

September 14, 2016

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...

PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn Wood, Supervisor

Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

Mr. John Youngblood, Councilman

Mrs. Susan Shepler, Councilwoman

Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The Meeting was called to order by **Evelyn Wood, Supervisor**

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BOB HITCHCOCK

CORRESPONDENCES: Letters were received from Mary Eddy and Ann Lloyd and are attached.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Gail Seaman: Gleaning was Monday because of the Holiday Weekend. The Pantry has moved upstairs and is working out good. Thank you for the people that came in to put the cabinets together. One lady said now she could attend because it was upstairs.

EMS Report – attached – They are looking for volunteers. Many local EMS are struggling for man power hours. They are in need for drivers and providers. Anyone interested please contact **Steve Emerson**. Lighting the Way campaign is going on and anyone wishing to get the lights please contact them.

Councilman John Youngblood: We had a very nice turn out for the last concert of the season. About 175 plus people. Highway department has

been doing a lot of roadside mowing. They have been starting to get ready to do some paving. They have spent a lot of time now and then to responding to what I consider to be orchestrated delaying tactics by some people.

Councilwoman Shepler:

Youth Commission getting ready for the Halloween Party which will be October 22nd, 2016 here in the town hall. Everyone is invited.

Councilman Eddy:

Nothing to report

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

It has been a very busy month. We have a meeting again with the Health Insurance Agent. Probably the best thing we can do is switch plans. Hopefully by moving it will only be a 2.9% increase as opposed a 20% increase. Also, notified by the Union's representation that they will be contacting shortly to schedule Union negotiations. We did spend some time looking into the new overtime regulations that will come into affect December 1, 2016. Currently after reading them over it does not appear that it will impact the town.

Got an update from **Julie Pacyna**, she oversees our solid waste and recycling contracts. She sent over a quick analysis. To date we have saved \$381.40 by making the change.

A brief update with the break ins. We have discussed additional changes with the officers. They have made a lot of good suggestions. Some are very easy, and some are very expensive. A keyless entry, but that is expensive. Also, look into increasing our fire alarm system to include security.

County Front: On Monday a large workshop with many supervisors and representatives. We are slowly but surely moving to a county wide EMS. Currently the committee is considering which form of the system to implement. We are trying to fit a lot of different towns. Consensus out of the committee is that none of the towns are increasing the funding for the squads going forward. We had a very nice presentation by the EMS Coordinators. Will be coming back in future months with refinements. It allows for a

greater efficiency in the service. It also gives a greater buying power for supplies and get better prices.

Progress is slow on the salt shed and salt plume due to DEC having to answer residents' questions and complaints and Cedarwood Engineering having to come out and draft or revise plans. **Supervisor Wood** said "Today DEC changed their mind 4 times." Each time an engineer must be involved, and **Supervisor Wood** said "We have over \$80,000.00 in engineering fees thus far." **Supervisor Wood** said "We were under the tax cap, but added \$250,000.00 today." The old underground fuel tank must be removed and River Road should have been paved this year, but probably will not. We have 1 lawsuit now, and threat of consent order and fines; a second possible lawsuit and she expects a third one in 2017. **Supervisor Wood** said she would rewrite the SWPP tonight, present the budget next week, and continue to work with the engineers. But the homeowners would not get the water problems solved this year, and a year has been lost on River Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Wood said we are still paying \$750 a month to Stored Tech. We have not re-contracted with them. We do have the quote Adirondack Technology Solutions. They called back to see if we are still interested. The rate is \$115 a month.

RESOLUTION #99:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board resolved to go with Adirondack Technology Solutions at \$115 a month for IT Services.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

Supervisor Wood brought up that we have two open Board of Review Seats open and we need to advertise for them.

RESOLUTION #100:

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On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to advertise for the two open Board of Assessment Review seats on the Town's website and in the Sun.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

Supervisor Wood said the budget needs to be presented by the 5th of October. Wood asked the board if they would like to have the meeting on Friday the 30th or Thursday the 29th.

RESOLUTION #101:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to have a Special Meeting to present the Tentative Budget on September 29th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

ITEMS OF INTEREST: The Hartley Family will be having a concert on Monday September 26th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion or in the Town Hall if the weather is bad.

Persis Granger and Winefred Martin talked about the Fall Farm Tour on Columbus Day Weekend, Saturday October 8th, 2016. There will be seven sites, all are free unless you purchase something. It is a good family outing. It will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be two contests: 1) Make a scarecrow and it will be put on display at Nettle Meadow and the public will vote on it; 2) Flip an Item – find an item and repurpose it. There needs to be a before and after photo of the item and they will be displayed at Martin's Lumber.

RESOLUTION #102:

Resolution to Declare and Dispose of Surplus Equipment

WHEREAS the Town Superintendent of Highways has indicated that the following machinery is no longer necessary and should be declared surplus and sold to the highest bidder, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to advertise the equipment listed below as surplus equipment which will be sold to the highest bidder as is. Those interests in bidding on the

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equipment must submit sealed bids to the Town Clerk no later than 2pm, October 11th, 2016 and each bid must be clearly marked as a sealed bid as well as which item bid upon. Bids will be opened at the Town Board's regular October 11, 2016 meeting and all bidders must submit a certificate of non-collusion. The Town of Thurman reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions or information requests regarding items for bid should be directed to the Superintendent of Highways at 623-9614.

Surplus Equipment:

- Bolens Riding Mower
- 2 Bolens Push Mowers
- 2001 Dodge Pickup for scrap or parts
- Power Plan Set Up
- 120L Husqvarna Trimmer
- LRS 251 Sachs Dolmar Trimmer
- 2 Husqvarna push mowers
- 1 Husqvarna curve shaft trimmer
- 1 Troybuilt curve shaft trimmer

On a motion by **Councilman Youngblood**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, Resolution #102 was approved.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

RESOLUTION #103:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: 2016 Abstract 009 (General Fund - \$7,497.49; Highway Fund - \$13,730.18, Capital Fund - \$18,164.34, Enterprise Fund - \$80.90) for a total of \$39,472.91.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Youngblood**, the Board approved payment of the claims.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

RESOLUTION #104

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilwoman Shepler**, the Board resolved to authorize the due to and due from the General Fund to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$18,164.34.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes ~ Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler

1 Nay ~ Eddy

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ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Shepler**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman** the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 Ayes ~Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler, Eddy

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

September 28, 2016

WARRENSBURG



EMS

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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 August 2016. We handled a total of 5 calls in town. 1 of the calls was BLS, and 3 were ALS. Another call was for a "lift assist only" so no times were generated. Our average response time to being on scene was 14.5 minutes.

HELP NEEDED! Warrensburg EMS strives every day to provide excellent and timely care to those that need our services. Recently however, all EMS agencies are struggling with manpower problems, and this is true with Warrensburg EMS as well. We need drivers as well as trained providers. This is a genuine need so we can continue to provide the high level of service that people expect from Warrensburg EMS. Anyone interested in joining our team and helping your neighbors, please contact me as soon as possible, so we can get you on board.

Our "*Lighting the Way to YOU*" campaign is going well and we have already installed several bulbs and more will be scheduled to be installed soon. If anyone has any questions about this program or you would like a bulb installed, please call me, or call the squad building at 623-4911, and please leave a message.

All Thurman Town Board Members and residents are more than welcome 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

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Operations Manager
Warrensburg EMS, Inc.

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Thurman calls handled by Warrensburg EMS

August 2016

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ON SCENE
8/5/2016	16-27435	BLS	LIFT ASSIST	NO TIMES	NO TIMES
8/2/2016	16-27003	ALS	CHEST PAIN	3 MINUTES	13 MINUTES
8/14/2016	16-28832	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	3 MINUTES	15 MINUTES
8/15/2016	16-28897	ALS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	5 MINUTES	16 MINUTES
8/25/2016	16-30299	BLS	DIFFICULTY BREATHING	3 MINUTES	14 MINUTES

Jeanie Sprague

From: Ann Lloyd [gaby3282002@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 9:43 PM
To: thurmantownclerk@verizon.net
Subject: collections

Hi Jeanne,

Here are the latest numbers from my last visit:

Box Tops for Education: 93 = \$9.30

Lablaels for Education: 16 Label points

Pull Tabs: 568

Totals for this year:

Box Tops for Education: 361 = \$36.10

Labels for Education: 284 points

Pull Tabs: 2,119 (in Skyler's name)

With the tab numbers for this year, the total is 272,298 weighing 212.6 pounds. I will be making my annual trip to Albany to deliver them in November and hope I can boost the count to over 350,000.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Ronald McDonald House Charities and our Box Tops and Labels projects for our elementary school. We are also a participant of the Price Chopper Tools for Schools Education Program. You can also help us out in this program by registering your Advantage card either personally at any Price Chopper customer service desk or on line. Thanks again.

Ann

Mary Eddy
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Athol, NY 12810

Thurman Town Board
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Athol, NY 12810

September 9, 2016

To: Town Board and Public

RE: Rebuttal to August 9, 2016 Letters of Accusation

Jo Davies 10/13/15 letter and Winnie Martin's 08/09/16 letter accuse me of irresponsible behavior and imply unethical behavior by the former town clerk and present deputy clerk. As they have in many other situations these individuals call any authority they can think of to rally energy for their case.

Mr. Davies said he has seen me in the clerk's office with and without the clerk and on her computer. Mrs. Martin said she has been TOLD that Mary Eddy has been seen entering the clerk's office with the deputy clerk and staying in there with the door shut. (Seems like the clerk's office is being watched, doesn't it!)

Jo Davies accused me of being in the former clerk's office accessing private information and Martin suggests I may have being doing the same in the present clerk's office.

Private records that reside in the clerk's office consist of marriage, death and birth and they are locked in a fire proof file cabinet or are password protected. Since these are the only PRIVATE records there, Davies and Martin must assume I am accessing them.

Social Security numbers of all town employees are on the second floor in the Supervisor Office, where incidentally, numerous friends and family of Supervisor Wood have spent countless hours for several years. Should we just assume as Davies and Martin did, that they are up there trying to steal identities?

The Town Clerk as town record keeper also retains dog licenses, monthly town bills, board meeting minutes, resolutions, sales receipts for garbage bags, bids for town work, contracts and printed copies of monthly financial reports. Etc. all of which are public and all of which I and everyone else have every right to view.

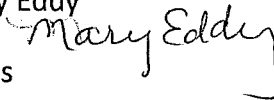
I have spent time in the town clerk's office as many others have done, including Supervisor Wood, looking at records such as the minutes in the bound ledger books which cannot be removed from the town clerks control and must be viewed in her office.

I have never touched the clerk's computer. I have however sat next to the clerk at her desk with my husband's laptop. Supervisor Wood's mother Diane foiled for emails between my husband Mike and other board members and association of towns attorneys. Since the clerk didn't want to fill her inbox with unnecessary emails she asked to have Mr. Eddy's laptop brought to her office so she could look through the pertinent emails on his laptop and have him forward only those that had to be released.

I am disgusted at how a self appointed group, who profess to be FRIENDS of Thurman, can create their own set of rules, point fingers, target families and imply irresponsible behavior. Their repeated allegations against me and others are made with no documentation other than so called observation, and personal opinion. These FRIENDS create a lot of noise, hurt and degrade a lot of people and generally spread around a great deal of anger and hatefulness, for what and for whom??? And it certainly isn't democratic either.

Sincerely,

Mary Eddy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Eddy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Mary Eddy".

Please attach to tonight's board meeting minutes