

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JANUARY 20, 2009 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MR. LEON GALUSHA

MR. CHARLES BILLS

MR. JAMES LIGON

MR. LAWRENCE PITKIN

ABSENT: MRS. RUTH KELLER

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

The meeting was called to order by **Mr. Lawrence Pitkin, Supervisor**

Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the **United States of America**

Roll call of Town Board members by the Town Clerk

A moment of silence for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

PRESIDENT BARAK OBAMA: Supervisor Lawrence Pitkin wished the new president well.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER MINUTES: Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **Charles Bills**

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

NEW TOWN ATTORNEYS:

Supervisor Pitkin introduced new Town of Thurman Attorney's **Mr. Mark Schachner** and **Ms. Leah Everhart**.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: General fund abstract numbers 106 and 108 also highway fund abstracts numbers 50 and 51. Motion by **Leon Galusha** seconded by **Charles Bills**

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

Town Officials have been working with the N.Y. State auditors. A new time clock has been installed. Security for our Impact Software has been set up.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN LIGON:

The Occupancy Tax Committee met last Friday and spending recommendations are as follows. 13th Annual Fiddlers Jamboree **\$6,380.00**, Heritage Hill Nature Trail, Phase II **\$4,110.00**, Summer Concerts, **\$200.00** [an error was made and \$200.00 more is needed for the concerts] Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **Charles Bills**

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

The next **Occupancy tax committee** meeting will be **April 17, 2009 10.00 a.m.** at the town hall.

YOUTH COMMISSON: Donations earmarked for the youth commission had been deposited in a separate checking account [innocently, with absolute good intentions]. The New York State Comptroller, after this summer's assessment, reported that this money needs to be part of the general fund. The **youth commission** will now use the voucher system instead of having a checking account, as this donated money will now be part of the general fund. In essence, the youth commission was acting as a separate entity when they were in fact part of the town.

RESOLUTION #28 2009: A resolution to authorize final adjustments for closeout of the 2008 budget. Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **James Ligon**.

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

RESOLUTION #29: Authorizing an agreement between Town of Thurman and the County of Warren for tourism promotion and tourist and convention development funds. Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **Charles Bills**.

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

RESOLUTION #30: A resolution to amend the October 2008 minutes. Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **Charles Bills**.

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

RESOLUTION #31: A resolution to approve a \$600.00 cash advance to the youth commission. Motion by **James Ligon**, seconded by **Charles Bills**.

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

RESOLUTION #32: A resolution to approve committee appointments. Motion by **Leon Galusha**, seconded by **James Ligon**.

MOTION CARRIED AYES 4 ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: **Pierre Cyr** wanted to know what the plans were for the Harris House. **Supervisor Pitkin** said that the board requests input from town residents. **Pitkin** said the town has a capital reserve fund that was not properly set up; it may be possible to have it converted to an inline fund. Currently \$350,300.00 is just sitting there.

Pitkin suggested looking at the town buildings and coming up with a plan which may be implemented with this money. **Pitkin** said we need to establish what kind of fund the **\$350,300.00** actually is.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business on a motion by **Charles Bills**, seconded by **Leon Galusha** the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m...

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk

January 2009