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**MINUTES OF THE FISCAL MEETING, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD NOVEMBER 07, 2011 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. REBECCA HITCHCOCK, COUNCILWOMAN

**ABSENT:** MR. LEON GALUSHA, 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 Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the minutes were approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**CLAIMS:** On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, payment of claims was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**SNOWMOBILE ACCESS:** **Doug Needham** appeared before the town board to request approval for snowmobile trail access. Because snowmobiles may no longer use the rail road tracks the Thurman Connection Club needs to find an alternate access to their trails. The proposed route would be along river road,

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starting at the fork just past the 418 bridge to the stop sign by Donna Knickerbocker's house and then left on Bowen Hill road a short way to the trail needing access. Discussion ensued regarding this matter but no decision was made.

**PUBLIC HEARING TAX CAP OVER RIDE**: The public hearing for the tax cap over ride was opened at 7:00 pm and left open.

**REPORTS:**

**FOOD PANTRY: Councilman Vasak** said that 50 people attended gleaning today.

**LANDFILL: Councilman Vasak** states that the landfill was fine.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Wood...**

Welcomed the Assessors to the town hall.

Said that there would be an immediate savings of \$70.00 per month on phone lines with the assessors in the town hall.

Gave a FEMA update.

Reported that the forms for Sky High bridge are going in and the steel arch will be next.

Said that Bob and Peggy Florence would not bring meals on wheels meals to the town hall during the winter. **Wood** said that she would like to make a proclamation to recognize them.

Stated that a letter of interest for the Thurman Cemetery Superintendent position was received from **Marc Kenyon**.

Set a meeting to adopt the budget on Monday November 14, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Reported that the county budget was hovering at 1.7%.

**TAX CAP:**

**Pierre Cyr** asked questions regarding the tax cap over ride. **Supervisor Wood** explained why an over ride would be a protective measure. If the budget went over 2% for whatever reason (without the over ride), the overage would be forced into a reserve fund (by the NYS Comptroller's Office). This reserve fund would not be available until the following year.

**Gail Seaman** said she disagreed with the tax cap over ride saying we need to rein in spending on the town side since the county budget would go up also.

**Brian Hall** brought up fund balance.

**Bob Anthione** spoke about properties in tax arrears and dissolving the town to become a hamlet of Warrensburg.

**Richard Morassie** talked about assessments.

**Joan Harris** stated that she was against the tax cap over ride.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** With no further questions the public hearing on the Tax Cap Over ride was closed at 7:40 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:** The public hearing for the 2012 preliminary Budget was opened at 7:42 pm.

**Supervisor Wood** expressed that she wanted a 0% tax increase and proposed reinserting the cut to free garbage collection back into the 2012 budget.

**Wood** outlined her ideas for discontinuing free garbage pickup and opening the transfer station for household garbage. **Wood** said that she would like to join the county contract for a better rate on trash roll off.

**Wood** feels the amount of trash collected in Thurman is excessive. **Wood** said that last month 42 tons of trash went to the burn plant.

**Marlana Delongis** wanted to know what would be done to monitor dumping.

**Supervisor Wood** said she would like to pass a local law with teeth to address a possible dumping issue.

**Councilman Vasak** added that the transfer station would also be manned.

**Wood** stated that 4 part time employees would be eliminated and a full time person would be used to attend the transfer station.

**Wood** also brought up the seasonal residents who would be better served with a transfer station.

**Barbara Farrell** asked how many highway personnel worked on trash and if anyone had figured out how much it would cost citizens to pay for their trash.

**Councilman Vasak** said that revenue could be brought in at the landfill instead of paying to get rid of trash.

**Diane Golden** stated that she thought the removal of the trash pickup service was pennywise and pound foolish.

**Supervisor Wood** asked the board for their thoughts.

**Councilman Vasak** said that he didn't agree with **Wood's** suggested budget cuts at first but that he changed his mind and thought we may be able to do without free trash pickup.

In response to the suggestion that several highway positions be eliminated, **Supervisor Wood** explained that if highway employees were cut the town couldn't keep up with their contract with the County to plow the roads.

**Joyce Eddy** researched trash in Thurman and shared what she found.

**Wood** said that we are in an era of declining revenues and that we can't bank on the money we get from the state and the county.

**Pierre Cyr** added that free municipal garbage pickup had unintentional consequences, and that People come here to dump trash because it's free. **Cyr** felt that **Supervisor Wood** had worked hard to give us options.

**Joan Harris** agreed that many people had unloaded garbage onto Thurman residents' properties.

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Discussion turned to garbage bags. **Wood** said the sale of special colored Thurman bags would help defray costs.

**Gail Seaman** thought that taxes should only be raised for something important.

**Steve Emerson** (Operations Manager Warrensburg EMS) asked the town board if any changes had been made in the amount budgeted for the EMS.

**Supervisor Wood** answered that she didn't think the Thurman Town Board was interested in raising the amount budgeted for the EMS.

**Councilman Vasak** said that in the past there was no charge for ambulance service but that now there was billing. Town of Warrensburg gives \$30,000.00 (to Warrensburg EMS) and Thurman wants to give \$20,000.00 for a lesser call volume.

**Steve Emerson** agreed that some money was collected by billing but that in Thurman people either had good insurance or none at all.

**Bob Anthione** asked if it was possible to get the old (BLS) service back in Thurman. **Anthione** also said his insurance had paid \$1,024.00 for a ride from HHHN to Glens Falls Hospital.

**Supervisor Wood** stated there were two Emergency Medical Squads covering Thurman.

The topic turned to playgrounds, maintenance and concerts in the park.

**Supervisor Wood** said that youth program funds from the county had been cut therefore it had been decided that the Thurman Youth Program would be canceled for 2012.

**Wood** explained what the handyman position involves.

**Supervisor Wood** stated that concerts in the park were funded by occupancy tax money and that she had tried to shift as much occupancy tax money as she legally could.

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**Carolyn Cyr** asked about the proposal to lower the assessors' salaries.

**Councilwoman Hitchcock** said she didn't want to lower the assessors' salaries.

**Councilman Vasak** brought up the topic of recycling.

**Supervisor Wood** said there were several options and suggested joining with the county to save money.

**Joyce Eddy** suggested cutting attorney fees.

**Supervisor Wood** explained that each year the town contracted with the lowest bidder for attorney services. **Wood** also said that we don't know what litigation we would have.

**Delbert Chambers** said he would like no increase in taxes.

**Mary Eddy** asked about the step increases.

**Mark Kenyon** stated that the highway dept seemed like it was doing more for less.

**Jean Coulard** asked if the bookkeeper's benefits could be cut.

**Supervisor Wood** said that when the Town Board hired **Mr. Losaw** they contracted to pay 100% of medical insurance for him and his spouse.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** The public hearing on the 2012 preliminary budget closed at 8:57 pm.

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING:**

**NEW PRIVATE ROAD:** The Thurman Town Board recognized Bessette Terrace as the name of the private road owned by **Brandi Bessette**.

**ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE:** **Supervisor Wood** said that she would like to purchase the Enhance Municipal Accounting software before the end of 2011, as there are funds available in 2011's contingency. Funds are not available to buy the software in 2012.

**RESOLUTION #113:**

**Resolution to Purchase Accounting Software**

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to maintain appropriate and secure accounting software, and

**WHEREAS** the Town's current software is outdated and the cost to update said software would be very high, and

**WHEREAS** various companies have been contacted for quotes and information about the services and features their software would offer

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Thurman agrees to purchase Enhanced fund Accounting Software from Enhanced Business Systems in the amount of \$8287.15 to be paid out of the contingency line in the budget for 2011.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, resolution # 113 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #108:**

**Resolution to Adopt Local Law #1 Of 2011 Amending the Animal Control Law**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Thurman hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2011 entitled Town of Thurman Animal Control Law.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, resolution #108 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #109:**

**Resolution to Award Occupancy Tax Funds**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board hereby awards \$250.00 in Occupancy Tax funds for the 2011 Christmas Bazaar.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, resolution # 109 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #110:**

**Resolution to Authorize Attendance at the Association of Towns Annual Meeting**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Association of Towns Annual Meeting is to be held in New York City, February 19-22, 2012 ,and

**WHEREAS**, this meeting is very educational and informative, and

**WHEREAS**, actual and necessary expenditures is a town charge, (General Municipal Law 77-B Section 77-B Chapter 413 L 1974),

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that those wishing to attend contact the Town Supervisor for arrangements.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, resolution # 110 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #111**

**Resolution to Designate Voting Delegate and Alternate to the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns**



**WHEREAS**, the Association of Towns is having their Annual Meeting during the month of February 2012,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Thurman does hereby certify that the Town of Thurman has duly designated the following named person to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, to be held in New York City, February 19-22, 2012, and Constitution and By-Laws of said Association.

Name of Delegate – Evelyn M. Wood                      Office – Town Supervisor

Name of Alternate – Rebecca Hitchcock                      Office – Town Board

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak** , seconded by **Councilman Bills**, resolution # 111 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #112:**

**Resolution to Authorize Attendance at the Newly Elected Officials Training**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Association of Towns Newly Elected Officials Training School is to be held in Albany, January 11-13, 2012 ,and

**WHEREAS**, this meeting is very educational and informative, and

**WHEREAS**, actual and necessary expenditures is a town charge, (General Municipal Law 77-B Section 77-B Chapter 413 L 1974),

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that those wishing to attend contact the Town Supervisor for arrangements.

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On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, resolution # 112 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**LETTERS:** The town clerk read several letters.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Delbert Chambers** asked about the status of the ambulance.

**Supervisor Wood** said that three letters had been sent to the Thurman EMS and that the next step was action.

**Mary Eddy** asked who would be using the accounting software and which EMS Town of Thurman would contract with.

**Andy Knoll** wanted to know how long Enhance had been in Business.

**Councilwoman Hitchcock** asked the Thurman EMS several questions and **Jean Coulard** Thurman EMS president answered them.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, BILLS, VASAK**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Cynthia R. Hyde**  
Town clerk

**Attached: Letters**

**Supervisor Wood**

**Thurman Town Board**

**In response to Supervisor Wood's letter accepting the struggles of today's economy along with the needs of Thurman, I applaud her efforts to not raise taxes. I am comforted to know that Supervisor Wood understands the theory behind the 2% tax cap on property taxes. The 2% tax cap was a measure set in place, by law, so elected officials would be forced to look into their budgets and cut and trim unnecessary spending to keep budgets within the guidelines of what a town is required to spend tax dollars on and cut the non essential spending to the bone.**

**I will accept that Supervisor Wood felt the need to cut Thurman's curb side garbage pickup which is a tax expenditure that services every tax payer in Thurman, but I do hope that nonessential tax expenditures of Thurman were also addressed such as:**

- Temporarily suspending the youth program and youth parties , which services a small percentage of the community, until the economy improves and we can comfortably afford the program, or looking into consolidating our program with Warrensburg.**
- Reviewing all non elected personnel at the Town Hall. Could we, during these tough economic times, consolidate duties or reduce hours.**
- I do feel it may be prudent, at this time, to look into outsourcing our Town Justice. See if our legal issues would or could be handled in Warrensburg . Weigh out the cost of the Town Justice's duties which, thankfully, only address a few for the outlay of tax dollars for pay, pay for a secretary, equipment, benefits , education, etc.**
- And again, Thurman is spending tax dollars on relocating our Assessors back into the Town Hall. We, as a community, have spent many, many thousands of tax dollars moving the assessors from one building to another along with the renovation of the Harris House. I understand this move is being made to save money on the utility expense of the Harris House and I applaud the measure, but, again, it may be prudent at this time to look into a sole assessor. We are in the minority of Town's that do not have a sole assessor in the County and probably the State. It is time to look at the cost of having a three assessor system e.g. pay, benefits, education, equipment, transportation costs, etc. in relation to the taxpayer cost of having a sole assessor.**

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- **Have the County Supervisor's lobbied the County on the bed tax dollars to see if the towns would be able to shift the tax dollars to offset town expenses e.g. the energy costs to run the Highway Departments in the communities . Just a thought.**

**To answer Supervisor Wood's question in her letter pertaining to a tax increase, I vote NO tax increase. It is time to make the hard choices in government spending. This is not about hurting the children, losing the right to vote, or not being able to have music in the park and fireworks, it is about economic survival for many people in Thurman and across this Country. We, as taxpayers, cannot afford our governments and it is time for our governments to get back to basics and leave more of the taxpayer money in the taxpayer pockets.**

**Cathy Mannuci**

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**THURMAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INC.**

**CO**

P.O. BOX 114

PRESIDENT JEAN F. COULARD

572 HIGH STREET

CAPTAIN Adam Styers

ATHOL, N.Y. 12810

TELE. 518-623-9014

Oct. 20, 2011

*Thurman Town Board*

*311 Athol Road*

*Athol, N.Y. 12810*

*In an effort to assist the Town meet its budget goals, we are making the following bid:*

*Thurman EMS is manned and responding. We are able and equipped to serve the residents of the Town of Thurman. I understand that many residents are being privately transported to the hospital as they are being led to believe that Thurman EMS is not available. This can be dangerous.*

*You have recently heard from Warrensburg EMS that they will need \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of responding in Thurman. But they cannot promise 100% response as their first commitment is to the Town of Warrensburg. Thurman EMS can handle the Town of Thurman 24/7, with paid responders and volunteers working together. And we can do it with only a \$40,000.00 subsidy from the Town.*

*Mr. Farrell, of Warrensburg EMS, eluded to the possibility of accepting \$20,000.00 with other considerations. Of course he was referring to obtaining the present Thurman ambulance. We all know the ownership of the ambulance is in question. This will not be settled in the near future. Should either it be determined that Thurman EMS owns the ambulance or should Thurman EMS pay the Town the remaining two installments due on the ambulance, Warrensburg EMS will not have the additional ambulance, and will need the full \$50,000.00 they have demanded and which the Town of Thurman cannot afford. The only losers here will be the residents of Thurman.*

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*Any legal dispute over the ownership of the ambulance will cause financial hardship on both Thurman EMS and the Town. The squad has the funds to promptly pay off the ambulance and will do so.*

*Warrensburg will only respond if they are available. On several recent occasions Warrensburg has had to accept mutual aid from North Warren and Lake George within their own district. That puts two other squads in Warrensburg at the same time helping them. And with skiing season nearing, Johnsbury will be busy with Gore Mountain for most of the time. What happens to Thurman with that scenario?*

*Our proposal will benefit the Town: From the \$40,000.00 we will pay the 2012 ambulance payment, leaving the Town with a net expense of \$27,315.00. Since the Town has \$5000.00 left in the 2011 budget for ambulance service the 2012 expense would be \$22,315.00. This is very close to the allocation on the 2012 budget which is \$20,000.00 and a savings of \$27,685.00 compared with the demand made by Warrensburg EMS .*

*Since most of the Town residents have expressed a desire to have their own emergency squad, we feel that the Town Board owes it to their constituents to give serious consideration to our bid. Please keep in mind that if Thurman EMS is forced to close its' doors now, there will never be another local EMS. Thurman will always have to rely on neighboring towns for assistance in emergencies.*

*We believe the residents of the Town of Thurman deserve better. And ask that their Town Board give serious consideration to our proposal.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*For: Thurman EMS Inc.*

*By: Jean F. Coulard, Pres.*

**Cynthia Hyde**

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**From:** "susan jennings" <slmj1951@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <thurmantownclerk@verizon.net>  
**Cc:** "Susan Jennings" <slmj1951@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 06, 2011 7:34 PM  
**Subject:** Monday Night Board Meeting

Dear Ms Wood,

I will be unable to attend the town board meeting tonight as I am the president of the Richards Library Board of Trustees and this is the evening of our monthly meeting.

Mrs. Cheryl Kenyon and I requested your approval on a grant application for the Annual Christmas Bazaar on behalf of the TSA, and I do know its customary for one of us to be present at the board meeting. I am hoping that the board will understand my absence. This charity event will prove much joy to the recipients of the Christmas Baskets Program.

My own parents before they passed received this generous gifts from the people of Thurman and I know they truly appreciated it.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this grant application.

Very Truly Yours,  
  
Susan M. Jennings

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**North Country ATV Association NYTRO OF EASTERN  
DIVISION OF NYTRO**

Oct 20,2011

**Town of Thurman  
Po Box 29  
Athol NY 12810**

**Town of Thurman**



**Dear; Evelyn Wood, Charles E. Bills, Albert Vasak, Leon J. Galusha, Rebecca Hitchcock, Patrick S. Wo**

I'm sending this e-mail to find out the final out come of the following discusses that the board has had at the following board meetings 12/10 , 1/2011,5/2011. These 3 meeting where all in regards to ATV's on the town r I'm in hope that the town has been able to resolve these issues and have reopened the roads. I will be awaiting t hear about the final outcome of this issue..

Thank You

Moak  
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THURMAN STATION ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 29  
ATHOL, NY 12810

October 15, 2011

A letter to Thurman Town Board

The Thurman Fall Farm Tour Committee and Thurman Station Association wish to thank the Town Board and Thurman Occupancy Tax Committee for their moral and financial support of this year's expanded tour. Fortunately for us, the weather was spectacular. When the sun rose Saturday morning, the tour was off and running with not for profit organizations, churches and businesses participating. Hosts from Wolf Pond to Hershey Pond, The Glen to Kenyontown, Athol and Thurman Station were visited by young and old, all seeking their own versions of a perfect Adirondack autumn experience. Some were drawn first to the horses and the goats, some to the maple farms, others to the woodland and garden tours or craft and quilt shows. A group of die-hard geocachers combed our hills in search of swag, good-naturedly competing with each other for the coveted prize baskets stuffed with locally produced goods. Some guests reveled in the foods – the pure Thurman maple syrup drizzled over fluffy pancakes, the gem-like maple candies, or the truffles and stuffed mushrooms made with Thurman cheese, the fire company's barbecued chicken, and the EMS's chili. From one end of town to the other, they came, they saw, they enjoyed. A very large draw for many was the "Thurman Hop" aboard the Saratoga and North Creek Railway coaches, rolling along the Hudson between The Glen and Thurman Station. Hosts enjoyed meeting many visitors from out of town and spending time visiting with Thurman neighbors who stopped in, and some guests already have emailed very favorable feedback.

At this past Wednesday's wrap-up meeting, the tired hosts and organizers began the task of planning next year's event, discussing what went well and what needs to be changed. Overall, they gave the re-invented Thurman Fall Farm Tour a hearty two thumbs up. Thanks so much for your support. We couldn't have done it without the help.

Sincerely,



Persis Granger, President  
Thurman Station Association  
&  
Winefred Martin, Chairman  
Thurman Fall Farm Tour

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To The Board

There is so little in life  
that helps us out.

"Free Gar Bag"

"we don't have Retirement  
or Medical" Burial  
Taxes kills us."

"I thought great a woman"  
who cares!!"

Can't you give us a Break?

Find a Loop whole, give us  
a chance. Charge a Small amount  
what about people with no  
cars the elderly disabled?  
dumping? fines?

Debbie Goodnow

76 Smith Rd

Athol, MA

623-9369

Call Me

Help US

PLEASE

Have any idea??

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Eric -

Andy Gheen here -

My wife, Stephanie, and my self  
want to thank you for your efforts in  
keeping our taxes low. we would like  
to keep your proposed budget intact.  
we do not want our taxes to go up.  
we again thank you.

Andy, Stephanie,

Ethan + Holly -

The Gheen family

89 Cameron rd

Athol

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Dear Town Board and residents of Thurman,

I am writing this letter with the hope that it is read at an open meeting.

I implore the town board to back and support our Supervisor's proposed budget that will involve a Zero town tax rate increase. I was pleasantly surprised that Supervisor Wood was able to propose such a budget, knowing full well that I and my neighbors would have to give up some of the benefits that had been bestowed on us for all these years. I use the word "benefits" because at some point, some in our town have come to believe them to be "rights". I urge you to consider -what good is Trash Collection when residence can't afford to pay property taxes. One board member singled out how it would be a hardship for our seniors to have to transport their refuse to the dump...how short sighted - is it not more of a hardship when our seniors can't afford to keep their homes?

Shame on the board for even considering overriding the tax cap! I fully expected to pay the additional 2% especially after all the weather related problems that the town faced this year, but to propose a double digit increase is preposterous.

I believe it is imperative for the people of Thurman to know that chances are very good that Warren County is also foolishly considering a tax-cap override and if so, we can expect a massive tax increase. I beg the people to speak out and let both our board and the County Board of Supervisors know that we can not and will not tolerate such burdensome increases. Many of us have had to live on austerity budgets and are willing to let go of some of the conveniences we've had over the years in order to afford our homes.

I also wish to state how it saddens me greatly that Thurman has constantly been in the local papers under such circumstances. The vitriol has been cruel and hurtful and it distresses me deeply. I generally do not read the Post-Star, but that paper has made Thurman banner headlines and the brunt of ridicule. I can not escape hearing about what is written about us. All I have to do is mention that I live in Thurman and am bombarded with comments about what is printed in the papers. Our own board members, perhaps not intentionally, have made comments that belittle our citizens. What I hear and chance to read does not, at all, reflect the people of this town. These are the people who, 7 years ago, welcomed me and made me feel such a part of this community. Thurmanites are good people and deserve wiser decisions from their board.

Unfortunately my own financial situation and some health issues have forced me to place my home on the market. However, as long as I am here and even after I have left this beautiful town, I will praise and if necessary defend its' name and reputation.

I hope that the people of Thurman and especially the board, will support our Supervisor in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Filomena Riviello  
Garnet Lake Road

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Filomena Riviello', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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