

Michael Eddy - Town Board Member

July 11, 2017

Report #4 - 2017

2016 Resolution #57 April 12, 2016 - Adjust 2016 Budget

For what reason or purpose was this resolution presented to the Town Board by Supervisor Wood?

No designation signifying what line item was associated with account numbers.

Elected Town Officers wages are include in 2016 **Adopted** Budget.

Resolution #57 was to decrease 4 Elected Town Officers wages (account # ending in .11) and increases wages for assistants (account # ending in .12) to the Elected Town Officers.

Recording of Resolution #57 - Budget Journal entries - Williamson Law software - May 5, 2016 - Line 72 through Line 97:

Each Town Officer wages (.11) was decreased and then increased by same dollar amount. Adjustments equals zero.

Each Town Officer assistants wages (.12) was increased and then decreased by same dollar amount. Adjustments equals zero.

It appears to be another shell game by past administration.

Resolution #57, last 3 budget adjustments - Recorded Budget Journal entries - May 5, 2016:

Tax collectors contractual (A1330.4) increase by \$197.59

Engineer contractual (A1440.4) increase by \$195.00

Workers Compensation (9040.8) decrease by \$392.59

The last 3 adjustments were actually recorded and did adjust the final results for 2016 line items.

Recording of budget adjustment were done incompetently by either the 2016 Director of Finance or Supervisor's confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper.

It is obvious that we need the assistance of an experienced municipal CPA delving into the past record keeping of the Town of Thurman, as is currently being done.

Respectfully,

Michael Eddy

Please attach to minutes

April 12, 2016

Town of Thurman

Resolution # of 2016

57

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	John Youngblood	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilwoman	Susan Shepler	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea ___	Nay ___

Resolution to Adjust 2016 Budget

General Fund:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
A1110.11		\$953.13
<i>Justice Court Clerk</i> A1110.12	\$953.13	
<i>Supervisor</i> A1220.11		\$1840.63
<i>Rec/Book</i> A1220.12	\$1840.63	
<i>Assessors</i> A1355.11		\$2,292.00
<i>Assistants</i> A1355.12	\$2292.00	
<i>Town Clerk</i> A1410.11		\$473.85
<i>Deputy Clerk</i> A1410.12	\$473.85	
<i>Tax Collector</i> A1330.4 <i>Contractual</i>	\$197.59	
<i>Engineer</i> A1440.4 <i>Contractual</i>	\$195.00	
A9040.8 <i>W. Comp</i>		\$392.59
	\$5,952.20	\$5,952.20

Town of Thurman
2016 Budget

**SCHEDULE OF SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2016
(Article 8 of the Town Law)**

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>SALARIES</u>
Supervisor	\$10,800
Town Clerk	\$18,384
Town Board (4 @ \$3,260 ea.)	\$12,785
Town Justice	\$5,500
Tax Collector	\$3,184
Assessors Chairman	\$9,010
Assessors (2 @ \$6,876 ea.)	\$13,752
Highway Superintendent	\$40,485

Statement of Debt - The Town of Thurman has no debt at this time.

Statement of Reserves - As of September 30, 2015 the Road Repair Reserve's balance is \$ \$117,323.21

Estimated Fund Balance at the end of FY2015:

General Fund - \$131,524
Highway Fund - \$105,589.91
Enterprise Fund - \$0

069	01/01	A9060.8	TO RECORD BUDGET		41000.00
070	01/01	A1001	TO RECORD BUDGET		51617.00
071	01/01	A599	TO RECORD BUDGET		20000.00
072	05/02	A1110.11	To Adjust Budget	Resolution #57 April 12, 2016	953.13
073	05/02	A1110.12	To Adjust Budget		953.13
074	05/02	A1110.12	To Adjust budget		1906.26
075	05/02	A1110.11	To Adjust budget		1906.26
076	05/02	A1220.11	To Adjust Budget		1840.63
077	05/02	A1220.12	To Adjust Budegt		1840.63
078	05/02	A1355.11	To Adjust Budget		2292.00
079	05/02	A1355.12	To Adjust Budget		2292.00
080	05/02	A1410.11	To Adjust Budget		473.85
081	05/02	A1410.12	To Adjust Budget		473.85
082	05/02	A1330.4	To Adjust Budget		197.59

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TOWN OF THURMAN - GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE

Budget Journal 2016 2016

Ref	Date	Account #	Description	Debit	Credit
083	05/02	A1440.4	To Adjust Budget	195.00	
084	05/02	A9040.8	To Adjust Budget		392.59
085	05/02	A1410.12	To Adjust Budget		473.85
086	05/02	A1410.11	To Adjust Budget	473.85	
087	05/02	A1355.12	To Adjust Budget		2292.00
088	05/02	A1355.11	To Adjust Budget	2292.00	
089	05/02	A1220.12	To Adjust Budget		1840.63
090	05/02	A1220.11	To Adjust Budget	1840.63	
091	05/02	A1110.11	To Adjust Budget	1906.26	
092	05/02	A1110.12	To Adjust Budget		1906.26
093	05/02	A1110.12	To Adjust Budget	953.13	
094	05/02	A1110.11	To Adjust Budget		953.13
095	05/02	A9040.8	To Correct Budget Adjustment	785.18	
096	05/02	A1330.4	To Correct Budget Adjustment		395.18
097	05/02	A1440.4	To Correct Budget Adjustment		390.00
098	07/14	A1010.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		3896.00
099	07/14	A1420.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		1000.00
100	07/14	A1330.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		49.00
101	07/14	A8810.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		100.00
102	07/14	A1440.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		3000.00
103	07/14	A1620.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July		4000.00
104	07/14	A7140.4	Budget Adjustment Reso July	800.00	
105	07/14	A8810.1	Budget Adjustment Reso July	2000.00	
106	07/14	A9060.8	Budget Adjustment Reso July	9245.00	
107	12/31	A1010.4	FINAL BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		851.82
108	12/31	A1220.4	FINAL BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		114.08
109	12/31	A1330.4	FINAL BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		412.54

July 11, 2017

Thurman Town board Members:

I have had numerous phone calls concerning many different items that have led me to inquire or research answers. I feel I have responded to most of them in a timely manner and obtained important knowledge. Please continue to feel free to contact me at any time when you have a concern or possible solution.

I have also delivered a letter to the Shop Steward of the Thurman Municipal Employees Union as per their Contract (within 180 days of contract expiration). I requested that He contact the town Supervisor with an estimated date to begin negotiations. I have not heard of any such date being designated at this time.

I have a list of possible youth commission members and I am still waiting for letters of interest. My goal on this is to have a first informal meeting with all interested parties and see what the future can hold. To clear up a statement concerning this group I was no way inferring that the great events of the past were not eventful and well handled. I have always had a vision both past and present that our youths are important and we have special needs in this town to make things happen to widen their horizons and satisfy their needs.

Last but not least- As the Town Historian I have been researching and answering inquirers questions concerning past residents and places in town. They are 5 for genealogy; 2 places; and 2 county requests of all Warren County Historians. Remember I am in a volunteer position and no pay is involved. There is an opening for a paid Town Historian if there is interest in the position.

Thank you for your attention

Joan Harris

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Harris", written in a cursive style.

Susan Staples

From: Gil Lockhardt [constantvigilance01@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Susan Staples
Subject: Freedom of Information Law Appeal

FOIL Appeals Officer
Thurman Town Board
PO Box 29
Athol, NY 12810

Re: Freedom of Information
Law Appeal

Dear Town Board Members:

I requested various town records by written request made on February 11, 2017. Although the receipt of the request was acknowledged and I was informed that a response would be given by March 28, 2017, however no response was received. The current Town Clerk has refused to answer my inquiries instead choosing to attempt to charge me \$100 four months after my request was submitted. When asked to provide information as to how she reached the \$100 figure she responded that she now considered my request 'dropped'. There is no legal basis to 'drop' a request. She must either fill the request or notify me in writing of any portions denied and state the reason for the denial. I am also aware that the items in my request have been requested previously by other people and were provided to those persons free of charge. Consequently, I consider the request to have been denied, and I am appealing on that basis.

As required by the Freedom of Information Law, the head or governing body of an agency, or whomever is designated to determine appeals, is required to respond within 10 business days of the receipt of an appeal. In Thurman the Town Board is designated to handle the appeal process. If the records are denied on appeal, please explain the reasons for the denial fully in writing as required by law.

In addition, please be advised that the Freedom of Information Law directs that all appeals and the determinations that follow be sent to the Committee on Open Government, Department of State, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, New York 12231.

Sincerely,

Gil Lockhardt