

NOVEMBER 17, 2009

MINUTES OF THE FISCAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2009 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, FISCAL MEETING COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M., REGULAR MEETING COMMENCING AT 7:12 P.M.

PRESENT: MR. CHARLES BILLS
MR. JAMES LIGON
MR. LAWRENCE [RED] PITKIN
MR. AL VASAK
MR. LEON GALUSHA

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

The meeting was called to order by **Supervisor Lawrence [Red] Pitkin**

FISCAL MEETING: The Board wanted more detail on the Town Attorney invoice, had a question about Tifco and wanted to look into the animal [veterinarian services] policy.

REGULAR MEETING:

Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United states of America.

A moment of silence for our troops

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**, the **October 20, 2009** minutes were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha** payment of claims from abstract # 61 General fund[\$12,723.19], and abstract # 83 Highway fund [\$11,524.37] were approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Pitkin introduced the purchasing policy [similar to the old voucher system, except purchase orders would possibly be used for large purchases] that the board is looking at. The details of this policy still need to be ironed out. **Highway Superintendent Pat Wood** said that he would like to use vouchers for all purchases.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR: **Supervisor Pitkin** reported on the Town Hall renovation project and said he saw a significant difference in heating the town hall. Discussion ensued regarding the installation of a dehumidifier in the records room.

COUNTY: Supervisor Pitkin said that the county was looking at a 10.8 % increase in the budget.

Discussion took place on the topic of Occupancy tax funds and how they can be used.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN VASAK: **Councilman Vasak** is doing research on area landfills for comparison purposes. **Vasak** will have some facts ready for the December meeting. **Supervisor Pitkin** stated that the landfill is revenue for the town but that it hadn't been run that way in a long time.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN LIGON: **Councilman Ligon** reported on Occupancy Tax funding and said the next Occupancy Tax meeting would be January 15, 2010, 10:00 A.M. at the Glen Lodge. **Ligon** said that the Youth Commission Halloween party was a success. The Youth Commission would be selling food at the annual Christmas bazaar on November 28, 2009 and the Christmas party [with Santa and his helper] would be held on December 12, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Town Hall.

SKATING RINK: A skating rink in the Youth Field pavilion was the next topic. Ideas and concerns were discussed.

The Town Board revisited resolution # 90 and resolution # 96 which were mistakenly voted on at the preliminary budget public hearing.

RESOLUTION # 90: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY CONTRACT FOR 2009 AND 2010 ~ BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Thurman does hereby amend the Highway Contract for 2009 and 2010, which provides an additional 6 hours sick and 6 hours vacation per man in exchange for eliminating the 12 year policy of only charging 8 hours sick or vacation when Highway Employees take 10 hours off during the summer schedule. On a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Ligon** the amendment was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

RESOLUTION # 96: A Resolution to authorize funding recommended by the Occupancy Tax Committee for the amount of \$600.00 for 4 -1/2 page ads in the Adirondack Guest Explorer in 2010. On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha**

MOTION CARRIED: 3 AYES ~ GALUSHA, LIGON, PITKIN,

2 NAYS ~ BILLS, VASAK

RESOLUTION #97: A Resolution to approve the Town of Thurman 2010 budget, on a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak**.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

RESOLUTION #98: A Resolution to approve an intermunicipal agreement concerning the local waterfront revitalization program, authorizing the supervisor to sign a contract with Warren county to participate in the grant updating the first Wilderness Heritage Corridor Action plan. on a motion by **Councilman Galusha**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak** resolution # 98 was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: on a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** the Town Board went into executive session at 7:55 p.m..

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

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OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: on a motion by **Supervisor Pitkin**, seconded by **Councilman Vasak** the Town Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

RESOLUTION #99: A Resolution to approve the appointment of **Gail Seamen** and **Rick Nelson** to the Thurman Board of Assessment review. On a motion by **Councilman Vasak**, seconded by **Supervisor Pitkin**

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

RESOLUTION #100: A Resolution to approve the sale of an old Acer Travelmate 2304LCi laptop computer for \$40.00 credit towards technical work. On a motion by **Supervisor Pitkin**, seconded by **Councilman Galusha** the sale of the laptop was approved.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

DSL: Discussion ensued regarding DSL.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business on a motion by **Councilman Galusha** seconded by **Councilman Ligon** the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M...

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES ~ GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON, PITKIN, VASAK

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia R. Hyde, Town Clerk