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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman

Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

Mrs. Kathy Templeton, Councilwoman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

The Meeting was called to order by **Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor**

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamiee Ross, Tax Collector; Tom Peterson, Town Attorney

Councilwoman Hyde introduced attorney Tom Peterson, who is a partner of Mark Schachner. Mr. Peterson read a statement. Mr. Peterson also stated that the town had not been charged for drafting the statements that had been read by them.

Councilwoman Hyde wanted to thank the Deckers and the Sheplers for their service for the youth commission. Thank you for all of your good service to the youth commission. Perky Granger wanted to know if the town hall could be used to sign up sellers the first and second week of May. The third week is the town wide garage sale. Perky also asked if some of the Occupancy Tax money reserved for the summer concert could be used for the Jack Wax Party for advertising. **Councilwoman Templeton** commented that she believed the money was for Hoddie, and looking at it right now she is not seeing the money there. With what is lined up, fireworks and port-a-potties there is not money there. **Councilwoman Harris** and **Councilman Eddy** commented and discussion ensued.

RESOLUTION #44:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board resolved to give \$550.00 to the Jack Wax Party to pay for Hoddie Ovitt from the funds that were set aside for the party in the budget.

Motion Carried: 3 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Harris

1 Nay ~ Eddy

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Councilwoman Hyde the Judge and the court clerk would like to set up a workshop with the town board to discuss the Harris House. **Councilwoman Hyde** thought that Tuesday February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall for the workshop would work. It is open to the public but no actions will be taken. Also, she wanted to get permission to move the bookkeeper's office back upstairs. The office downstairs really doesn't function well. **Councilman Eddy** stated that they did not need to get permission. **Councilwoman Hyde** thought it would be nice to ask. The board was all for the move. Curtis Lumber sent over a list to be updated for authorized users for the account. We are going to add William Arnold and Steven Baker and we deleted former Supervisor Wood. The other authorized users are Patrick Wood, Jeff Ackley and Cynthia Hyde.

Discussion by the board on Resolution #45.

RESOLUTION #45:

Resolution pertaining to Rental Agreement of the Thurman Town Hall

WHEREAS the Town rents out the hall to residents for a variety of gatherings, be it

RESOLVED the Town's policy will now be to return \$25 of the \$50 collected, provided the premises is left in good order, be it further

RESOLVED that the town hall is available for rental for 4 hour blocks of time which culminate no later than 9pm and individuals and groups renting the town hall may do so no more than once per month

RESOLVED Organizations, Churches, School groups or individuals doing fundraisers shall be exempt from this policy and are required to request an exemption letter in writing one week in advance of their fundraiser.

This resolution goes into effect on February 27, 2017.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Harris**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board approved Resolution #45

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

RESOLUTION #46:

Resolution Authorizing purchase of Garbage Bags

WHEREAS it is necessary to purchase Town of Thurman garbage bags, be it
RESOLVED the Town Board Authorizes the purchase of said garbage bags.

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board brought Resolution #46 to the floor.

Discussion by the board on Resolution #46. **Councilwoman Hyde** thought that we should have a procedure in place for the garbage bags.

The board tabled Resolution #46 so they could look in to it further.

RESOLUTION #47:

Resolution Authorizing Cynthia Hyde to sign and return the following contracts

Snow and Ice Agreement between Warren County and Town of Thurman

Agreement between The County of Warren acting for and on behalf of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging and the Town of Thurman for 01/01/17 to 12/31/17

Agreement between Warren County and Town of Thurman for snowmobile trail development, maintenance and promotion

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board approved Resolution #47

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

RESOLUTION #48:

Resolution to approve issuing contracts between town and bands to perform at the Summer Concert Series

WHEREAS contracts generated at the end of the month of February between bands and the town are due, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board will send contracts out to eight bands.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board approved Resolution #48

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

Councilwoman Templeton said in her discussion with Jey Youngblood the contracts were usually sent in February.

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Discussion ensued by the board on Resolution #49.

RESOLUTION #49:

Resolution Authorizing Williamson Law to put Payroll and Accounting on Supervisor's Computer

WHEREAS it is necessary to have payroll and accounting modules on Supervisor's computer work station, and

WHEREAS Williamson Law charges \$125.00 per module, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board Authorizes this transaction.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Harris**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board approved Resolution #49

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

Discussion ensued by the board on Resolution #49.

RESOLUTION #49A:

Resolution Authorizing access and update Town Webpage

WHEREAS it is necessary to access and update the town webpage, be it

RESOLVED the Town Board authorizes Jeanie Sprague, Thurman Town Clerk and Cynthia Hyde, Thurman Board Member such access.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board approved Resolution #49A

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

RESOLUTION #50:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: 2017 Abstract 002 (General Fund - \$90,287.56 -\$400.00 = \$89,887.56; Highway Fund - \$146,787.82; Enterprise Fund - \$4,205.68-\$3,144.88 = \$1060.80; Capital Fund \$18,982.19) for a total of \$260,263.25-\$400.00-\$3,144.88 = \$256,718.37 the total being paid. Please note the Voucher #742 and #754 totaling \$400.00 we removed because they were duplicates and voucher #767 totaling \$3,144.88 was held for further review.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board approved payment of the claims.

Motion Carried: 3 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Harris

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Discussion ensued by the board of the payment of claims.

RESOLUTION #51:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Templeton**, seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**, the Board resolved to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons relating to a possible appointment of a particular person or persons and that discussion will involve letters for Board of Assessment Review and Supervisor of interest at 7:20 p.m.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

RESOLUTION #52:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Harris**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to come back from Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Hyde, Templeton, Eddy, Harris

Councilman Eddy made a motion to appointment **Cynthia Hyde** as Supervisor. **Councilman Eddy** withdrew his motion on the advice of Tom Peterson.

Councilwoman Cynthia Hyde made the following announcement: öI, Cynthia Hyde, resign from the Thurman Town Board effective immediately.ö

RESOLUTION #53:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to accept the resignation of Cynthia Hyde as a Town Board Member effective immediately.

Motion Carried: 3 Ayes ~ Templeton, Eddy, Harris

RESOLUTION #54:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the Board resolved to appoint Cynthia Hyde as the Thurman Town Supervisor.

Motion Carried: 3 Ayes ~ Templeton, Eddy, Harris

Cynthia Hyde accepted the appointment of Thurman Town Supervisor for the remainder of the 2017 year.

Supervisor Cynthia Hyde took her Oath of Office and was sworn in as town supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following people spoke: Rose Slempe, Rob Shepler, Deb Runyon, Richard Kline, Gail Seaman, Paula Hubert and Wini Martin

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On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Templeton**, the board meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

4 Ayes

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

March 2, 2017

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