid Invoice would have been	305.23	294.42	161.82	134.92	88.31	123.36	136.86	185.16	158.50	137.41	97.86	147.16	239.16	360.81	208.18	200.20
Total Savings	117.47	113.31	294.14	236.11	154.54	63.90	70.89	74.65	97.26	103.31	125.54	188.80	159.04	48.12	209.90	205.86
Total Savings over last 16 months	\$2,262.85															

Constellation Amount
 National Grid Amount
 Percentage of Savings

5,242.20
 2,979.35
 57%



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May 4, 2017

Ms. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor
Town of Thurman
P.O. Box 29
Athol, N.Y. 12810

Re: Proposal for Accounting Assistance

Dear Ms. Hyde:

After meeting with you and Debra Runion on May 3, 2017, we are pleased to propose that we provide assistance to you and Debra to improve the state of the Town's accounting records and reports. The areas identified so far are as follows:

- Reconcile and correct the Due To/From accounts which are out of balance
- Reconcile and correct the various Fund Balance accounts which do not balance as of 12/31/16 and thereafter
- Determine the correct current fund cash account balances so that the Highway Fund cash can be segregated from the consolidated bank account
- Reconcile and correct the Trust and Agency cash account through the current month
- Correct the "critical errors" on the 12/31/16 NYS Annual Update Document
- Address any other accounting issues that come up while performing the above.

Donna Farrar, CPA would work at the Town Hall office with you and Debra. Our fee for these services would be \$120 per hour plus 54 cents per mile. We estimate that it may take us 20 – 40 hours to complete the above procedures. If it becomes apparent that more of Ms. Farrar's time is required, we will advise you of such in advance and obtain your approval before incurring more time and fees.

If these arrangements meet with your approval, please sign below and return this letter to us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Colin D. Combs'.

Colin D. Combs, CPA, CFE

Approved: _____

Date: _____

WARRENSBURG



EMS

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

May 9, 2017

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for April 2017. We handled 5 calls in town last month. 3 ALS calls and 1 BLS call, and a stand-by at a fire scene. Our average response time to being on scene was 14 minutes.

We are still looking for more members to help us get the ambulance out when people need our services. If you are interested in learning about EMS, and helping your neighbors, please contact me at any time. We need your help.

Our "*Lighting the Way to YOU*" campaign is going well. We have received some very positive feedback about this program. If anyone has any questions about this program or you would like a bulb installed, please call me, or call the squad building at 623-4911, and please leave a message.

We will be holding our annual Open House on Saturday May 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will have Ambulance and building tours, blood pressure checks, basket and gift card raffle's, gas grill raffle, a bounce house for the kids and much more. Please stop by and visit us. Who knows, maybe you could go home with a brand new grill, complete with tank and cover!!!

All Thurman Town Board Members and residents are more than welcome 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

Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager
Warrensburg EMS, Inc.

EMS CALLS IN THURMAN

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
4/2/2017	17-10791	ALS	ECHO	3 MINUTES	9 MINUTES
4/6/2017	17-11182	ALS	CHEST PAIN	4 MINUTES	17 MINUTES
4/11/2017	17-11712	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	3 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
4/12/2017	17-11845	BLS	ABDOMINAL PAIN	2 MINUTES	14 MINUTES
4/21/2017	17-12880	BLS	FIRE STAND BY	NO TIMES	NO TIMES