

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND FISCAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, FISCAL MEETING COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M. AND REGULAR MEETING COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: MR. CHARLES BILLS**

**MR. JAMES LIGON**

**MR. LAWRENCE [RED] PITKIN**

**MR. ALBERT VASAK**

**ABSENT: MR. LEON GALUSHA**

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

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

**FISCAL MEETING:** Supervisor Pitkin explained the reason for the 2008 payment to **Cook's Septic**. The board had approved the payment last year but the bookkeeper reversed the check and voucher leaving the claim outstanding. **Cook's Septic** discovered this and brought it to the attention of the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk reviewed the fiscal reports and found that the Cook's 2008 claim had not been paid.

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING:**

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.

**APPROVAL OF THE, 2009 MINUTES:** On a motion by **Councilman Ligon** seconded by **Councilman Vasak** the August 2009 minutes were approved.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4 AYES ~ **BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** The Town Board reviewed all claims. On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak** payment of claims from abstract **#47** General fund [**\$9,280.95**], and **#70** Highway fund [**\$95,413.96**] were approved contingent upon answers to questions about claim **# 20090780** and **# 20090794**.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4 AYES ~ **BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**LAKE GEORGE SOCIAL CLUB:** [see attached for the presentation] **Krazy Jay** read his presentation and invited questions from the public. Neighbors of The Social Club said that you wouldn't even know anyone was there. It was suggested that the biggest problem was nosey people. **Joyce Eddy** wanted everyone to know she wasn't the one who leaked the Social Club story to the newspaper. **Supervisor Pitkin** stated that this was a media event brought out by the media.

**REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN VASAK:** **Councilman Vasak** checked into the electric usage at the landfill. **Vasak** found that the landfill crew spent a lot of time inside the landfill building because of the odd summer weather conditions.

**REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN LIGON:** **Councilman Ligon** reported that the **Youth Commission's** dessert table at the Fiddlers Jamboree was a

successful fundraiser. The **Christmas Farmers Market** on Wednesday September 30, 2009 is also raising money for the **Youth Commission**.

It was also noted that the board was seeking applicants for the **Youth Commission**.

**LETTERS**: The Town Clerk read the cemetery report from **Evelyn Wood**.

**RAMP**: **Councilman Vasak** has been tracking a ramp that turned up missing from the Thurman Station.

**REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR**:

**Supervisor Pitkin** discussed the budget at the county level saying there was still much work to be done. **Pitkin** anticipates that there will be a savings [in the 2010 budget] at the town level.

**Supervisor Pitkin** said that the town was looking to simplify the purchase order system. **Pitkin** stated that if the purchase order system couldn't be decentralized it may be replaced by the voucher system.

**INTERNET**: Discussion ensued regarding high speed internet.

**WELCOME**: **Supervisor Pitkin** introduced his new Secretary **Nancy Beadnell**.

**RESOLUTION #81**:

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PETTY CASH FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S SECRETARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40.00**. On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** resolution # 81 was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**: 4 AYES ~ **BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #82:**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ROBERT SHEPLER FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE THURMAN YOUTH COMMISSION.** On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak** resolution **#82** was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #83:**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MARIA LIGON FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE THURMAN YOUTH COMMISSION.** On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** resolution **#83** was approved.

**MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ BILLS, PITKIN, VASAK**

**1 ABSTAIN ~ LIGON**

**RESOLUTION #84:**

**A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT SUPERVISOR PITKIN TO ADVERTISE FOR AND TO MAKE A HIRING DECISION FOR A TEMPORARY CARPENTER TO BE HIRED BY THE TOWN TO RENOVATE THE UPSTAIRS OF THE TOWN HALL.** On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Councilman Ligon**.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**RESOLUTION #85:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF THURMAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE**

**WARREN COUNTY QUADRICENTENNIAL PROGRAM.** On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Supervisor Pitkin**.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

**HANDICAP ACCESS:** Discussion ensued regarding the handicap access to the town hall. **Supervisor Pitkin** described the tentative plan for a parking area behind the town hall and a bridge to the handicap door. **Becky DeSourdy** suggested having a roof on the bridge to keep people safe. **Supervisor Pitkin** and **Councilman Ligon** thought **Becky's** idea was a good one.

**RESOLUTION # 85 REVISITED:** **Supervisor Pitkin** suggested that **Resolution # 85** should be approved contingent upon the fact that the town would not have to match the funds provided by the **Quadricentennial** grant .

**Mrs. Pam Morin** described the **Warren County Quadricentennial program**.

**HARRIS HOUSE:** The **John Thurman Historical Society** is considering the offer to use the **Harris House**. **Councilman Ligon** reported that the **John Thurman Historical Society** had a meeting at the **Harris House** earlier that day and expressed interest in taking up residence there.

**EMS:** **Councilman Vasak** asked if there was anything new regarding the **EMS** and residents being billed for ambulance service. **Supervisor Pitkin** reiterated the Town of Thurman being served by the **Warrensburg EMS** squad part of the time. **Suzie Baker** said that there would be an **EMS** meeting Sunday September 20, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. and that those topics would be covered.

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**RETIREMENT FOR FIRE CO. AND EMS VOLUNTEERS:** After a round of discussion on the problems facing the **Fire Company** and the **EMS squad**, it was suggested that the town reopen the retirement issue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business on a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m...

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk

October 2, 2009