

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 2011 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.,

PRESENT: MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR
MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN
MR. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN
MRS. REBECCA HITCHCOCK, COUNCILWOMAN
MR. CHARLES BILLS, COUNCILMAN

Recording secretary: **Cynthia R. Hyde**, Town Clerk

PLEDGE ALLEGIENCE TO THE FLAG

This meeting was called to work on the budget.

Supervisor Wood presented a tentative budget with no increase from last year's budget at a special meeting on October 03, 2011. To achieve this flat budget, **Wood** cut free trash removal and reduced funds to the summer youth program and the assessor's office. The Town Council members did not agree with these cuts which left the budget with a 17% increase.

Supervisor Wood began tonight's meeting by asking the Town Council members if they had any thoughts on how to get the budget down.

Councilman Bills suggested doing away with recycling.

Discussion ensued regarding trash options and possible costs. **Supervisor Wood** reminded everyone that no savings plan, for a new garbage truck, had ever been put in place.

Discussion on the budget went round and round. **Supervisor Wood** had facts, figures and answers. The town council members disagreed with Wood's budget cuts but failed to offer better suggestions. Lacking any concrete ideas, Council people could only offer up vague, ill informed thoughts.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Those in attendance asked questions and offered suggestions.

Robert Farrell wanted the Town Board to know that they (Warrensburg Ems) needed the requested \$50,000.00 and that the \$20,000.00 appearing in the preliminary budget wasn't enough. **Farrell** mentioned the possibility of an ambulance to trade off. **Mr. Farrell** apologized for asking for more money but said Warrensburg EMS really needs what they asked for.

MEETING DATE CHANGE: The next regular meeting will be Monday November 7, 2011 due to Tuesday the 8th being Election Day.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING: **Supervisor Wood** said that she needed a volunteer from the board to come to a Warren County Board of Supervisor's meeting next Friday. **Councilwoman Hitchcock** said that she would attend.

Supervisor Wood asked the board if they were ready to move to a public hearing for the 2012 budget. The board agreed to go to the public hearing stage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: A public hearing for the 2012 budget and a public hearing for Local Law #2, a tax cap over ride, was set for Monday November 07, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

**Cynthia R. Hyde
Town Clerk**