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MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD APRIL 09, 2013 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR

MR. AL VASAK, COUNCILMAN

MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN ~ ARRIVED AT 6:55 pm

ABSENT: MR. CHARLES BILLS, 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 **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved the minutes of the March 28, 2013 Special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ **GALUSHA, WOOD, VASAK, SEAMAN**

CORRESPONDANCE:

A letter was received from **Richard Kline** – Attached

A letter to **Supervisor Wood** from **Debra Runyon** was given to **Supervisor Wood** by the Town Clerk

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PRESENTATION:

Briana Canty gave a presentation on the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan.

ARRIVAL OF COUNCILMAN GALUSHA:

Councilman Galusha arrives at the meeting at 6:55 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board went into executive session at 6:55 pm to discuss a pending litigation matter and for the purpose of discussing the potential sale or conveyance of real property. **Tom Suozzo**, Engineer, was included in the executive session.

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

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the town board came out of executive session at 7:23 pm with no action being taken.

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

REPORTS:

Landfill, Food pantry and Highway report by Councilman Vasak attached

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Wood reported that...

The court office will be moved.

The town wide emergency plan needs to be reviewed.

The Whitespace internet study has been going well.

Design work has been started on the pipe arch bridge.

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Over \$1,800.00 was raised for the American Cancer Society at this year's Jack Wax party thanks to Kathy and Andy Templeton.

Westmount bids have been opened.

OLD BUSINESS:

FEMA will be examining receipts and payroll for the FEMA closeout.

Perky Granger has been in contact with the re-enactor (for the bicentennial in Thurman) and has suggested the town help with expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

The server and two computers, the town clerk's office computer and the highway superintendent's computer, need to be replaced.

Approval is needed for bicycle racers from the HITS North Country Triathlon to go through Thurman.

Fire Inspections were done for the Town buildings.

A veterans' benefit fair will be held Thursday April 11, 2013.

The Town Board needs to authorize the supervisor's signature on an APA form for a **Fred Witz** parcel.

RESOLUTION #20:

Resolution to Approve Bike Race

BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurman Town board hereby approves of the HITS North Country Triathlon to be held on June 29-30, 2013.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, resolution # 20 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #21:

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Resolution to Approve Training

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Training is hereby approved:

April 24 & 25, 2013 APA Local Government Day Conference Evelyn Wood

Lake Placid, NY

May 1-3, 2013 Town Finance School Evelyn Wood &

Saratoga Springs, NY Lester Losaw

May 8, 2013 ACO/DCO Conference 2013 Dexter Baker

Guilderland, NY

July 23 & 24, 2013 Court Training Sheila Flanagan &

SUNY Potsdam Joanna Cummings

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, resolution #21 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #22:

Resolution to Amend Budget

The Thurman Town Board hereby appropriates \$15,000 of unassigned fund balance and amends budget code A4540.4 to reflect this appropriation. Further, the Town Board makes the following budget amendments:

<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>A4540.4 \$15,000</i>	<i>A1320.4 \$7,000</i>
	<i>A1910.4 \$5,000</i>
	<i>A9030.8 <u>\$3,000</u></i>
	<i>Total - \$15,000</i>

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, resolution # 22 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #23:

Adoption of The State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the (Town of Thurman) wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the (Town of Thurman) is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law and*

WHEREAS, the (Town of Thurman) has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the (Town of Thurman) by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

** A local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law includes: a county, city, town, village or other political subdivision as defined in Section 131 of the retirement and Social Security law or civil division of the State; a school district or other governmental entity operating a public school, college, or university; a public improvement or special district, a public authority, commission , or public benefit corporation; or any other public corporation, agency or instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental powers under the laws of the State.*

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NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the (Town of Thurman) hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the (Town of Thurman) are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, resolution # 23 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, VASAK, SEAMAN

1 ABSTAIN ~ GALUSHA

RESOLUTION #24:

Approval to Send Local Government Notice Form

The Thurman Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to fill out and sign the Local Government Notice Form for Fred Witz, tax map id # 209-1-32.1.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, resolution #24 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #25:

Approval for Water Testing

The Thurman Town Board hereby resolves to conduct water testing at a cost not to exceed \$100.00.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, resolution # 25 was approved.

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2013-197 thru 2013-253 highway fund \$20,624.69, general fund \$35,174.92, for a grand total of \$58,424.61

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, VASAK, SEAMAN

1 ABSTAIN ~ GALUSHA

CEMETERY:

Cemetery Superintendent **Marc Kenyon** supplied the board with Thurman Cemetery procedure. Attached

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Delbert Chambers inquired about the bicentennial actor.

John Haskell asked about liability for the bike race, testing the town water and who negotiated the EMS contract.

Mary Eddy wanted to know the reason for the public hearing.

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Linda Marcella talked about the school budget and said that the Warrensburg School Board would have a budget meeting in Thurman on May 06, 2013 at 7pm.

John Haskell appreciated the meeting hearing aid and said that it worked well.

Barbara Farrell stated that the town board never acknowledged Suzie Baker's passing at the town board meeting.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town Clerk
04/23/2013

Attached:

Report from **Councilman Vasak**

Letter from **Richard Kline**

Witz property map

Thurman Cemetery procedure

Highway Report by Pat Wood 4-8-13

Sterling truck has been sent down to T&T to have the new box installed

Are grading and raking gravel roads.

Are in the process of sweeping the Town + County blacktop roads.

Have begun dismantling the salt shed and polebarn behind the highway garage in preparation for the work we need to do to comply with DEC salt storage regulations.

We may see an increase in our chips funding from 102,000 to 129,000 depending on passage of State budget.

Are supposed to have a roving work crew from the county here around mid May to assist with cemetery spring cleanup. We will still have the regular summer youth worker program. Any kids age 14 or older can apply at the school guidance office.

Darren Needham has been hired for the highway dept. He replaces Bruce Dingman who recently retired after serving 31 yrs with the dept.

All highway employees will be attending annual mine safety refresher training on Thursday 4/11/13 in Lake George.

Will be doing roadside litter cleanup beginning Monday the 15th.

Food Pantry OVER A DOZEN ON TUES 9-11
NEXT GLEENING IS Monday MAY 6

LAND FILL + WASTE MANAGEMENT
NEW WORKER - DUSTIN HASKELL WORKING WELL WITH
KERRY BAKER

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To Supervisor Wood:

Please direct Councilperson Seaman to apologize to the Town Clerk, Cynthia Hyde, for the baseless criticism that Ms. Seaman made at the last meeting. The Town Clerk properly fulfilled her duties.

Councilperson Seaman in her brief time on office has made two egregious errors, the one mentioned above and an erroneous claim about grant monies available for the consolidation of EMS services. For the latter she ought to apologize to the Town.

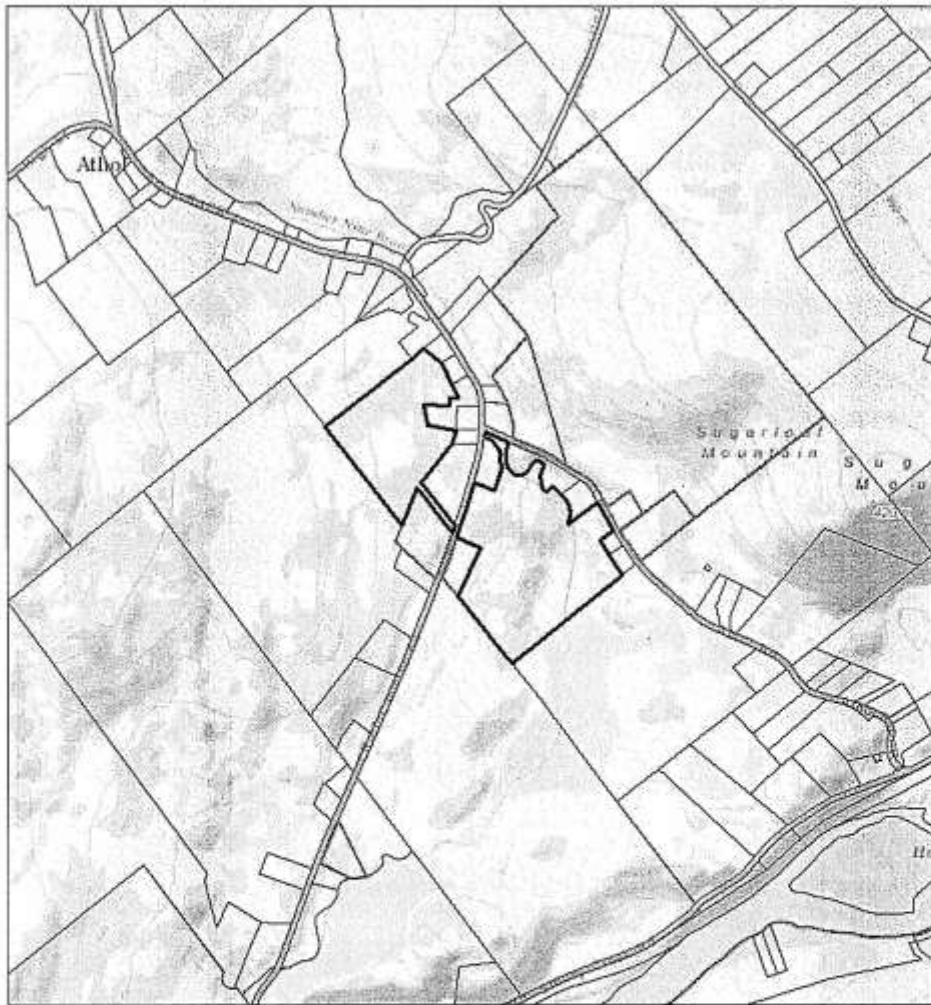
Please read this letter and place it in the minutes.

Richard Kline





Sent from my iPad

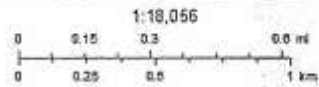
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Witz Parcel



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- Override 1
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-  Parcels
-  Town Boundaries



Source: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, iPlanet, P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, Aero, NPS, ANON, GEBCO, IGN, Kartus, N, Ordnance Survey, Esri, Swisstopo, SVA, Swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Subject: Thurman Cemetery Procedure

Requirements

1. Oversee maintenance of all Thurman cemeteries. This includes all maintenance such as lawn cutting, debris removal, fence repair, and road maintenance.
2. Plot management which includes plot allocations.

Rules

1. Plot borders are not allowed.
2. Items must be secured to plot so they do not blow away.
3. Headstone repair is the responsibility of the family. If no family known, the committee will consider repair.
4. The cemetery will be open from sun-up to sun-down.
5. Vandals will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
6. No animals allowed.
7. No driving on cemetery lands, please keep to road and turnarounds.
8. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, trail bikes, dirt bikes or ATV's allowed.
9. No stone or monument higher than four feet.
10. No trees planted. Shrubs and small bushes not allowed. If roots start to spread or interfere with other burial plots they will be removed.
11. All burials and monuments must be approved by cemetery chairman in advance.

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Thurman Cemetery Request and Identification Form

Date:

Deceased

Name:

Address:

Town:

State:

Date of Birth:

Date of Death:

Cemetery Information

Cemetery name:

Cemetery street location:

Plot location:

Cost: \$0 \$100 \$450

Thurman Cemetery Committee Chairman's signature:

Funeral Home

Funeral Home name:

Director's name:

Address street:

Address state:

Phone number:

Funeral Director's signature: