

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD MAY 27, 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M...

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

Recording secretary: **Cynthia R. Hyde**, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION #48:

Resolution to Set New Date of Public Hearing

WHEREAS the Thurman Town Board scheduled a public hearing on the proposed Smith subdivision for May 20, 2014 at 7 pm at the Thurman Town Hall, and

WHEREAS the Notice of Public Hearing advertized in the Town's official newspaper did not contain the time, date, or location of the public hearing, thereby making it necessary for the Town Board to meet and set a new date for the public hearing on the proposed subdivision, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board sets the new date for the public hearing on the proposed subdivision of Dan and Lorrie Smith will be June 10, 2014 at 7pm at the Thurman Town Hall, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall advertize this public hearing in the Town's official newspaper.

On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilwoman Seaman**, the town board scheduled a public hearing on the Smith subdivision for June 10, 2014 at 7pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

WHITE SPACE SURVEY:

RESOLUTION #49:

Resolution to Conduct Survey and Accept Funds

WHEREAS certain members of the Town Board have indicated that they would like to see a survey of residents in regard to the White Space project, and

WHEREAS Diane Litynski has experience with conducting surveys regarding internet expansion and has offered to assist with the survey for the town at no cost except the production and mailing of postcards for the survey, and

WHEREAS funds in the amount of two hundred dollars, to cover the cost of the postcards related to the survey as well as the cost of mailing have been donated to the Town,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board recognizes that the survey will be conducted and accepts the donated funds for the survey and dedicates those funds to the white space project.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, Resolution #49 was approved.

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

1 NAY ~ EDDY

Discussion:

Councilman Smith asked if the board would be formatting the survey and if it would just cover the target area.

Supervisor Wood said that yes the format would be what the town board decided on and only the target area would be surveyed.

Supervisor Wood stated that **Diane Litynski** would set up the survey, compile the responses and turn them back over to the Town Board.

Councilman Smith asked if the survey would include prices.

Supervisor Wood said that the prices would be included and that the price per household has come down.

Councilman Eddy wanted to know if people would be asked to commit.

Supervisor Wood answered that we can't ask for a commitment at this time.

Councilwoman Seaman added that this will go towards inkind grants and inkind services and she (Diane Litynski) is totally unbiased.

RESOLUTION #50:

Resolution Relating to Recommendations Regarding Salt

WHEREAS a meeting between representatives of the Town of Thurman, Cedarwood Engineering, and the Department of Environmental Conservation was held on May 21, 2014, and

WHEREAS the result of that meeting was a set of recommendations regarding actions to be taken by the Town of Thurman in regard to the salt contamination issues and the Town's remediation plan as a result of an additionally reported potentially impacted well in the Town, as well as that the existing salt storage and salt mixing remain at its current location and the Town move forward with the asphalt cap, and

WHEREAS the engineer for the town agrees with these recommendations, be it

RESOLVED that the Town shall test the newly reported impacted well, to confirm contamination, including a test for ferro cyanide in addition to sodium and chlorides as requested by DEC, and if contamination is confirmed a replacement well will be drilled for the affected property owner, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town will be proactive in its response and will test the other residences and businesses in the immediate area to determine whether they have been impacted contingent on the owner's permission.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Smith**, Resolution #50 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Wood said that she had a meeting with Engineer **Tom Suozzo** and DEC staff and would turn the floor over to Tom **Suozzo** to comment.

Mr. Suozzo said that **Doug Kenyon** a resident who owns the property next to **Mary Kenyon's** property says that he has salt in his well. **Suozzo** stated that It's

not a surprise (that there could be salt in the well) but that it was unfortunate because his recommendation and the DEC's recommendation is for the town to get Mr. Kenyon (upon testing) a clean water supply. The DEC wants the town to be proactive and look at other drilled and shallow wells in the immediate area to make sure they are not impacted.

Mr. Suozzo said that the site (old salt shed) up back (behind the highway garage) continues to be a secondary site because the ground is laden with salt and contributes to a salt bloom. The DEC wants the town to continue the project to cap the area. The DEC also feels that the new salt shed should be put in the same spot instead of contaminating a second spot.

There was some discussion between board members about where to locate the new salt shed.

CHANGE MEETING DATE:

On a motion by **Councilman Smith**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the board approved changing the July regular meeting to the third Tuesday of July 15, 2014 instead of the second Tuesday of July.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by **Councilwoman Seaman**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ WOOD, GALUSHA, EDDY, SMITH, SEAMAN

Respectfully Submitted: Cynthia R, Hyde 06/03/2014