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MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JUNE 11, 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 at 6:45 pm by **Evelyn Wood, Supervisor.**

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the May 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes were approved.

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

LETTERS:

A letter from **Joyce Eddy** was read. Attached

A letter from **Mary Eddy** was read. Attached

A letter of interest in serving on the Thurman Youth commission by **Bethany Tyner** was read. Attached

REPORTS:

Report by Councilman Vasak. Attached

Report by Councilman Galusha from Warrensburg EMS. Attached

Councilman Seaman said that the Thurman Youth Commission will hold a dinner this Saturday.

Councilman Bills stated that **Ernie Smith** was working on the cemeteries and doing a great job.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE POSITION:

Discussion ensued regarding **Ernie Smith** working alone maintaining the cemeteries. The Town Board felt it would be safer to have two people working together. On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the Town Board created a 16 hour per week, part time cemetery maintenance position. To fund this position it was decided to move \$2500.00 from A7140.1 to A8810.1. The motion was amended to include a pay rate of \$8.50 per hour.

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

Supervisor's Report:

A subdivision request (attached) had been received from **Patricia Kenyon**.

RESOLUTION # 28:

Resolution to Approve Subdivision

WHEREAS Patricia Kenyon has requested a subdivision of Tax Map # 196-1-15 located at 523 Bowen Hill Road in Thurman, and

WHEREAS the Adirondack Park Agency has already approved the subdivision which creates two parcels, and

WHEREAS these two parcels are formed by the natural division created by Bowen Hill Road which creates a smaller lot of approximately 8 acres on the East side

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of Bowen Hill Road, and a larger parcel of approximately 53 acres on the West side of Bowen Hill Road, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman approves the subdivision as described to the Town Board.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board granted Patricia Kenyon's subdivision request.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT CONTINUED:

There will be a change in General Municipal Law regarding requirements for notices of claims upon towns. **Supervisor Wood** said that she would be speaking to the town attorney on this matter.

May 20 **Supervisor Wood** attended breakfast with the NYS Comptroller. Most notable was that retirement is set to rise, however the retirement fund is at a record high.

Supervisor Wood attended the AATV membership meeting classes and will take the webinars that are offered.

PBS came to the town hall and did a brief segment on Thurman.

Supervisor Wood spoke to Town Attorney **Mark Shachner** in regards to last month's request to give town residents preference when hiring local government employees. **Shachner** didn't recommend passing a residency requirement local law as the town could end up having to break its own local law if qualified people could not be found.

The projected start date for River Road is July 1st. The road will be closed and detoured with completion expected in a few weeks. The town attorney is looking into town reserves to see if the road repair reserve can be used for working capital until the town is reimbursed by the state. Because the state is lagging back 90 days between reimbursements, the town needs to be sure there won't be a cash flow issue.

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Supervisor Wood has been working with Senator Little's office and hopes to receive \$50,000.00 in mini mobile funds which will be directed to Bowen Hill Road for repaving.

OLD BUSINESS:

BIKE RACE DATE CHANGE:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak** the town board approved the date change for the Double H bike race to September 7 instead of September 28.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

There has been a request to have the Fall Farm Tour pancake breakfast at the town hall. The town board was not opposed to the pancake breakfast at the town hall. **Supervisor Wood** said that she would ask an Association of Towns attorney about the matter.

HARRIS BAY DREDGING:

Greg Near proposed paying the Town of Thurman for allowing 750 to 1000 cubic yards of material dredged from Harris Bay, Lake George to be hauled to the Thurman Landfill.

The Town Board declined the offer.

DIGITAL AIRCONDITIONER:

The Town Justices office houses the server. During the summer the server needs to be in a cool room as high temperatures could be damaging.

Supervisor Wood proposed a digital air conditioner priced at \$100 - \$150 that could be set at a certain temperature and then would only run when needed.

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SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK MAGAZINE:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board approved a ½ page ad in the Southern Adirondack Magazine for \$645.00, paid for from A6989.4 (Occupancy Tax), of which 50% will be reimbursed by Warren County.

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

ACO:

Town of Thurman Dog Control Officer services were rated satisfactory by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE:

There will be a public hearing concerning work to be done on the Valley Road Bridge between the two ends of Combs Road, 6:15 pm June 12, 2013.

WARREN COUNTY BICENTENIAL:

A WC bicentennial signature event will take place at the Old Warren County Courthouse at 10 AM.

BICENTENNIAL THURMAN:

This coming weekend there will be an honoring of vets, a reenactment, face painting, a pulled pork dinner, music and fireworks.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013-339 thru 2013-405 for a highway and general fund with a grand total of \$59,945.73.

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

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

Councilwoman Seaman asked where we are with the well.

Supervisor Wood stated that the town has been going back and forth with the DEC and has not received anything in writing stating that the DEC has accepted the plan. The environmental analyst the town has been working with gave the go ahead to send everything to Albany. Once there is a firm response from the DEC that everything is how they like it, the plan is to go ahead. There has been some discussion about splitting the construction over two years because the DEC did not respond to the town in a timely manner last year. This year there would be construction on the well and salt shed and next year asphalt paving and the rest of the project. Supervisor Wood said that once she knows what is going to happen she will be thrilled to inform the town board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Richard Kline supported the Town Boards decision not to accept dredging from Harris Bay.

Richard Kline said that last month he had suggested a town ordinance to hire within the town and that **Supervisor Wood** suggested it may be illegal. **Kline** handed the town board some documents to prove that it wouldn't be illegal to have residency requirements. **Kline** said that a NYS law not only permits this but suggests it is the best course of action because neighbors serve neighbors better.

Supervisor Wood pointed out that the town is governed by civil service and certain positions would require civil service testing from which the town would have to pick from the top 3.

Barbara Farrell asked who was in charge of the bicentennial ceremonies and why the Thurman EMS hadn't been invited.

Supervisor Wood stated that it was advertised that volunteers were needed.

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Mary Eddy asked how many civil service positions the Town of Thurman had.

Supervisor Wood said that there were no civil service positions in the Town of Thurman.

John Haskell said that there was some brush on the River Road that needed to be cut. **Haskell** also asked if the town water had been tested yet.

Supervisor Wood replied that there was no reason to test the water as the last time it was tested the Department of Health said it was fine and that she would have **Pat Wood** take a look at the brush.

John Haskell asked if he could get the name of the person **Wood** spoke to at the Department of Health.

Supervisor Wood said that she would try and look that up.

Richard Bardi noted that with the hiring of a second cemetery maintenance worker to work with the current cemetery maintenance worker the hours it would take to complete the work should be cut in half.

Supervisor Wood said that currently all cemeteries aren't getting maintained each week so two workers will be safer and able to complete more maintenance.

Mark Harris asked if there were plans for paving roads this year.

Supervisor Wood said that CHIPS money(funding for paving) had been increased this year but she was not sure about plans for paving and that would be **Highway Superintendent Pat Wood's** decision.

Mary Eddy asked about the \$200,000.00 dollars in grant money for whitespace internet and how much whitespace would cost per household.

Supervisor Wood said that the town would pay the \$200,000.00 up front and then get reimbursed for it. **Wood** did not know how much per household for internet at this time.

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Mary Eddy asked where the extra money for engineering came from. The budgeted amount was \$500.00 and \$15,500.00 has been spent so far this year.

Supervisor Wood said it would probably come from contingency. **Wood** stated that engineering (A1440.4) was discussed at the budget meetings and she had suggested it was too low and should be increased.

Mary Eddy asked how the ambulance payment had been handled and about the trust and agency account and what comes out of it. Eddy also asked if the snowmobile grant came out of T& A.

Supervisor Wood said that the ambulance payment had been deducted from appropriations as allowed in the contract. **Wood** stated that payroll and health insurance comes out of T&A and that the snowmobile grant was a pass through and wasn't on town books and she thought not in the budget.

Mary Eddy asked if the town share and the employee share of health insurance comes out of T & A.

Supervisor Wood explained that funds for health insurance is taken from the general fund and from employees' earnings and deposited in the Trust and Agency.

Mary Eddy asked if the health insurance bills were kept in the Town Clerk's Office with all the other bills. **Eddy** said she had lists of the bills (brought to the meetings) and noted that CDPHP (health insurance) is not on those lists.

Supervisor Wood said that the health insurance bills were not kept in the town clerk's office. It had been past practice that they were kept in the supervisor's office as they need to be referred to from time to time.

Mary Eddy asked if anyone may look at them.

Supervisor Wood said that she would have to check on what parts were available.

Richard Kline asked where the \$200,000.00 for white space would come from upfront until the reimbursement, and would the town be stable in the event of an emergency with those funds tied up.

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Supervisor Wood answered that currently the town would be stable.

Richard Bardi asked how white space compared to wired services.

Paula Hubert asked if the lines would have to be updated

Shirley Wendling asked when there would be a public meeting with **Fred Engleman** on whitespace.

Supervisor Wood said that a wired internet service is not available in Thurman because Verizon cannot be competed with and that trunk lines are right where we need them at the intersection of Garnet Lake Road and South Johnsbury Road. **Wood** stated that a public meeting on internet will take place when we have a firmer hit on the numbers.

Mike Eddy asked why questions were not answered about the salt shed and said that people want to know what is going on in their back yards.

Supervisor Wood said that we don't know until the DEC tells us.

John Haskell added that **E. Wood** could tell us what we applied for.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town clerk
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Attached:

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Rx Date/Time JUN-06-2013(THU) 12:17 P.001
06-06-2013 12:17 PM FAX24 PUBLIC FAX SERVICE From: To: 5186234292 Page 1
06/06/2013 12:12 0487 PAGE 01

Town of Thurman
P.O. Box 29
Athol, NY 12810

June 6, 2013

Attention: Thurman Town Board

I am writing in regards to the parcel of land I own at 523 Bowen Hill Road in Thurman, tax map ID 196-1-15. I am requesting that the land be divided into two legal parcels.

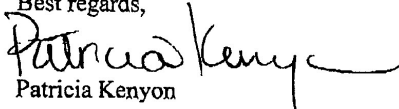
As I have already contacted the APA, please see their letter stating that Bowen Hill Road makes a natural division on the land. The smaller lot, on the east side of Bowen Hill, will be approximately 8 acres while the west side will be approximately 53 acres.

As I understand, the town board needs to vote on my request. I would appreciate it if you could please review this at your next board meeting on June 11th, 2013.

Attached is a copy of the APA's official ruling on the land.

I can be reached at 201-925-6067 or at patti.kenyon2012@me.com.

Best regards,


Patricia Kenyon

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Evelyn Wood:
And Town Board member whom
voted to send our Tax Dollars to
Warrensburg EMS.

Please take this and send another
donation to Warrensburg EMS in our
names.

Thank you

Loren + Joyce Eddy

P.S. Please record this in the minutes

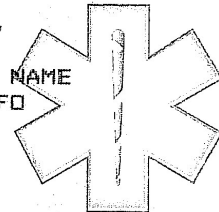
WARRENSBURG EMER. MED SERVICES, INC
2013

DONATION REQUEST

(✓) CHECK AMOUNT DONATED

- PLEASE CORRECT NAME
 - MEMBERSHIP INFO

\$30.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	Other \$
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Thank you in advance for your continued support.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

003529

EDDY, LOREN
232 BEAR POND ROAD
PO BOX 65
ATHOL NY 12810

WARRENSBURG EMER. MED SERVICES,
P. O. BOX 157
WARRENSBURG NY 12885
INFORMATION CALLS ONLY
518-623-4911



OUR PATIENTS ARE OUR FIRST PRIORITY

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS
DIAL 9-1-1

RETURN ORIGINAL WITH CONTRIBUTION

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Mary Eddy
P. O. Box 9
Athol, NY 12810

Thurman Town Board
P. O. Box 29
Athol, NY 12810

June 10, 2013

Dear Evelyn and Town Board,

Thank you for directing me, at the May town board meeting, to speak with Pat Wood concerning the salt situation in back of the town hall. The old salt shed has been removed. A new salt shed will need to be erected before the next winter season including extensive DEC requirements as you well know.

I don't quite understand your reasoning as to why you would expect the highway superintendent to explain the DEC requirements when the property belongs to the town and is the responsibility of the town board. It would seem that Pat Wood as highway superintendent would have jurisdiction over highway services and highway employees.

Last year at a town meeting, you stated, that DEC would only allow the current salt shed to be used for the 2012 - 2013 winter season.

The town board knew that it was going to be necessary to either build a new shed or move the location for the salt.

It appears that you are "passing the proverbial buck" since it isn't a positive subject for this administration.

The cost of the future work was not discussed at last Falls, 2012, public budget planning, but was knowledge the board had and still won't discuss with the public.

From January to May the town has paid Cedarwood Engineering \$6,500.00. The 2013 budget allocation for Engineer, in the general fund, was \$500.00. What account is this money being paid from?

On the 1st page of the prelininary budget was a Supervisor budget message. It stated that "there was only \$1,238.00 to cover all increases for the entire 2013 year." There was also the statement that, "you completed the multi year planning document projecting the future finances and long range planning." "Any large expense must be planned and saved for well in advance." Did you include the salt shed, salt lagoon and well or wells?

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The administration of the Town of Thurman does not appear to be operating as an open government or as “financially responsible” as it has professed to be for the last 2 1/2 years.

Please include this letter in the minutes of the June 2013 town board minutes.

Sincerely,
Mary Eddy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Eddy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

My name is Bethany
Tyner I am interested
in ~~joining~~ joining the
Warman youth Commission

(Thank you)

Bethany Tyner

email:

heebl0609@hotmail.com

Phone: 321-890-4383

address: 141 Garnett Lake Rd.

South, Warrensburg 12885

HIGHWAY REPORT

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- 1) All cemeteries have been cleaned and mowed.
 - 2) Replaced rusted out culverts on Mud St. Have two to replace on Wm. J Baker rd, one on Bear pond rd and two on Maxam rd. ~~by the boat launch.~~
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If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know.

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