MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD OCTOBER 08, 2013 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR

MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN

MR. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN

MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT: MR. CHARLES BILLS, COUNCILMAN

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:**

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the minutes from the September 17, 2013 regular meeting and the September 30, 2013 special meeting were approved.

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

**LETTERS**: A resignation letter from **Michelle Pryblyski** was read. Attached

### **REPORTS:**

**Food Pantry: Councilman Vasak** said that 15 people used the food pantry in the month of September and the next gleaning is November 04, 2013.

**EMS: Councilman Galusha** read a report from the Warrensburg EMS. Attached

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**YOUTH:** Councilman Seaman said that the Thurman Youth Commission Halloween party would be held October 26, 2013 from 1-3 pm. She also asked folks to think ahead about donations for the youth Christmas party.

## **Supervisor's Report:**

## Supervisor Wood reported on the following...

The tax cap webinar she took.

A meeting with the county attorney and Highway **Superintendent Pat Wood** to close out FEMA.

That she will be out of the office to attend NYSAF.

The wonderful dinner the JTHS put on for the veterans.

A meeting with Assemblyman Dan Stec.

That the resolution to apply for the LARAC grant has been sent out.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board approved 1 mile of paving on **Bowen Hill Road**.

# MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

E-waste will not be able to take old monitors after November 01, 2013.

The post office survey and that she urges everyone to submit it.

The health Insurance rates increased but since the town has a cap in place the town won't pay more than the cap.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak,** seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman,** the town board authorized the supervisor to sign the necessary health insurance forms.

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

**Councilman Galusha** said that he couldn't make the October 15, 2013 budget workshop and asked the town board to change the date. The town board was not able to change the date.

Discussion ensued regarding hiring more help for the highway department.

#### **BIDS**:

One bid from **Fred Engelmann**, Rainmaker Network Services, for the design and construction of a production ready white space network was opened.

Design and Implementation Services Cost-Professional Services NTE \$38,500.00

Outside Plant Infrastructure Total \$98,686.00 Subscriber CPE Total \$68,080.00 Infrastructure and CPE Grand Total \$166,766.00

## **NEW COMPUTER:**

The Town Board approved the purchase of a new computer for the Assessor's office.

#### CATS:

Calls have been received concerning stray cats.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**:

The General Election is November 05, 2013.

A Budget Workshop is set for October 15, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

<u>TAX COLLECTOR</u>: Councilman Galusha said that with the tax collector resigning the duties of tax collection should be transferred to the Town Clerks Office; Galusha noted that almost all the towns in Warren County have a Town Clerk that is also the receiver of taxes.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman,** seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013-643 thru 2013- 667 for a highway, general fund and capital project fund grand total of \$110,551.43.

**MOTION CARRIED**: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

**Richard Bardi** didn't understand the issue with the bidding process.

**Supervisor Wood** explained that it was a problem with an error, by the Town Clerk, in the dates the bid was supposed to be due.

**Jami Ross** said that combining the office of Town Clerk and Tax Collector puts a lot of pressure on the Town Clerk. **Mrs. Ross** said that if you (the town board) is considering it, please don't. **Ross** explained that if the town clerk has to collect taxes her town clerk duties will suffer.

**Mary Eddy** asked questions about state mandates.

**Brian Angell** asked where the money for the hot dogs sold at events goes.

**Supervisor Wood** explained that the town does not take in that money.

**Jami Ross** asked that a reminder be put out about signing up for STAR.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak,** seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman,** the Town Board went into executive session at 7:20 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN** 

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board came out of executive session at 7:41 pm with no action being taken.

**MOTION CARRIED**: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, VASAK, SEAMAN

## **TAX COLLECTOR:**

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the Town Board decided to advertize for letters of interested in the Tax Collector position to be opened at the November regular meeting

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

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: On a motion by Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Vasak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

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

**Respectfully Submitted:** 

Cynthia R. Hyde Town Clerk 10/23/2013

### Attached:

Resignation letter from **Michelle Prybylski, Tax Collector** Report and call chart from **Warrensburg EMS**  October 7, 2013

Dear Cynthia Hyde,

The letter is to inform you, as the Town Clerk, and the Town of Thurman that I am resigning from my position as the Town Tax Collector. The responsibilities and travel required by my full time position will no longer allow for me to continue working as the Town Tax Collector.

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Tax Collector position for the Town of Thurman.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance during the transition.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Pryhylon Michelle Prybylski October 08, 2013 Regular

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 September 2013. Warrensburg EMS handled five (5) calls in the Town of Thurman and our average response time was just over 12 minutes. All calls were 911 emergency calls and all calls were at the ALS level. Warrensburg EMS responded to a total of 77 calls in September and 12 of those calls were second out calls.

We have noticed recently in both Warrensburg and Thurman that there are many houses that are not clearly marked with the house numbers. It is very important that all addresses are clearly marked so that the Police, Fire, or EMS responders can easily find you in your time of need. If we can help you help us, please feel free to call me at 232-0817.

All of us at Warrensburg EMS sincerely appreciate all the support that we have been given by the Town Board and many of the residents that we encounter and we feel privileged to be able to serve this community.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson

**Operations Manager** 

DATE	PCR#	PRIORTY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE TIME
	5-			
9/7/2013	0002946	ALS	CVA (STROKE)	13 MINUTES
	5-			
9/10/2013	0002988	ALS	WEAKNESS	15 MINUTES
	5-			
9/12/2013	0002991	ALS	ABD PAIN/ VOMITING	16 MINUTES
	5-			
9/14/2013	0003002	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	10 MINUTES
	5-			
9/21/2013	0003013	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	10 MINUTES