

December 09, 2014

MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD DECEMBER 09, 2014 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. LEON GALUSHA, COUNCILMAN
MRS. GAIL SEAMAN, COUNCILWOMAN

ABSENT: **MR. DANIEL SMITH, 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 Eddy**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

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

REPORTS:

Councilman Galusha read the Warrensburg EMS report.

Councilwoman Seaman said that the Thurman Youth Commission Christmas Party will be held December 13 from 1-3. The food pantry is going well and donations would be appreciated.

Councilman Eddy had the final report on the veteran's memorial and filed a copy with the Town Clerk.

Supervisor's Report:

Topics touched upon were computer classes at the town hall (looking for someone to teach them), scheduling defensive driving classes, a new lending library (children's books) at the town hall, Gateway Council meeting, should think about hiring maintenance person (part time), AATV meeting, Organizational meeting coming up, Warren County Health Services looking for volunteers and Soil and Water Hazard mitigation workshop Jan 08, 2015 6-7 at Crandall Library.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint two board of assessment review members.

Discussion Highway Budget: Supervisor Wood said that a number of bills have come in for the highway department and we don't have the money in the bank to pay them. **Supervisor Wood** read off the amounts of each of the bills. **Supervisor Wood** stated that we're not going to finish the year in good shape, it looks like we will finish the year **\$60,000.00** less then we have in the bank. **Supervisor Wood** asked the town board what they wanted to do about this and added that if we pay those bills we can't pay the guys. **Supervisor Wood** said that last year the highway department finished the year minus **\$11,000.00** according to the **AUD (Annual Financial Update Document)**. **Supervisor Wood** said that the highway department has been trying to keep the bills down but roads need to be plowed as a matter of public safety. **Supervisor Wood** stated that we have to find the money from somewhere, it's not an option to take it out of the general fund and put it in the highway fund because, #1 you can never get it back and #2 that will blow our budget for next year because we're counting on using fund balance from there to offset our budget. **Supervisor Wood** said that with the help of a spread sheet she had looked at this nine different ways and hasn't found a good way to

go. **Wood** added that **Pat (Wood)** is aware of this and that they had met again yesterday and that is when he told her he had ordered 500 tons of salt which shocked her spread sheet further. **Supervisor Wood** asked the board to think about it and to review the report on highway equipment that she asked the highway superintendent to submit.

Councilwoman Seaman asked if there was anything in the union contract that says we can't stagger their shifts and then offered some shift suggestion to reduce overtime.

Supervisor Wood stated that we don't have the authority to tell the highway superintendent how to schedule his crew.

Councilwoman Seaman asked where does the highway superintendent think we're going to get the overtime money.

Councilman Galusha asked if the highway superintendent was aware that we might not make payroll.

Supervisor Wood said that yes, (he's aware of a possible payroll problem)we've had this discussion, the answer that I get is that it's public safety and he's right, I'm not saying he's not right, but its public safety and the roads have to be plowed.

Councilwoman Seaman stated that I guess I get a little irritated when I go through here at 5 o'clock in the morning on a day when there isn't any snow, there isn't any rain, there isn't anything and there's a whole bunch of eight guys sitting out there called in at 5'oclock in the morning on overtime.

Supervisor Wood agreed that call in is a problem.

Al Harrington (from the floor) added that, speaking of that I come out one time, my wife was to work 2:30 in the morning, there was a foot of snow in front of my driveway, she made it to the state route which was plowed sanded and great, I come out up here every truck set out front running I walked in everybody's in the garage sleeping.

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Steve Wood (from the floor) said that the trucks are all running now.

Supervisor Wood said that yes I can hear them.

The town clerk **Cynthia Hyde** asked are we having privilege of the floor.

Councilwoman Seaman said no.

Supervisor Wood said that we don't really have privilege of the floor right now.

Councilwoman Seaman said that well besides that fact, can we get Pat in here because we need a solid plan and as long as he's the superintendent and we have no authority other than to suggest to him, he needs to bring us a working plan within a week or two as to how he's going to address these issues.

Supervisor Wood said that she had asked him (Pat Wood) to attend tonight but that he was out plowing. **Supervisor Wood** added that she urged **Gail Seaman** as the highway department liaison to reach out to him (**Pat Wood**).

Supervisor Wood stated that she just wanted to bring all this to everybody's attention; we can't really transfer very much right now to even cover some of the overages we have there.

Supervisor Wood said that she has some ideas but recommended waiting till the board meets again in January to close up the year and said that if anyone has any suggestions she was certainly open to it.

Marilyn Youngblood (from the floor) suggested having him (Pat Wood) buy Decembers salt instead of the whole winters salt.

Supervisor Wood said that she and Pat had been meeting each week and he would ask how much do we have and then order just that much salt, **Wood** added that the weather impacts just how much salt is used.

Councilman Eddy asked **Councilwoman Seaman** as the Highway liaison if there was any reason that \$22,000.00 had been deducted from the highway budget and said that it was the responsibility of the town board to make sure of the safety of this town and its operations and why was that not addressed by past boards.

Supervisor Wood said that he would have to ask them (the past boards).

Councilman Eddy stated that **Supervisor Wood** and **Councilwoman Seaman** were past board members.

Supervisor Wood said that since she has been in we've been slowly replacing as much equipment as we can within the tax cap. **Supervisor Wood** stated that the reason that the highway is reducing is they do not have the \$30,000.00 in revenue that they had this year, they won't get it next year from FEMA, we're done with that. In order to stay under the tax cap they had to reduce the expense side but we're also not doing anymore FEMA repairs.

Councilman Eddy asked if we had received any money for the Patterson Creek Bridge.

Supervisor Wood stated that no, the state hasn't released the funds.

Councilman Eddy asked if we could transfer funds from the general fund into highway.

Supervisor Wood stated that you don't ever do that if you can avoid it.

Councilwoman Seaman said that the problem is you can never put it back, you lose it from the general fund, so you can't prop up somebody's budget for poor budget control by taking it from the taxpayers other areas and deplete those areas. **Councilwoman Seaman** reminded the board that she had shown them salt and overtime projections and had said if they weren't careful we'd be over budget.

Councilman Eddy said that we should take an analysis of other areas such as using salt instead of sand and look at number of trips and overtime.

Councilwoman Seaman and **Supervisor Wood** said that we have.

Councilman Galusha said that the problem is they are not addressing it.

Supervisor Wood said that we've looked at other towns, there is a town in Warren County that's exceptionally comparable to us in mileage both town and

county mileage, the split is almost the same. **Supervisor Wood** said that this comparable town's budget is wildly different than ours particularly in the area of salt, they typically budget \$100,000.00 for salt and are fine. **Supervisor Wood** added that we can make the budget and it's up to them to do what they can do to stay in it.

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk asked which town **Supervisor Wood** was comparing this town to.

Supervisor Wood said that the town she referred to is **Horicon**.

Marilyn Youngblood (from the floor) asked if there was another level of highway superintendent over the town superintendent.

Councilman Galusha said that there was nobody over Pat Wood he's elected.

Councilman Galusha asked what the \$49,000.00 deficit was.

Supervisor Wood said it was the money we're waiting for from Multi Mobile for the paving of Bowen Hill Road. **Supervisor Wood** said she asked **Senator Little's** office to look into it, a lot of those funds are hung up right now.

Supervisor Wood said that the escalator wasn't figured into the paving budget and that put us over.

Councilwoman Seaman asked the board if they want her to ask **Pat Wood** if he can come up with something for the board on this matter.

Councilman Galusha suggested a workshop and **Supervisor Wood** agreed that would be a good idea.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Thurman Youth Commission Christmas party

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The following people spoke during privilege of the floor Mary Eddy, Jerry Cameron, Cynthia Hyde and Marilyn Youngblood.

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RESOLUTION #85

A resolution to authorize contracts for 2015

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution #85 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, SEAMAN

1 NAY ~ EDDY

RESOLUTION #86

A resolution to ratify the actions of the highway superintendent.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution #86 was approved.

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

RESOLUTION #87

A resolution to appoint board of assessment review members.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution #87 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ WOOD, EDDY, SEAMAN

1 ABSTAIN ~ GALUSHA,

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman** , seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the town board approved vouchers #'s 2014-730 thru 2014- 754 for a highway fund, general fund and capital projects fund grand total of \$123,234.17.

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

CORRESPONDANCE: None

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ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Cynthia R. Hyde
Town clerk
12/23/2014

Attached:

Report on Thurman Highway equipment from **Patrick Wood** Thurman Highway
Superintendent
Resolutions #'s 85, 86, 87
Warrensburg EMS Report

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

1993 L9000. This truck has 11118 hrs. and 140754 miles. Has a defective steering arm that has to be repeatedly welded as the parts for it are now obsolete and cannot be found. This is an unsafe condition.

1999 Sterling. This truck has a hopper sander only. No box. It has major electrical problems witch cause the lights, wipers,jake brake etc. to suddenly stop without warning. It is currently not running and we have taken parts off it to keep the other sterling going. It has 7732hrs. and 98389 miles.

1999 Sterling. This truck has 7197 hrs. and 81042 miles. We just got this truck up and going by stripping parts of the other 99 Sterling. It has electrical problems and will also pop out of gear while operating on the road if you dont constantly manually hold it in with the shift lever. Neither of these Sterlings have legal brakes as they are not equiped with automatic slack adjusters as required by DOT.

2004 International Tandem. This truck has 6016 hrs. and 97291 miles. It is currently running with not to many issues.

1999 International Tandem. This truck was recently obtained from the Bolton highway dept. It has 8708 hrs. and 133302 miles. It is running with no mechanical issues of note.

2001 International Tandem. This truck has 7027 hrs. and 114513 miles. It is running with no major issues. It will be needing a new box asap.

2009 International Tandem. This truck has 2066 hrs. and 43986 miles. It is up and running with no major issues.

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2006 Ford 1 ton. Recently obtained from Bolton dpw. It has 4501 hrs. and 50905 miles. Body is in good shape and it is running well.

2002 1 ton chevy. Truck has 107555 miles. Has overheating problems and the clutch is gone. It is not usable at this time and the body is getting rough.

2006 2wd Ford pickup. This truck has 2688 hrs. and 102452 miles. It runs well but the body is wery rusted.

1986 Chevy pickup. This truck was bought from fort drumm about 5 or six yrs ago for 700.00. Unknown miles as the guages no longer work. Runs but the body is rough and the transmission went during the last snowstorm. It is not in service at this time.

JD 544H loader. This has 7982 hrs and 26221 miles. The cab is becoming rotted, the brakes are not fuctioning properly and the transmission is slips intermittantly.

Case 580N Backhoe. This has 1212 hrs and is fairly new with no mechanical issues. It is in service and runs very well.

It is my opinion that the we need to replace the two sterlings, the 544 loader, the 93 fwd and the chevy 1 ton asap. I do not feel these pieces of equiptment are safe to be on the road. While operating one of the Sterling during the last storm I lost my headlights while going down the road. Got them working again on low beam only. Then the service brakes froze up leaving me with only the left front brake working. Next the accelerator stuck down nearly causing me to go over the bank on the turn by Jack Schloss' house. Then i lost all electrical. Lights,heater,jake brake etc. Finally the clutch linkage broke at the Elmer Wood road intersection. We need to upgrade this equiptment before we have nothing left to work with.

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Resolution # 85 of 2014

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Daniel Smith	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea ___	Nay ___

Resolution to Authorize Contracts

WHEREAS the Town of Thurman enters into contracts for various services each year, and

WHEREAS the Town wishes to renew certain contracts which will commence in 2015, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign and enter into the following contracts in the amounts listed for each contract.

Contracts for 2014

2015

Warren County	Road Maintenance	\$163,753
Community Action	Senior Transport	\$4,800
Warren County	Transportation	\$1,797
Thurman Station Assn.	Publicity	\$20,000
Warren County	Snowmobile Trails	\$27,000
Thurman Fire Company	Fire Protection	\$74,500
Thurman Connection	Snowmobile Trails	\$27,000
Miller Mannix, Schachner, & Hafner	Legal Representation	as per contract not to exceed \$170 p/hr
Cedarwood Engineering	Engineering Services	as per rate schedule
Sugarloaf Senior Citizens	Senior Programs	\$1,000

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Resolution # 86 of 2014

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea__	Nay__
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea__	Nay__
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea__	Nay__
Councilman	Daniel Smith	Yea__	Nay__
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea__	Nay__

Resolution Ratifying Actions of the Highway Superintendent

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent may hire such staff as are necessary for the maintenance of roads, providing funding is within the Highway Superintendent's budget, and

WHEREAS there is a need for temporary assistance with the plowing and sanding of roads,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board ratifies the actions of the Highway Superintendent and approves the temporary hire of David Binder at a rate of \$15.73 per hour.

Town of Thurman

Resolution # 87 of 2014

Introduced By:

Seconded By:

Supervisor	Evelyn Wood	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Leon Galusha	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilwoman	Gail Seaman	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Daniel Smith	Yea ___	Nay ___
Councilman	Michael Eddy	Yea ___	Nay ___

Resolution Appointing Board of Assessment Review Members

WHEREAS it is necessary to appoint members of the Board of Assessment Review upon the expiration of their terms, and

WHEREAS two members' terms expired on September 30, 2014,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board reappoints Shirley Wendling and Charlotte Needham to the Board of Assessment Review for a term commencing October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2019.



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*Our Patients Are Our First Priority
Our Members Are Our Greatest Asset*

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Thurman Town Board Members,

Attached you will find the run totals for November 2014. We handled 6 calls in Thurman in November and our average response time was just over 13 minutes to arriving on-scene. Five (5) of those calls were 911 Emergency calls and one (1) was a transport home from Glens Falls Hospital. The five (5) emergency calls were all ALS. Two (2) of the calls were second out calls for us.

I just wanted to remind everyone to please make sure that your homes are well marked so all emergency responders can find you when you need us. Also, if there are "landmarks" of any kind near you, please let the dispatcher know so they can relay that information to us. If you need help with this please let me know.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached on my cell phone at 232-0817. I would like to thank the Town Board and the Thurman residents for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Emerson

Stephen W. Emerson
Operations Manager
Warrensburg EMS, Inc.

**THURMAN CALLS HANDLED BY WARRENSBURG EMS
NOVEMBER 2014**

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE
11/4/2014	14-40538	BLS	TRANSPORT HOME FROM GFH	0	0
11/5/2014	14-40700	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	9 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
11/8/2014	14-40997	ALS	SYNCOPE	1 MINUTE	13 MINUTES
11/13/2014	14-41484	ALS	WEAKNESS	5 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
11/15/2014	14-41714	ALS	POSSIBLE STROKE	4 MINUTES	5 MINUTES
11/27/2014	14-43144	ALS	CARDIAC ARREST	4 MINUTES	15 MINUTES

Warrensburg Emergency Medical Services Inc.
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