

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M...**

**PRESENT:     MRS. CYNTHIA HYDE, SUPERVISOR**  
**MR. MICHAEL EDDY, COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. JOAN HARRIS COUNCILMAN**  
**MR. KATHY TEMPLETON, COUNCILMAN**

Recording secretary: **Susan E. Staples**, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by **Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was observed for **Roberta Wilde** as well as **Charles Dingman Sr.**

**REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:** **Councilwoman Templeton** read a report on the upcoming Children’s Halloween Party. Also on the progress that she is making working with the Health Department to get our kitchen certified. She will be filling out the paperwork and scheduling an inspection to complete the certification process. **Supervisor Hyde** read her message that she had started to read at the **Budget Meeting** before the meeting was adjourned due to interruptions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board paused the meeting at 6:39 pm due to disruption from the audience. She stated that the meeting would not continue until the disruptions from the audience ceased. The meeting resumed at 6:42 pm. It was decided to put the remaining inventory of garbage bags on a 2-1 sale to be held at the Town Clerk’s office only. There was a request from the Landfill to take letters of interest for a substitute Landfill attendant. The Board decided to hold off on

taking any letters until the C&D reopens, and there will be more of a need to have an a back up attendant. The Board discussed scheduling a **Budget Workshop** for 4 pm on October 17, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board has decided to accept new bids for the new generator at Town Hall. The current generator will be moved to the Harris House for that building to have back up power to avoid any issues that may arise due to a power outage.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Privilege of the floor was granted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** **Councilwoman Harris** read a letter from **Mary Kenyon** on the water project. See the attached letter.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution # 155**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilman Eddy**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT PROPOSAL #3 THAT CREATES A LAND ACCOUNT TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR USE BY TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND COUNTIES HAVING NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN USING FOREST PRESERVE LAND.

WHEREAS, the NY State Forest Preserve lands, in many instances, border local and state highways where local government needs to use a portion of land to straighten a dangerous road, replace a culvert to prevent floods, create a safer bike path, drill a water supply well, or install broadband and other critical infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment will create a. land account with up to 250-acres of State Forest Preserve land eligible for use by towns, villages, and counties that have no viable alternative to using State Forest Preserve land to address specific public health or safety concerns, and

WHEREAS, as in exchange for the land removed from the State Forest Preserve, another 250-acres of land, will be added to the State Forest Preserve, subject to NY State legislative approval, and

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WHEREAS, the proposed Amendment also will allow bicycle trails and certain public utility lines to be located within the width of specific highways that cross the State Forest Preserve while minimizing removal of trees and vegetation, and

WHEREAS, the NY State Constitution has been amended to allow such projects in the past, requiring approval by two separately elected NY State Legislatures and a Statewide Referendum, and

WHEREAS, there exists currently a NYS DOT landbank for NY State road projects which has a long-standing record of success, and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by the voters of New York State, Ballot Proposal #3 would eliminate the time-consuming and costly bureaucratic process for completing important road maintenance, utility installation and bicycle path creation projects in the Adirondacks and Catskills, a process not faced by communities in any other region of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Amendment has wide bi-partisan support from local governments, environmental protection organizations, business groups, recreational enthusiasts, and others for two simple reasons; It's for public good and it's rooted in plain old common sense, and

WHEREAS, this Amendment represents the best possible solution to long standing or continuing issues, which local government leaders have work for many years to resolve, and

WHEREAS, Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017 warrants the support of all the voters of New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town/Village of Thurman Board does hereby support Ballot Proposal #3 on November 7, 2017, which is deemed critically important to our communities, the State Forest Preserve, the environment and the People of the State of New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NYSAC and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~ 4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 156**

On a motion made by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

**RESOLUTON TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR THE HALLOWWEEN PARTY**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves \$550.00 for the Halloween party out of A7310.4.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 157**

On a motion made by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

**RESOLUTON TO APPROVE OFFERING A LOWER COST INSURANCE PLAN**

The town currently offers three insurance plans. The town board of the town of Thurman approves offering a fourth lower cost plan; the fourth plan will be BlueShield of NENY PPO/POS Gold. Offering an extra plan is free to the town.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 158**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION # 150 SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The town board of Town of Thurman approves the following amendments to resolution #150 a resolution to pay claims.

**Subtract from the general fund total of \$21,827.10**

**Voucher # 1235 check # 13505 (VOIDED) from A3510.4 for \$200.00 to GFK9 for a pit bull quarantine. It was decided that the owner of the dog should incur this cost.**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 159**

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

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #152 SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

The town board of the Town of Thurman rescinds resolution #152 a resolution to accept a quote for installation of a new generator.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 160**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ESTIMATE FROM FRED ENGLEMANN**

The town board of the Town of Thurman approves an estimate of \$3,500.00 for TVWS Maintenance for the Town of Thurman Whitespace Internet Network.

1. Trouble resolution, Subscriber and link issues
2. Update/Upgrades, Automated Billing System implementation
3. Adds/Moves/Changes, New Subscriber On-Boarding

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**Resolution # 161**

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris**

**RESOLUTION TO PAY CLAIMS**

**The town board of the Town of Thurman approves Vouchers # 2017-1 thru # 2017-44 Enhance**

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**General Fund ~ \$12,255.90 enhance**

**Highway Fund ~ \$70,741.07 enhance**

**Enterprise Fund ~ \$50.00 enhance**

**Vouchers # 1239 thru 1246 in Williamson Law.**

**General Fund ~ \$754.01**

**Highway Fund ~ \$164.50**

**Enterprise Fund ~ \$1,152.65**

**T&A Fund \$ ~ \$11,533.96**

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Templeton** and seconded by **Councilwoman Harris** the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**Motion Carried: Ayes~4 Hyde, Eddy, Harris, Templeton, Nays~0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples

Town Clerk

10-16-2017

Attachments

The Children's Halloween Party is scheduled for 28 October from 1 to 3 pm. There will be a costume contest with prizes for three age groups for boys and girls. The

categories will be funniest, most original and scariest

I have the proper forms filled out and will be bringing them down to Jacob this week to obtain our permit. We will be serving various platters of finger foods, punch, baked ziti and perhaps Nettle Meadow Macaroni & Cheese.

I had to stop down at the Department of Health last week to obtain a certificate for an event unrelated to town business. I ran into Jacob and asked about starting the process to have our kitchen certified. He told me all we really must do is fill out the forms as we had met the requirements with the UV system which is in place. Jacob gave me the proper forms. I'll be working on that at the end of this week and beginning of next. Then give it to the Supervisor so she can submit it to the Department of Health. Once submitted to the Department of Health, Cory will review it and then schedule an appointment with us to come and inspect our kitchen.

I'm excited that after all these years Thurman will finally have a certified kitchen.



**Assessors**

We would like to congratulate Tom Birdsall for his excellent work in evaluating the properties and providing us with an accurate assessment. This will reflect in your tax bill.

**Fire Tax Assessment**

This year's appropriation for the fire department has increased by \$1,500 due to a five year contract signed into effect by the prior board, which gives the fire department a 2% increase every year for the next five years.

This is the first time in many years that the correct assessed value is being used to determine the fire tax rate. Fire protection covers the total assessed value of the town. State law says that it must include all exemptions (clergy, veteran's, forest, religious, over 65 years of age, etc.)

Even with the increase in monies for the Fire Department, the net result of using the correct assessment is a lower rate of .45 instead of .47.

**Water Project/Bond**

To correct the contaminated water problem the town entered into a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) of \$313,000. It was a one year BAN due in May, 2018 with interest of 2.26%. When this becomes due in May a payment of the full interest (\$7,074) and \$13,000 of principle will be paid. The remaining \$300,000 will be rolled over into a four year Statutory Installment Bond with payments due annually in May 2019, May 2020, May 2021 and May 2022.

**Engineer Costs**

Water Project engineering costs for 2017 came out of the bond money.

General Engineer costs A1440.4 have repeatedly been understated in prior year's budgets. This year we requested an estimate from the engineers, as is customary. They estimated our costs for 2018 to be \$27,000 and the 2018 budget reflects that estimate. Below is a chart that reflects the budget vs. actual expenses over the past 4 years.

Year	Budgeted	Actual Cost	Over Budget
2017	\$ 6,000	\$ 26,612.50	\$20,612.50
2016	\$ 2,500	\$ 56,226.25	\$ 53,726.25
2015	\$2,500	\$ 25,962.50	\$ 23,462.50
2014	\$1,000	\$ 20,376.25	\$ 19,376.25

Repeatedly under-budgeting for expenses creates an unnecessary reliance on the savings account.

Many of the engineering fees came out of H5190.2 (see 2016 account ledger for H5190.2). Notice you will not find a budgeted amount on the 2016 budget for H5190.2. In fact you will find that code does not exist on the 2016 budget. Interestingly, the code H5190.2 which

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doesn't exist on the 2016 budget racked up \$160,718.71 in total expenditures in 2016. This is one of the many ways the former administration kept actual expenditures out of the public eye.

August 28, 2017

Town Board Members

Cynthia Hyde, Thurman Supervisor  
Mr. Eddy

Mrs. Templeton

Ms .Harris

To each of you who are the present members of the Thurman Town Board, I want to extend my most sincere thanks for bringing to completion the creation of a pure clean water system.

This new system will counteract the effect of something very hurtful-the taking away of another persons drinking water..

It is understood that the Town of Thurman must rely heavily on real property owners for taxes to provide revenue for many necessary services. This makes numerous tasks ahead for you that may seem overwhelming at times.

Your commitment and dedication will; show the general public that many people have chosen to make Thurman their home and are proud to do so.

Challenges from those who do not share or understand these views, have not yet learned how to disagree without hate. They seem unable to accept change or compromise with dignity and respect.

By working together as a team, to bring stability to the Town of Thurman is commendable.

Sincerely

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Resident and property owner for  
67 years

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Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Stephen Romano, I am a paramedic and the Assistant Operations Manager for Warrensburg EMS. I have taken over the operations managers responsibilities until further notice. I would like to let you all know that my contact information is at the top of this page and it has also been forwarded to the Town Supervisor. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. Also if anyone is interested in joining the squad and helping their neighbors please let us know and we will be more than happy to get you an application. Again, please let me know if there is anything we can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Stephen Romano

Assistant Operations Manager  
Warrensburg EMS

DATE	PCR #	PRIORITY	CHIEF COMPLAINT	DISPATCH TO ENROUTE	ENROUTE TO ONSCENE	OTHER
9/6/2017	17-31864	ALS	HEAD PAIN	4 MINUTES	14 MINUTES	
9/7/2017	17-31954	BLS	GENERAL MALAISE	7 MINUTES	21 MINUTES	
9/8/2017	17-32114	ALS	VOMITING	5 MINUTES	12 MINUTES	
9/12/2017	17-32685	ALS	KIDNEY STONES	2 MINUTES	12 MINUTES	

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9/20/2017	17-33849	ALS	FALL FROM HORSE	7 MINUTES	9 MINUTES	2ND CALL FOF
9/22/2017	17-34170	BLS	FIRE STAND BY	NO TIMES	NO TIMES	
9/26/2017	17-34666	BLS	MEDICAL ALARM" NO PT	NO TIMES	NO TIMES	

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