

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD DECEMBER 16, 2008 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: **MRS. RUTH KELLER**

MR. LEON GALUSHA

MR. CHARLES BILLS

MR. JAMES LIGON

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

The meeting was called to order by **Leon Galusha, Deputy Supervisor**

Roll call of Town Board members by the Town Clerk

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

Welcome home to **Kevin Olden**

A moment of silence for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, the Town Board approved the minutes of the November 18, 2008 regular Town Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 AYES ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

On a motion by **Councilwoman Keller**, seconded by **Councilman Bills**, it was moved that the claims be paid on abstract #103 general funds and abstract # 48 highway fund.

MOTION CARRIED: AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR:

Deputy Supervisor Leon Galusha reported on the tax rates for 2009.
RATE PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUATION: County **\$3.428**, Town **\$4.667**,
Fire Protection **\$.483**.

REPORT FROM COUNCILMAN LIGON:

Councilman Ligon asked that applications for occupancy tax money be submitted before the **January 2009** occupancy tax committee meeting.

Ligon reported on the status of the town computers.

The Christmas party was a huge success with 65 children attending.

The Historical Society donated the outside tree and Ed Brown donated the indoor tree.

CORRESPONDANCE:

The Town Clerk read a letter from **Tobie Binder** and a letter from Former **Supervisor Spenser LaFlure**.

RESOLUTION #37: A resolution to sweep, plow, mow, and sand county roads.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Keller**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** resolution #37 was approved

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

RESOLUTION #38: A resolution to appoint **Lawrence Pitkin** to the position of **Town of Thurman Supervisor**.

Resolution # 37 was passed by full board support.

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

RESOLUTION #39 : A resolution to authorize payment of the 2009 retirement bill in December 2008 for a savings of \$ 421.00.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Keller**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** payment of the 2009 retirement bill in December 2008 was approved.

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

RESOLUTION #40: A resolution authorizing **Lawrence Pitkin** to assume the duties of **Chief Financial Officer**.

On a motion by **Councilwoman Keller**, seconded by **Councilman Ligon** approval was given to **Lawrence Pitkin** to act as **Chief Financial Officer**.

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

RESOLUTION #41: A resolution authorizing the Town of Thurman to enter into an agreement with the Warren/Hamilton County office of the aging.

On a motion by **Councilman Ligon**, seconded by **Councilman Bills** it was moved to authorize this agreement with the office of the aging.

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

MEETING: The 2009 Organizational meeting will be held on January 2, 2008 at 6:00 P.M..

BOOKKEEPER: The Town Clerk was asked by the Board to advertise for a part time bookkeeper.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: **Jim Mosher** asked if there was any chance the taxes could be lowered.

New Supervisor Lawrence Pitkin expressed appreciation for his supporters and said that he would do his best.

Joyce Eddy asked if the town had recovered the charge card that was missing. The board said that it had been returned.

Loren Eddy asked about the audit and **Councilman Galusha** said that it would start on the 29th of December.

Pierre Cyr thanked the board for working together at the fiscal meetings.

OATH: **New Supervisor Lawrence Pitkin** took the oath of office, given by the Town Clerk and then joined the Town Board at the front of the room.

RESOLUTION #42: A resolution to give the **Supervisor Lawrence Pitkin** authority to appoint a secretary.

On a motion by **Councilman Bills**, seconded by **Councilwoman Keller** it was moved that **Supervisor Pitkin** be authorized to appoint a secretary.

AYES 4 ~ KELLER, GALUSHA, BILLS, LIGON

DECEMBER 16, 2008 REGULAR MEETING

With no further business on a motion by **Councilman Bills** seconded by **Councilman Ligon** the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Hyde, Town Clerk

December 29, 2008