

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NY HELD AUGUST 16, 2018 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman  
Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman  
Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman  
Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Susan E. Staples

The meeting was called to order at **6:30 pm.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**RESOLUITON:**

**Resolution # 96**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilman Needham**

**Discussion:** **Councilwoman Harris** wanted to make sure that when someone speaks to the attorney that everyone is informed about what is discussed. **Councilman Needham and Supervisor Hyde** agreed with her and noted that perhaps they could discuss this with the attorney about the Board meeting with him as a group. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that they could meet with him for either a meeting or at attorney client privilege. Noting that they could jot down questions and have the **attorney** answer them all at once with all present. **Supervisor Hyde** also noted that this was not a Board Meeting. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that this was really not more expensive to do it this way. **Councilwoman Harris** noted that **Councilman Needham** wanted an amendment stating that no one Board Member could call the attorney on their own. Yes agreed **Councilman Needham. Supervisor Hyde** noted that you don't want to put the Board as a

whole because if somebody doesn't show up we can still have an attorney client (meeting). **Councilwoman Harris** noted no single phone calls from Board Members. **Councilwoman Harris** then asked what would happen if you had to call them. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that in case of an emergency that she would email the board stating that she thinks she needs to ask the attorney and that it is an emergency. She then noted that she didn't feel that would happen often.

## **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT**

**The town board of the Town of Thurman approves entering into a contract between Town of Thurman and Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC for provision of legal services to Town of Thurman and authorizes the supervisor to sign the necessary paperwork. The terms of this agreement shall be until December 31, 2019. The Board will meet with the attorney together at attorney client privilege or at a special meeting. No individual Board Member can call the attorney on their own without board knowledge.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Harris, Needham, Hyde, Nays~0**

## **Resolution # 97**

On motion introduced by **Councilman Needham** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

## **RESOLUTION TO HIRE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

**The town board of the Town of Thurman approves hiring Brett Moulton as part time, with no benefits, animal control officer for the Town of Thurman. Total salary for the remainder of 2018 will be 1,125.00 or \$250.00 /month x 4.5 months**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Harris, Needham, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Discussion: Supervisor Hyde** noted that she has spoken with Brett about a rabies shot. She noted that a lot of towns protect their animal control officer with a series of rabies shots. She noted that it is a series of 3 shots spaced out over a period of time that protects the ACO in case he does get bitten. She noted that if you waited and didn't protect him, and he was bitten he would need 4 shots and he would have an emergency room visit which would be expensive. She then asked Brett if she could tell the Board something and he agreed. She noted that in the past he had received a rabies shot. It was quite awhile ago, but it is still possible that he has antibodies in his system. The Health Department recommends that he gets a blood test to see if he has any antibodies. If he has over .5 he won't need any shots. If he is under .5, depending on how much under, he might have to have only one or two. So I think he is going to check that out to see if he needs shots. She noted that there is money in contractual, but if he needs them we could bring that back to the board noting that those shots cost \$1,035.00 for the three shots. Bret stated that he checked with his insurance and that he was quite certain that he would be covered for those shots. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that if he was not covered that the town would be willing to protect him with that, and if that was the case we could take that out of contingency.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Harris, Needham, Hyde, Nays~0**

**Discussion:** Brett noted that he had some equipment that Pat Wood had donated including a kennel and catch pole. He noted that he had a large kennel, and was getting another from his sister. He thought by the end of the week he would be ready. Brett asked if there were any questions for him. The **Town Clerk** told him that she would talk to him and that she would have a dog list and tickets for him. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that there was a list of people who were waiting for us to hire a new ACO including Warren County Sheriff's Office, Glens Falls Animal Hospital, State Ag and Markets, Department of Health and the Court.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Councilman Needham**. The meeting was adjourned at **6:47 pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E Staples, Town Clerk

August 21, 2018