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MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD APRIL 14, 2015 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: **MRS. EVELYN WOOD, SUPERVISOR**
MR. MICHAEL EDDY, COUNCILMAN
MR. DANIEL SMITH, COUNCILMAN
MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT: **MR. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN**

Also at tonight's meeting: **Highway Superintendant Patrick Wood**

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

A bid from **Stored Technology Solutions Inc.** for IT services was opened. A decision was put off until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Subdivisions:

RESOLUTION #38: On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Eddy**, the town board set a public hearing regarding the Richard Burke subdivision for May 12, 2015 and authorized the Supervisor to sign the local government notice form.

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MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #39: On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the town board set a public hearing regarding the Cindy Seebeck subdivision for May 12, 2015 and authorized the Supervisor to sign the local government notice form.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

On a motion by **Councilman Eddy**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the minutes of the March 10, 2015 were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH

1 NAY ~ SEAMAN

CORRESPONDANCE:

A letter was read from **Andrew Templeton**. Attached

REPORTS:

The supervisor filed the March 31, 2015 treasurers report, operating statement and balance sheets with the town clerk and the following officials gave their verbal reports: Councilman Smith, Councilwoman Seaman and Supervisor Wood.

RESOLUTION #40:

A resolution to approve the purchase of a ¼ page ad in the POW, MIA event booklet at around \$25.00. On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution # 40 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

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RESOLUTION #41:

A resolution to approve the Double H Camp Ride Challenge and allow the supervisor to fill out the necessary forms. On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution # 41 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #42:

A resolution to approve using Home Town to take care of the septic problems, the quoted price being \$250.00. On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Eddy**, Resolution #42 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: Supervisor Wood said that we have a number of minutes still out there. **Wood** added that they had given the clerk some of their concerns (about the minutes) and asked if she had a chance to look at them. The clerk said she had still not received anything from **Councilwoman Seaman**. **Councilwoman Seaman** said that's because they (the list of concerns) were sitting at home. It was decided to wait until next month to give **Seaman** more time to get her concerns to the clerk to look over.

Discussion: Councilman Smith suggested reviewing the way subdivisions are handled as the present procedure is redundant and unnecessary for subdivisions not under the 3 acre minimum (Local Law #2 2006). **Supervisor Wood** suggested that the board review the local law. **Supervisor Wood** said that she would print up some copies of the local law tomorrow and get them out for everybody (the board).

NEW BUSINESS:

Petition: A discussion ensued regarding a petition that was submitted in response to Resolution # 26 2015 a resolution subject to permissive referendum.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The following people spoke during privilege of the floor- Joe Davies, Pat Wood, Marilyn Youngblood, Rex Reynolds, Mary Eddy and Richard Bardi

Cemetery Regulations: This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

RESOLUTION #43:

Resolution to Approve Training

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves the following training:

Jamie Ross Tax Collector Training June 7-10, 2015

Evelyn Wood APA Local Government Day April 15-16, 2015

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 43 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #44:

Resolution to Request Bids

WHEREAS the town of Thurman has previously accepted recommendations by the town's Engineer regarding homes whose water supply has been affected by salt, and

WHEREAS the town wishes to continue to move forward with the remediation, and

WHEREAS the town's Engineer has drafted Bid Documents for the solicitation of bids for whole home reverse osmosis systems, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby requests bids for reverse osmosis systems as specified in the bid documents supplied by the Town Engineer, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the bids shall be submitted sealed and clearly marked as specified in the bid documents to the Town Clerk of the Town of Thurman to

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be opened on May 12, 2014 at 7pm. The town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The clerk is hereby directed to advertize this request for bids and to place a pdf copy of the bid materials on the home page of the town's website with the link to the documents clearly stating 'Reverse Osmosis Request for Bid Documents'.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution # 44 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

RESOLUTION #45:

Resolution to Authorize Contract

WHEREAS the town currently receives reimbursement for its youth programs from the State of New York through Warren County, and

WHEREAS the County has notified the Town that the State now requires a reimbursement agreement between the County and the Town in order to disburse the funds to the Town, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes a reimbursement agreement with Warren County for reimbursement of youth programs and authorizes the Supervisor to sign any necessary documents.

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution # 45 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2015-196 thru 2015-254 for a highway, general, capital and enterprise fund grand total of \$58,829.87.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

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ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde

**Town clerk
04/28/2015**

Attached:

Letter by Andrew Templeton

Note Resolutions in Italics are written by the supervisor's office

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Andrew Templeton

336 Dippikill Road

Thurman NY 12810

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Thurman Town Hall

311 Athol Road

Athol NY 12810


To the Thurman Town Board;

I oppose the proposition contained in the petition to have permissive referendum to prevent the transfer of funds to pay our Highway bills. I oppose the proposition for the following reasons: First, we need to pay our bills just like any family does here in Thurman. Second, this referendum will cost the town somewhere in the vicinity of four figures – that's 7,000 to \$9,000, folks. Third, it will bankrupt the Town Highway fund and so this summer work that could be done and paid for by the town upfront and reimbursed later in the year would not be done or reimbursed, costing the town at least \$100,000.

I believe that this wrong-headed financial thinking is the type of approach to finances that could potentially bankrupt our town.

Please include this in the recorded town board minutes.

Respectfully submitted,


Andrew Templeton