

September 08, 2015

MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD SEPTEMBER 08, 2015 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:

The minutes were not brought up for approval.

LETTERS:

Letters were read from **Brian Angell** and **Mary Eddy**. Attached

REPORTS:

Councilman Galusha gave the EMS report

Councilwoman Seaman gave a report on gleaning and food pantry

Supervisor Wood gave the supervisor's report and filed the treasurer's report, the operating statement and the balance sheet.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing regarding the proposed subdivision on the lands of Brad and Terri Jamison on River Road and on the lands of Frank Smith on Drexel Road was opened at 7:00pm. The town clerk read the following notice:

TOWN OF THURMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board will conduct a public hearing at the town hall on September 08, 2015 at 7:00 pm regarding the proposed subdivision on the lands of Brad and Terri Jamison on River Road and on the lands of Frank Smith on Drexel Road and at that time, all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

By the order of the Thurman Town Board
Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk
Town of Thurman
August 25, 2015

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Wood said that we have 2 employees working at the landfill, one on weekends and Wednesday and one just on the weekends. The employee that only works on the weekend has inquired about additional work on Wednesday. **Councilman Smith** asked to postpone this decision another month, after a count of vehicles coming to the landfill on Wednesdays was completed.

Councilman Smith said that he saw an article in the paper about improper town computer usage that the town board had not acted on. **Smith** said he was not aware there was an issue and wanted to discuss the matter in executive session.

Supervisor Wood said that the contract from the Adirondack local government review board was in board members packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion ensued regarding communications from the engineer. **Councilman Eddy** asked that communications be carbon copied to the town board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The following people spoke during privilege of the floor ...Mary Eddy, Joyce Eddy, Paula Hubert, Jerry Cameron and Barbara Farrell

RESOLUTION # 74:

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the town board authorized a contract with Warren County Youth Court for youth court services in the year of 2015(?).

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

RESOLUTION #75:

Resolution to authorize contract between the Town of Thurman and the Adirondack Local Government Review Board. See resolution attached.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution #75 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #76: To adjust the 2015 budget. See resolution attached

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Eddy**, Resolution # 76 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SEAMAN

1 ABSTAIN ~ SMITH

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2015-538 thru 2015-574 for a highway fund total of \$9,927.80, a general fund total of 5,944.81, a capital projects total of \$13,763.72 and a grand total of \$29,636.33.

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

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

With no one desiring to be heard, the public hearing closed at 7:31 pm.

SUBDIVISION

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board authorized the subdivision on the lands of Brad and Terri Jamison on River Road and on the lands of Frank Smith on Drexel Road.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Eddy**, the town board went into executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss the work history of a particular individual.

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

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the town board came out of executive session at 7:46 pm with no action taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde

Town clerk

09/21/2015

Attached: Resolutions #75, #76, EMS report and letters.

Town of Thurman

Resolution # of 2015

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 Authorize Contract

WHEREAS the Adirondack Local Government Review Board provides services to the Town by attending meetings and participating in public hearings conducted by the Adirondack Park Agency regarding projects under review by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS the Town has budgeted three hundred dollars for these services, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes a contract between the Town and the Adirondack Local Government Review Board in the amount of three hundred dollars and authorizes the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents.

Town of Thurman

Resolution # of 2015

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 2015 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the town Board approves the following budget adjustments for the 2015 budget:

Increase:		Decrease:	
8810.1 – Cemeteries PS	\$ 144.00	8810.4 – Cemeteries CE	\$144.00

September 08, 2015



Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager

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

August 11, 2015

Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for August 2015. We handled a total of 7 calls in town and all calls were ALS. We did request Johnsbury EMS to cover 1 additional call in Thurman for us. We were already on another call at the time. Our average response time to arriving on scene was 14.7 minutes.

As with most EMS agencies, we are always looking for help. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping us and learning about Emergency Medicine please contact me. We will train you in CPR and if you would like to learn more, we can help with that as well. We are looking for help of all kinds including drivers, helpers, fundraisers, etc. Again, if you would like to help us help you and your community, please give me a call or stop by and pick up an application. While you are here we can show you around and answer any questions you may have.

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

Thurman Calls Handled by Warrensburg EMS
August 2015

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
8/3/2015	15-27886	ALS	UNRESPONSIVE	2 MINUTES	12 MINUTES
8/4/2015	15-28071	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	0 MINUTES	17 MINUTES
8/9/2015	15-28753	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	4 MINUTES	20 MINUTES
8/9/2015	15-28785	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	3 MINUTES	18 MINUTES
8/9/2015	15-28827	ALS	FALL	2MINUTES	13 MINUTES
8/20/2015	15-30347	ALS	FALL~ SOB/BACK PAIN	6 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
8/30/2015	15-31854	ALS	NAUSEA/VOMITING	2 MINUTES	7 MINUTES

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

September 08, 2015

Brian Angel
461 Bowen Hill Road
Warrensburg, NY 12885

To Thurman Town Board

9/3/15

There has been much discussion about an Ethics Policy for the Town of Thurman.

First, each newly elected official takes an Oath of Office to uphold the law.

Second, Thurman already has an Ethics Policy in force. See Resolution#8, 2014.

The town law manual says that towns with a population over 50,000 are required to adopt provisions for filing an annual statement of financial disclosure by their Officers and Employees. Towns with less than 50,000 in population can or may elect to subject themselves to annual financial disclosure requirements. Which means it is not mandatory or required.

The main difference between the 2014 policy and the one presented this year, 2015, is the financial disclosure section. It has been said this Ethics policy mirrors the County Ethics policy.

The County Ethics Policy requires the financial disclosure to be filed with the County Attorney **not** the Chairman of the Supervisors, Kevin Geraghty.

The Town of Thurman rendition wants the financial disclosure statement filed with the Supervisor, Ms Wood. Ms Wood, in January 2012, spouted out private information about a certain piece of property at the public town board meeting.

Will the Supervisor file her financial information and her spouses with the balance of the board to be sure to keep her honest?

And why wasn't the Supervisor's Confidential Secretary/Bookkeeper and spouse included in the list of people that were required to file the annual financial disclosure?

This is a non issue for such a tiny town dealing with small projects.

(Please include in the minutes.)

Brian Angel



September 08, 2015

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

Thurman Town Board Members and Public, September 4, 2015

The estimated cost of \$100,000.00, in 2013, was given by the Engineer Company, Cedarwood, for the Salt Shed project. Where is the Itemized cost of the estimate? What did it include? The removal and replacing the salt shed building, water aeration, water hydrant, drainage, salt lagoon paving? Did it include the estimate for the Engineering Costs? Did one member of the town board, in 2013, ask a question or see the cost estimate?

A procurement policy is approved each year during the organizational meeting. Why wasn't there ever a bid required for the Engineering Service? The budget line for Engineer in 2013 - \$2,500.00, 2014 - \$1,000.00 and 2015 - \$2,500.00. The Town of Thurman has paid Cedarwood Engineering, since the salt contamination problem started in 2012 to date in 2015, over \$70,000.00. There has not been a required bid according to Thurman procurement policy. There has not been any discussion at budget time to increase the line item.

When the private residence water contamination problem was brought before the board again, in October 2014, Cedarwood estimated the Reverse Osmosis choice would be \$107,000.00 plus \$3,200.00 yearly maintenance? Was the cost for the Engineering included in the \$107,000.00? A board member asked where the money was going to be coming from to cover the Reverse Osmosis. Supervisor Wood said, "the Salt Shed Capital Project Fund". How do you get \$207,000.00 to complete the Salt Shed building requirements and the Reverse Osmosis project of \$107,000.00 plus \$3,200.00 yearly maintenance out of the \$100,000.00 Capital Project Fund and the cost of the Engineer?

Is that Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency?

Sincerely,

Mary Eddy
Mary Eddy

Please include in the town board meeting minutes.

September 08, 2015



Executive Director
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August 20, 2015

Supervisor Evelyn Wood
Town of Thurman
PO Box 29, 311 Athol Rd.
Athol, NY 12810

Dear Evelyn:

Adirondack town's and village's funding of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board has been instrumental in helping Adirondack communities by providing strong, unified, effective representation on important Adirondack Park policy issues like state land tax payments, the right to farm, protection of property rights of pre-existing landowners, classification of state lands, and Adirondack Park Agency reform. The Review Board helps provide factual and legal research to legislators and policy makers and disseminates information through almost daily emails. Here are a few examples:

We worked during the past year with a coalition of towns, counties and environmental groups on programs designed to effectively prevent the spread of dozens of aquatic invasive species that surround the Adirondacks into Adirondack waters. Aquatic invasive species threaten water quality and the Adirondack tourism economy, which is so dependent upon clean, healthy water. Earlier this year, we helped draft a Memorandum of Understanding containing a strategic plan for an Adirondack wide invasive species prevention program. Three state agencies and more than 60 counties, towns, villages, lake associations and environmental groups signed the Memorandum of Understanding. The Governor included \$1 million for the prevention program in his 2015/2016 budget and the state legislature approved it. We also helped with the formation of the Adirondack Lakes Alliance, which now represents many Adirondack lake associations.

We worked with the SAVE Lake George Partnership to fund and implement a aquatic invasive species educational program with more than 800 radio spots in the Albany, Utica, Glens Falls, Vermont, Plattsburgh, Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence regions. We also helped design and order aquatic invasive species boat tags and seals to identify decontaminated boats and boats returning to the same water body for boat wash attendants and stewards to reduce their inspection and decontamination workloads.

We drafted a White Paper with recommended amendments to the Adirondack Park State land Master Plan.

We worked with the Northern Forest Center, the governor's office and the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency to support conversion of municipal and school buildings to wood pellet and wood chip biomass heating systems. These systems provide the dual benefit of substantially lowering fuel costs and keeping money spent on fuel local, rather than sending it to the Middle East. Conversion of Adirondack buildings to biomass heating has the potential to create many new jobs in the Adirondacks.

We lobbied the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for funding for municipal steam biomass heating systems. This Spring NYSERDA awarded the Town of Chester with a \$300,000 grant for a steam pellet boiler heating system demonstration project. We also proposed an amendment to the Local Finance Law to make municipal biomass heating projects more financially feasible. The amendment passed last session and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

We researched issues relating to the registration and use of UTVs and ATVs and their use in the Forest Preserve and participated in several meetings with Senators and Assembly Members on proposed legislation. We also supported the Outback Riders Club with their efforts to continue using ATV trails in Clinton and Franklin counties. We passed a resolution in support of their position that there is a prescriptive easement over a trail, which now includes a section over Forest Preserve land.

Working closely with our state legislators, the Review Board is the critical information and advocacy resource for Adirondack counties – collecting and disseminating news media, state agency and advocacy group information immediately to local officials while providing state leaders and the news media with timely, accurate bulletins on the needs of Adirondack communities. We're in regular communication with the APA, DEC, the Cuomo Administration, legislative leaders and statewide news media organizations.

Governor Cuomo requested and received our comments and included them in several of his press releases on Adirondack issues. His staff also requested our input on candidates to fill a vacancy on the APA board.

While there are literally dozens of issues the Review Board is working on, let me highlight three of the most important:

1. Support and advocacy for an update of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. The original plan was adopted in 1972. It was required to be reviewed every five years and it has not been. In the meantime tourism and outdoor recreation have, by necessity become more important components of the Adirondack economy. The Review Board advocates for a major review and update of the plan to balance competing uses and enhance those uses important to the Adirondack economy.

2. Snowmobile trails. Summer — and winter — tourism is the economic engine in most Adirondack communities. Expanded access to snowmobile trails is critical to

the success of winter tourism. The Review Board continues to work with state officials to ensure that the existing network of snowmobile trails is not reduced and is expanded, particularly in the newly acquired former Finch lands.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program. We plan to actively participate with DEC and the Governor's office on plans for a 2016 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention program.

We are **in the best position** we have ever been in to capitalize on these recent gains, and are **at a critical time** – both in terms of policy making and in terms of budget.

We need your help. After all this work, and all of our effort, the state cut the Review Board's budget – which wasn't much to begin with – by 53 percent in the last four years. We know that it is not a good time to be asking for financial help from local governments. But your assistance is crucial to our continued success this year and next.

The Review Board strives to keep expenses low while operating effectively on behalf of local governments. Because of these continued efforts, we are requesting that, if you have not already funded the Review Board in 2015, that you consider 2015 funding in the amount of \$300 so we can continue our critical work on your behalf, and budget the same amount in your 2016 budget. All of our futures may depend on it.

If you require a contract, please sign and return the enclosed contract to me. I will sign it and return a signed copy to you. If you have any questions or concerns, or there is something the Local Government Review Board can do for you, please don't hesitate to call me at 518-796-2415

Sincerely,


Fred Monroe
Executive Director

THIS AGREEMENT made _____, 2015 between the **TOWN OF _____**, hereinafter referred to as the **TOWN**, and the **ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD**, a Board duly organized and existing pursuant to the provisions of §803-a of the Executive Law of the State of New York, acting by and through its duly appointed members, hereinafter referred to as the **REVIEW BOARD**.

WHEREAS, the **REVIEW BOARD** was created by the Legislature of the State of New York and is composed of representatives appointed by the county legislatures of the counties lying in whole or in part within the Adirondack Park; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has provided only partial funding for the **REVIEW BOARD** to perform its statutory functions as outlined in Executive Law §803-a, and recently reduced that funding by 53%, and

WHEREAS, the **TOWN** has authorized an appropriation in the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) in support of the work of the **REVIEW BOARD** in representing the interests of the local governments of the Adirondacks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The **TOWN** agrees to pay to the **REVIEW BOARD** the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) for the services of the **REVIEW BOARD** in representing the **TOWN** in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.

2. The **REVIEW BOARD** agrees to provide to the **TOWN** the benefit of its services, including but not limited to, attendance at meetings of the Adirondack Park Agency, attendance and participation at public hearings conducted by the Adirondack Park Agency on projects under review by said Agency, periodic reports on the activities of the Adirondack Park Agency to the Supervisor of the **TOWN**, especially as such activities affect the residents of the **TOWN**, and generally to report on the administration and enforcement of the Land Use and Development Plan set forth in the Executive Law of the State of New York.

THE TOWN OF _____
By _____, Supervisor _____
Date _____

**ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REVIEW BOARD**
By **FREDERICK H. MONROE** _____
Executive Director Date _____

