MINUTES OF THE FISCAL MEETING, REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD DECEMBER 13, 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. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN

MR. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN

MRS. REBECCA HITCHCOCK, 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

<u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u>: On a motion by Councilwoman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Galusha, the minutes from the November 2011 regular meeting were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

<u>CLAIMS:</u> On a motion by Councilman Bills, seconded by Councilman Vasak, payment of vouchers # 20110800, 20110802 thru 20110829 for a total of \$16,462.06 General fund and vouchers # 20110787thru 20110799, 20110801 and 20110830 for a total of \$22,282.82 Highway fund were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

<u>THE FLORENCES</u>: Bob and Peggy Florence were honored with a plaque showing appreciation for their dedicated volunteerism.

<u>SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ACCESS</u>: Jon Rolf, representative for area snowmobile clubs, spoke to the Town Board about the negative impact of the closing of the train tracks for snowmobile use. Discussion ensued regarding alternative access for snowmobiles. Thurman connects southern trails to northern trails. When the Thurman tracks were closed to snowmobiles, access between north trails and south trails were severed.

RESOLUTION # 116:

Resolution to Temporarily Allow Snowmobile Use

WHEREAS the snowmobile season has begun and the Thurman Snowmobile Club has no trail to connect and provide access to large portions of the snowmobile trail system throughout the state, and

WHEREAS the Town Board understands that connection is necessary for the overall success of the snowmobile trail system, and

WHEREAS the Town Board has concerns regarding the safety of the use of this particular section of town road, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman hereby permits temporary use of the section of River Road beginning at or near the property of Phillip Carpenter, continuing generally north and east to Bowen Hill Road, and then generally north and west along Bowen Hill Road to George's Knoll Road, be it further

RESOLVED that this permission is only granted until April of 2012, and that any complaint arising concerning the use of this section of roads by snowmobiles shall result in the Town closing the road and sending notification of such to the Thurman Connection Snowmobile Club.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Supervisor Wood**, Resolution # 116 was approved.

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

1 NAY ~ HITCHCOCK,

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed Local Law # 3 2011 a Local Law Prohibiting Dumping and Littering, on Tuesday December 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall 311 Athol Road, Athol, New York. 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 December 06, 2011

With the reading of the legal notice by the Town Clerk, **Supervisor Wood** opened the public hearing regarding Local Law # 3 2011, a local law prohibiting dumping and littering in the Town of Thurman, at 7:00 pm. The hearing was left open.

REPORTS:

Food Pantry: **Councilman Vasak** said that the food pantry was well stocked and that there was a good turnout for gleaning.

Land Fill: **Councilman Vasak** said details about the landfill are still being worked out.

Occupancy Tax Committee: See attached

Youth Commission: See attached

Christmas Baskets: See attached

EMS: **Councilman Galusha** said that he attended the Thurman EMS meeting and that they are working hard.

Highway: Councilman Bills said the highway contract was being worked out.

<u>CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING</u>: With no further questions, **Supervisor Wood** closed the public hearing on Local Law #3 2011 at 7:04.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Wood said that...

The old truck sold for parts is gone and paid for.

The town received \$1639.32 from FEMA.

Thank you to the local government review board for asking Albany to review our town.

She attended Association of Towns and Villages and was elected director at large.

Newly elected officials need to be sworn in.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the Town Board went into executive session at 7:08 pm to discuss the service of a potential provider and matters pertaining to an individual.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

On a motion by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the Town Board came out of executive session at 7:38 pm with no action being taken.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

<u>EMS</u>: Supervisor Wood said that the Town Board has some concerns about contracting with the Thurman EMS but is willing to work something out. Wood stated that the town's interest needed to be protected. Thurman EMS President Jean Coulard said that Thurman EMS would guarantee the Town's collateral.

RESOLUTION #117:

Resolution to Enter EMS Contract

WHEREAS the Town Board wishes to contract for EMS services in the year 2012, and

WHEREAS the Town Board is concerned with the safety of the public and the Board's fiscal responsibilities, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman hereby authorizes the supervisor to enter into a contract with Thurman EMS Inc. for the year of 2012.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, resolution # 117 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, BILLS

1 NAY ~ HITCHCOCK

1 ABSTAIN ~ VASAK

RESOLUTION #118:

Resolution to Send Letter of Intent to Contract

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Thurman intends to enter into a contract with the Thurman EMS Inc for the year 2012, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to send Thurman EMS Inc., a letter stating the Town intends to negotiate a contract with Thurman EMS Inc. On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, resolution # 118 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

GARBAGE BAGS: The Town Board discussed options for Thurman garbage bags.

RESOLUTION #119:

Resolution to Accept Proposal

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman requested three quotes concerning garbage bags for the Town's Pay As You Throw program, and

WHEREAS the quotes from three companies have been received and evaluated, be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Thurman has selected Tags-Bags-Containers to provide the garbage bags necessary for the program.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, resolution #119 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

<u>C+D</u>: The Town Board decided to close the landfill C+D for the winter starting January 1, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2012 Organizational meeting will be held January 03, 2012.

Supervisor Wood said that the town needs to look into web design solutions for a Town Website.

RESOLUTION #120:

Resolution to Accept Snow and Ice Contract with Warren County for the Year of 2012

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Thurman does hereby resolve to enter into a contract with Warren County for the removal of snow and ice, and also the sweeping and mowing of County roads in the Town of Thurman for fiscal year 2012. On a motion by Councilwoman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Bills, resolution #120 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

RESOLUTION #121:

Resolution to Adopt Local Law #3 of 2011

WHEREAS Local Law #3 of 2011 concerning the prohibiting of Dumping and Littering in the Town of Thurman was advertised and a public hearing was held on December 13, 2011 at 7:00pm, and

WHEREAS all those being heard were for and against Local Law # 3, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman enacts Local Law #3 of 2011 entitled A Local Law Prohibiting Dumping and Littering in the Town of Thurman. Be it further

RESOLVED that the enactment of Local Law #3 of 2011 shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, resolution # 121 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: ROLL CALL ~ WOOD - YES, HITCHCOCK - YES, GALUSHA - YES, BILLS - YES, VASAK — YES

RESOLUTION #122:

TOWN OF THURMAN

RESOLUTION # 122 OF 2011

Resolution to Adjust 2011 Budget

HIGHWAY FUND

Increase Expenses

DA5110.4 General Repairs-Contractual \$25,000.00

Decrease Expenses

DA5140.1 Brush and Weeds -Personnel \$8,900.00

DA5142.1 Snow Removal -Personnel \$16,100.00

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GENERAL FUND

Increase Expenses

A1110.4	Justice Contractual	\$170.00
A1220.4	Supervisor's Contractual	\$230.00
Δ1650 2	Central Communications	\$7 500 00

Decrease Expenses

A1990.4 Contingency \$7,900.00

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On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Hitchcock**, resolution # 122 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

<u>LETTERS</u>: The Town Clerk read a letter from **Dexter Baker** and a report from **Joan Harris, Town Historian.** See attached

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mary Eddy asked if the whole board had looked at the route proposed by the snowmobile club and suggested they meet there.

Supervisor Wood answered that they all had seen it and that the whole board couldn't meet without out an open meeting.

Bob Farrell said that he was glad Thurman EMS and Town of Thurman were working together. **Farrell** hoped the Town Board would agree to the full amount that Thurman EMS had requested be put into the 2012 budget. **Farrell** also said that Warrensburg EMS would not answer Thurman calls starting on January 01, 2012.

Joyce Eddy was concerned about the snowmobile club being granted access to the section of River Road near the property of Phillip Carpenter, to Bowen Hill Road, and along Bowen Hill Road to George's Knoll Road. Mrs. Eddy said that many accidents have occurred there and that their decision may cause an innocent person to have an accident. Eddy felt it was a terrible decision to allow the snowmobiles to use this route.

Dexter Baker stated that he thought the Town had filed the wrong copy of Local Law # 1.

Supervisor Wood said that the correct one had been filed.

Jim Mosher was worried that Thurman EMS would not be totally ready to answer calls when Warrensburg EMS stopped answering them.

Tonight's meeting was the first time that the Thurman Town Board had been told of Warrensburg EMS's plan to discontinue service to Thurman.

Discussion ensued regarding Warrensburg EMS's announcement. **Supervisor Wood's** response became heated. This discussion brought out a possible communication gap between the Thurman Town Board and the Warrensburg EMS.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: On a motion by Councilman Galusha, seconded by Councilman Vasak, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, HITCHCOCK, GALUSHA, BILLS, VASAK

Respectfully Submitted: Cynthia R. Hyde, Town clerk ATTACHED: Local Law #3 2011, reports and a letter.

New York State Department of State Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12231-0001 www.dos.state.ny.us/corps

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

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- 5. Penalties Any person, corporation or other entity which violates any of the provisions of this Local Law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of at minimum \$250 and not more than \$950 for a first offense and by a fine of at minimum \$250 and not more than \$950 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, for each succeeding offense.
- Severability The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.
- Repealer All Local Laws or Ordinances or parts of Local Laws or Ordinances in conflict with any part of this Local law are hereby repealed.
- Effective Date This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State or as otherwise provided by law.

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Occupancy Tax Report for December 13, 2011

Occupancy Tax Committee met on November 4, 2011. Many events were discussed. They have many ideas for the upcoming yr. There were 5 people in attendance. The next meeting is on January 6, 2012 at 10 AM at the Thurman Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Christmas Basket Report For December 13, 2011

45 Christmas baskets were made for people in the town. I need to give thanks to Beth Galusha, The Thurman Station Assoc, Grand Union, Stewart Shops, Hannaford, Price Chopper, Wal-Mart for their donations. Also I need to give a Personal thanks to the following people who shopped, helped pack and deliver the baskets they are: Paula Hubert, Karma Smith, Gracie Flynn, Myrna Keeler, Ursula Morrasse, Shirley Wendling, Gail Needham, Barbara Farrell, Bob Hitchcock. Special Thanks goes out to everyone who baked, made items, gave items for the baskets. Also I would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Backus third grade class and to Jody Curtis and her 4-H club The Clover Buddies for the decorations they made for the baskets.

Dexter J. Baker 450 High Street Athol, NY 12810 Town of Thurman 311 Athol Road Athol, NY 12810

Dear Thurman Town Board,

With the year coming to an end there are still questions about EMS for the upcoming year. The 2012 budget shows a sum of \$20,000 for EMS services. However, both squads that have shown interest in providing services appear to need more than this amount. Prior to contracting with an agency there are questions that need to be answered and research done concerning facts and figures. According to Warren County, thus far this year the Town of Thurman has received 73 EMS calls, of which Thurman handled 41, Warrensburg 28, Johnsburg 3 and Stony Creek 1. This means only 56.16% of the time residents could expect Thurman EMS to handle their call. In addition to Warrensburg's 28 calls they have also responded to many more.

Earlier this month the President of Thurman EMS stated from April to June they responded to 92% of their calls. This is true, but there is another way to describe the calls during this time. From April to June the Town of Thurman received 15 calls for service, of which Thurman handled 12 and Warrensburg 3. However out of those 15 calls, Warrensburg began a response to the scene prior to Thurman 86.67% of the time. So while Thurman responded to most of the calls, Warrensburg showed more efficiency in responding first.

Legally EMS services are not mandated, however morally it seems the town should provide them. Thus a contract should be sought with a more stable and reliable agency. The Town of Warrensburg over the past 4 years has received an average of 1,031 calls and the Town of Thurman an average of 125 calls. The Town of Warrensburg contracts with their squad for \$30,000 to handle these calls. What's intriguing is why Warrensburg would need \$50,000 from Thurman to handle a lower call volume. So why is \$20,000, in addition to billing and donations, not enough for Warrensburg to handle our calls and to be compensated for such.

On the other side Thurman EMS requested \$40,000. If Thurman EMS uses the towns ambulance for that year they will have \$27,315. Out of this amount they need to cover building expenses, paid staff, medical supplies, etc. With this amount of money that feat seems almost unlikely and even Joe Farrell from the Dept. of Health agrees this number seems inadequate.

As money budgeted for 2012 will only support one agency, the town has to assess this situation. If the ambulance factors in with the \$20,000 budgeted, there could be a possibility of Warrensburg reigniting an interest in providing services. In regards to the ambulance, individuals need to understand that when the payments are completed on the vehicle it's still owned by the Town and it's still the Town's decision to whom it's granted. If Warrensburg would consider a contract with this vehicle, the town should likewise consider it.

Some people say they don't want the Warrensburg agency in Town, yet it's only the same handful of people supporting this. When someone calls 911 they expect an ambulance and regardless of the name, service provided remains the same. Squad officials have stated they have new administration, yet the Town judges them on past history. Earlier I mentioned research needs to

December 12, 2011

Year End report

Board Members:

2011 is coming to and end and I feel I have given proper time and energy in fulfilling my position as Town Historian.

I have had meetings with those who needed to see the Historian's files. I have followed up on inquires asked of me by the town clerks office and those who have contacted me through the computer. I have continued to file and organize boxes of papers and pictures. There are more to do. I have prepared a picture inventory of items in my care at the office; it is attached. I am in the process of handing out genealogy forms to certain families in order to update and expand their files. I am still researching pending items.

When I was contacted by mail, which some information was missing from the town requested by the Warren County Bicentennial Committee, I discussed it with Perky. I notified the Chairperson on the county bicentennial committee as to who should have received the information from each of the town representatives. He checked and did find the information that both Perky and Supervisor Wood shared with the committee. Then he asked for a summary of the history of our town. I wrote it and sent it to him and he acknowledged that he received it and was pleased.

This job is interesting and I enjoy it. I know and I am willing to help build roads in this town, so I didn't even mind when you cut my salary in half; but I believe all of you flunked Management 101. The basic skill is to notify an employee before the decision is made and placed in the public budget. I learned a lot about this board by this situation and education is always useful.

If you need to discuss my job or performance, please contact me. I am most always available.

Thank you, Joan Harris Town Historian

Note: semi-annual report already submitted

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Town of Thurman Historian's Office Inventory 12-1-2011

1:	Misc. tools							
2:	Butter Churn	2011	Myrtle Buyce	On loan from JTHS				
3:	School Desk		Ø 05					
4:	"Thunder Pot"							
	Kerosene container							
	Misc hand tools							
	Light fixture							
5:	Light fixtures							
	Carrying Cans							
6:	two decorative pic	ctures						
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8:	Misc garden tools		: (-1:15.00 FARET (17.5)					
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10.	Wash board & ga							
11:	Leather pouch-ga							
12:	Shelf in office con		booklets					
13:			urman Patent map; w	ooden chair				
14:	Table holding Misc. town information books, phone and answering system							
15:	Computer, CPU; printer; desk; and cabinet; office chair							
16:	portrait picture							
17:	Misc. pictures on	a wall						
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