

MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD AUGUST 13, 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. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN
MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT: **MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN**

Recording secretary: **Cynthia R. Hyde**, Town Clerk

FISCAL MEETING: The Town Board reviewed all claims. Vouchers # 2013-502 thru 2013-555, General Fund \$16,686.26, Highway Fund \$143,592.68 and Capital Project Fund \$271.83

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 **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the minutes from July 09, 17, 23, 2013 were approved.

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

LETTERS: A letter from **Dexter Baker** was read and filed.

REPORTS:

Councilman Vasak reported on...

Landfill: the landfill was proceeding as usual.

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Food pantry: Served 20 families

Councilman Bills reported on...

Cemeteries: **Ernie Smith** was keeping up with the cemeteries.

Councilman Seaman reported on...

Youth: The youth commission has been selling hotdogs at the Monday night concerts and the turnout had been great.

Supervisor Wood gave the Warrensburg EMS report. Attached

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor's Report 8/13/13:

It was a busy month

July 22 – lunch w/ Gov. Cuomo

July 30 – Secretary of State

Aug 1 – met with our insurance agent regarding vehicle & coverage updates

Also had a meeting for our Internet Incentive Proposal

Aug 6 – Pre Bid Inspection @ River Rd bridge

Aug 9 - Was a Judge for this year's Youth Fair

Aug 10 – Supervisor's Croquet Tournament

Aug 12 – Last Chance Real Property Meeting

The July 15th Concert was to have been the Barefoot Boys, however a member of the band suffered a medical condition and were unable to play. It was difficult to find a band on such short notice, but Vintage Country was able to help us out and filled in. I wanted the Board to be aware of this as we approved payment to The Barefoot Boys, and I had to void that check and issue a new check in the same amount to Vintage Country. I ask that the Board ratify my actions.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board ratified **Supervisor Wood's** actions.

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

The Real Estate market has picked up here in Town over the last few weeks. A number of properties have sold, and last week alone I have been contacted regarding four of these properties. Two were originally subdivided and the owner wants rejoin them and all of the parcels are in interested in building residential dwellings. This is a good sign and indicates that people want to move into town.

On the Business front, our businesses are doing well this year too, there have been tour busses at Martin's Lumber, the Wilderness Heritage Corridor Showcase was a very successful event and many of the local businesses reported good sales. Whitefield's Farm has also received its final approvals and their processing plant is now open and they are planning an open house in the future.

The last of the closeouts have been completed for FEMA reimbursement. We are just now waiting for the final payment.

County has called to discuss the flu vaccination schedule for the fall, because it is so readily available and often administered at the doctor's office very low turn out here in town and so they may set up a single location for a few towns this year. As I get more info I'll pass it along.

Started the Town Budget in July and the County began in early August. From our early meetings at the county we are seeing an increase of 12% for retirement. On the Town front all Towns are seeing an increase in Worker's Comp, just as it did last year. Some Towns are seeing significant hikes in costs. Our bill is up over \$4,000.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

September Regular meeting: The September regular town board meeting was rescheduled for September 17, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Soccer program: Discussion ensued regarding a request for funds for a soccer program. The town board decided to find out how many youths from Thurman would be involved before they made a decision.

Surplus: Supervisor Wood said that there is a 1990 international truck at the landfill that is eligible to be declared as surplus. It was decided that all town departments should determine what items are surplus and then the town board would declare everything at once.

Fluorescent light bulb disposal: Supervisor Wood said that the waste companies she had contacted regarding fluorescent light bulb disposal had not responded. **Supervisor Wood** suggested possibly having American Light Bulb Co. do a quarterly or bi-annual pickup for .60 cents per bulb. **Supervisor Wood** asked if the board wanted to charge residents for the bulbs or have the town absorb the cost. **Supervisor Wood** stated that big waste disposal companies will do a hazardous waste pick up for larger towns, however since Thurman doesn't have a high enough volume of hazardous waste, we can't even get a quote for a pickup. The town board decided to think about fluorescent bulb disposal for a while.

Final concert: There will be fireworks at the final Monday night concert on August 26, 2013.

RESOLUTION #39:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CAPITAL PROJECTS

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman has been awarded grant funding for the repair of River Road and Dippikill Road in the Town of Thurman, and

WHEREAS the Town is preparing to begin the River Road portion of the work, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board established a capital projects shall be as follows:

River Road Capital Project in the amount of \$261,000

Dippikill Road Capital Project in the amount of \$ 44,000

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution #39 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #40:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCENTIVE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman has been awarded Connect NY Broadband funds, and

WHEREAS Empire State Development and the Broadband Program Office have forwarded the Incentive Proposal for the grant to the Town for signature, and

WHEREAS the Proposal must be signed and returned by August 25, 2013, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the necessary documents and submit any necessary additional documents.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution #40 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION # 41

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman has been awarded a grant from the CONNECT NY grant program, and

WHEREAS the propagation study is now complete and the next step in the process is to request proposals for the build out of the system, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to advertise the attached request for proposals. Proposals should be mailed to the Town Clerk and will be opened September 17, 2013 at 6pm at the Thurman Town Hall.

The Town of Thurman is requesting proposals for the design and construction of a production ready white space network capable of providing broadband to approximately 80 subscribers. Proposals should include documentation of the costs, methods and processes used. The area to be covered by the network is depicted in the attached Google Earth map. Proposals must include metrics that are monitored to determine system throughput, practical capacity, and bandwidth usage and connection reliability. Production must also be documented for use in developing best practices & estimated costs for future expansion. All those submitting proposals must have all necessary licenses and permits as well as insurance & liability coverage and must meet all applicable local, State, Federal rules and regulations. Proposals should also utilize Women and Minority Owned Businesses.

Proposals must be received by the Thurman Town Clerk at P.O. Box 29, Athol, NY 12810 by Friday September 13, 2013. Proposals will be opened September 17, 2013 at 7pm at the Thurman Town Hall. The Town of Thurman retains the rights to reject any and all proposals.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution #41 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #42:

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE CAPITAL PROJECT

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman has been awarded a grant from the CONNECT NY grant program, and

WHEREAS the Town had previously established a Capital Project I the amount of \$20,000 for the White Space Project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby increases the amount of the Capital Project to \$200,000.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, Resolution #42 was approved.

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013- 502 thru 2013-555 for a highway, general and capital projects fund grand total of \$160,550.77.

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

There was discussion about paving costs this year.

White Space: Supervisor Wood said that there were two trunk line options either Verizon or Frontier. **Supervisor Wood** found Frontier was interested in working with us and Verizon was hard to even contact. When **Supervisor Wood** finally received an email (attached) from a Verizon representative, she was given a price of **\$2055.00** per month for 36 months to use their line. **Frontier** gave a price of

\$878.00 per month for 5 years to use their line. **Councilwoman Seaman** said that she has heard that people are happy with Frontier.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

John Haskell pointed out that resolution #41 needed to be amended to include the correct date.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, Resolution # 41 was amended to read that proposals would be opened on September 17, 2013 instead of August 27, 2013.

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

Barbara Farrell said that the white space internet doesn't benefit the whole town.

Supervisor Wood replied that it benefits the people that have no other option.

Justin Parker asked many well informed technical questions about white space internet. **Mr. Parker** had many concerns such as pricing, the frequency Thurman uses being bought (currently bandwidth is not owned by anyone) and what happens with the equipment that doesn't sell.

Mr. Parker felt that someone with a working model of whitespace would have shown it to us for free.

Supervisor Wood answered **Mr. Parker** as best as she could but suggested he talk with **Fred Engleman** who better understands the technology behind white space.

Supervisor Wood said that we paid **Mr. Engleman** to figure out if whitespace would work here and how much it would cost.

Mary Eddy asked if Warrensburg EMS hard billed or soft billed.

Supervisor Wood stated that we have no legal authority to dictate the type of billing Warrensburg EMS will use. **Wood** said that we can only ask if they will bill.

Councilwoman Seaman agreed that it was against the law to dictate the type of billing to be used.

Jerry Cameron said that his wife was transported from Warrensburg to Glens Falls Hospital by the Warrensburg EMS and that the bill was \$1105.00. **Cameron** said that he was able to pay the bill but wondered about people that can't afford it.

Supervisor Wood said that the rates for service, by the Warrensburg EMS, are set in the contract.

Councilman Vasak agreed that the prices are outrageous. **Vasak** said that we are paying for a service and have no control over the pricing.

Mike Eddy invited everyone to a "meet the candidates" night at the Youth Field from 4 until dark on September 6, 2013.

Supervisor Wood asked who organized the meet the candidates' night.

Mike Eddy said that some of the candidates and taxpayers had organized the gathering.

Brain Angell wondered about spending money on whitespace to serve 80 households when the Thurman Ems wasn't funded.

Supervisor Wood stated that a grant was supplying the funds for whitespace and that over 150 people had expressed an interest in internet.

Richard Kline said that the town board does not seem to negotiate properly and that there is very little inspection. **Kline** felt that more careful analysis of deals, such as whitespace and ambulance service, would be worthwhile so that taxpayers wouldn't get stuck holding the bag.

Richard Bardi asked what the \$30,000.00 paid to Warrensburg EMS does.

Councilwoman Seaman said that the \$30,000.00 insures that an ambulance service with a high level of competency and ALS backup is available at all times.

Supervisor Wood asked the floor to be respectful and closed the discussion about ambulance service.

Richard Bardi asked about the price quoted by Frontier for whitespace, if expansion in the future would be part of the grant and what level of service would be offered.

Supervisor Wood said that the price Frontier quoted was the initial coast of tapping into the line along with any added costs and that we would need another grant for expansion. As far as the level of service provided **Supervisor Wood** explained that grant guidelines had to be followed such as having a business class and a resident class. **Wood** added that there would not be a data cap.

Richard Bardi asked if the board considered subsidizing light bulb disposal.

Supervisor Wood said that they are discussing that.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town clerk
08/27/2013

Attached: Warrensburg EMS calls to Thurman, Warrensburg EMS report, Email from Verizon, spread sheet Verizon, Google Earth map

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE TIME
7/6/2013	5-0002784	ALS	Ankle Fracture	9 minutes
7/10/2013	5-0002788	ALS	Overdose	13 minutes
7/10/2013	5-0002789	ALS	Weakness	14 minutes
7/14/2013	5-0002830	ALS	General Malase	12 minutes
7/21/2013	5-0002847	ALS	Difficulty Breathing	7 minutes



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Operations Manager

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August 13, 2013

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find a list of the calls that WEMS responded to in the Town of Thurman during the month of July 2013. Warrensburg EMS handled five (5) calls in the Town of Thurman. All calls were 911 emergency calls and all calls were ALS. Our average response time to the scene was 11 minutes. In all, Warrensburg EMS handled 96 calls in July and 17 of those calls were second out calls. We have had excellent responses and feedback from the residents of Thurman that we have cared for and transported.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager

Warrensburg Emergency Medical Services Inc.
PO Box 157
Warrensburg, New York 12885

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It was a pleasure speaking w/ you today. Per our conversation, please see the attached excel spreadsheet.

It contains 36 month term pricing for our VZB Internet Dedicated Ethernet product (delivered over Fiber w/ Ethernet handoff), via our Verizon Business Service Agreement (contract vehicle).

As advised, Verizon Business had established a policy that dictates that an order for service has to be placed, in order to effect a 'facilities check/ site survey' by our Outside Plant/ Network Engineering team. From their driven results, any construction costs will be calculated, along with any site requirements at the customer premise.

Feel free to call or email me w/ any questions regarding the presented pricing.

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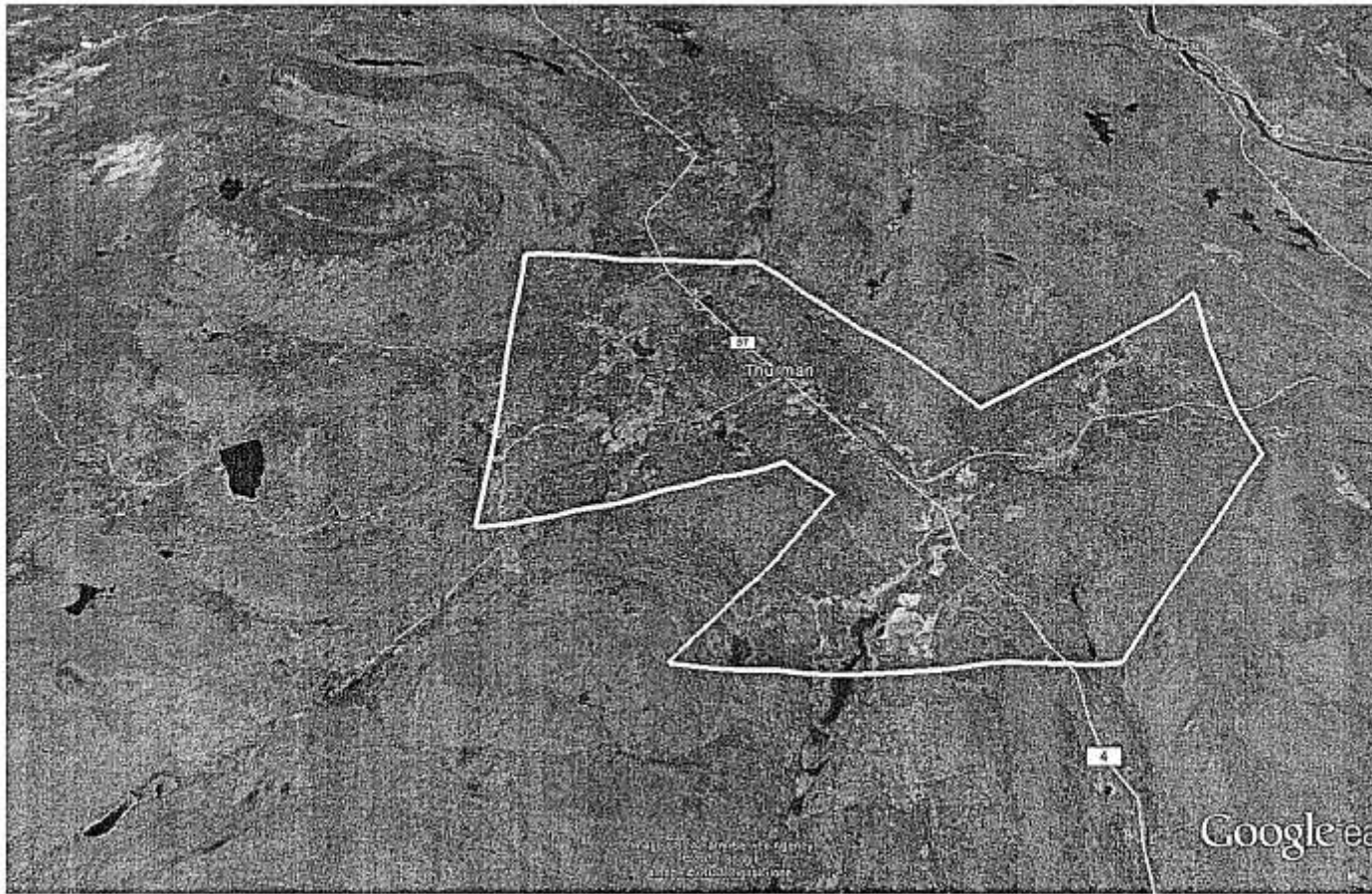
M	Burstable Select	20M	100M	\$ 3,310	\$ 596	\$ 170	\$11,541.00	\$12,136.80
M	Burstable Select	30M	100M	\$ 4,650	\$ 837	\$ 155	\$11,541.00	\$12,378.00
M	Burstable Select	40M	100M	\$ 5,570	\$ 1,003	\$ 140	\$11,541.00	\$12,543.60
M	Burstable Select	50M	100M	\$ 6,180	\$ 1,112	\$ 125	\$11,541.00	\$12,653.40

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at Dedicated Ethernet Pricing

Business Service Agreement		VBS III (82% discount)		VBS III	
Port (List Rate)	Port (Discounted Port)	Access (List)	Total MRC	Port MRC w/Discount	Ethernet Access
1,800.00	324.00	1,731.00	2,055.00	\$ 128	\$1,731.00
3,150.00	567.00	1,751.00	2,318.00	\$ 225	\$1,731.00
4,430.00	797.40	1,761.00	2,558.40	\$ 261	\$1,497.00
5,300.00	954.00	1,772.00	2,726.00	\$ 333	\$1,497.00
5,890.00	1,060.20	11,497.00	12,557.20	\$ 837	\$11,497.00
10,800.00	1,944.00	11,541.00	13,485.00	\$ 333	\$11,497.00
19,150.00	3,447.00	22,815.00	26,262.00	\$ 185	\$11,497.00
27,600.00	4,968.00	22,923.00	27,891.00	\$ 155	\$11,497.00
35,300.00	6,354.00	23,306.00	29,660.00	\$ 185	\$11,497.00

Port Type/Speed	Pricing Feature/Service Type	Commitment	Connection Speed/Circuit Speed	Port MRC	Coverage Charge	Ethernet Access	Total MRC
	Burstable Select	2M	10M	\$ 710	\$ 355	\$1,731.00	\$1,858.80
	Burstable Select	4M	10M	\$ 1,250	\$ 315	\$1,731.00	\$1,956.00
	Burstable Select	5M	50M	\$ 1,450	\$ 290	\$11,497.00	\$11,758.00
	Burstable Select	10M	50M	\$ 1,850	\$ 185	\$11,497.00	\$11,830.00
	Burstable Select	30M	50M	\$ 4,650	\$ 155	\$11,497.00	\$12,334.00
	Burstable Select	10M	100M	\$ 1,850	\$ 185	\$11,541.00	\$11,874.00



Google earth

