

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo

Town Council: Paul Peck, Steven Frederick, Gary Lewis

Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Absent: Town Council Member: Sam Gauss

Visitors: Holly Chase, Tom Lozo, Marge Taft

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The board opened with the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Holly Chase asked about the Town Website. Steven Frederick explained that it is under contract with BOCES at this time. Wendy Lozo stated that she was going to continue to try and contact the IT department at BOCES and see if there is a solution to the issue or if the Town should proceed with a breach of contract process. Marge Taft turned in a final budget for the Fire District and a Notice of Election to take place in December.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated October 18, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A189 – A205 totaling \$9,167.73 and the Highway Abstracts 160-176 totaling \$32,100.28 dated November 8, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: October 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Dolores Crooker stated that she received a letter from the Steuben County Public Works Dept. reminding the municipality to turn in all left over landfill tickets before December 31, 2017. Total deposits for the month were \$412.00. Dolores stated that Timberly Chissom applied for the use of the Town Hall for a birthday party on November 18, 2017. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Timberly to use the Town Hall. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: October 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$135.00 in fines and fees. The breakdown of funds was not available before the November board Meeting.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr turned in two building permits one for a house on Green Hill Rd and one for a covered porch on Dee Rd.

Historian Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: October 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$12.00 in dog license money. Randy reported that he issued 12 appearance tickets for unlicensed dogs.

Supervisor's Report: October 2017 monthly report was not available at Board Meeting time. Wendy Lozo stated that she is continuing to take advantage of the webinars available.

Highway Superintendent's Report: October 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Richard stated that he had seen the winter message ad in the shopper. Items of interest and work performed 10-18-17 through 11-07-17 is as follows: The fall grading has been completed. A driveway pipe was installed and a water wash was repaired on Lewis Rd. The Dee road Pave NY project has begun. Trees have been cleared away, ditches have been cut, and three drive pipes have been installed. Gravel has been put in place. This project will be finished in 2018. Trees and limbs have been removed from roadways. The plow riggings have been put back on the plow trucks. Cargill Salt delivered 102.42 ton of salt. The highway shop roof has been recoated by Terry Campbell. On Oct 24, 2017 the highway crew attended a Pesh sponsored safety training program at the Hammondsport Fire Dept. The CHIPS, Pave NY, and Extreme Winter Recovery reimbursement forms have been filed with the NYSDOT in Hornell. Reimbursement total is \$116,153.46 expected around the 15th of December. Total reimbursements for the year was \$161,961.28. Repairs were made to the following equipment. The manifold temperature sensor was replaced on the JD grader. The driveshaft was rebuilt and spring work was done on the F550 Ford dump truck. The foot throttle, the exhaust brake gasket and clamp were replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck and repairs were made to the wiring harness for the EGR valve and exhaust brake. Recap tires were put on the 01 Volvo dump truck and the 06 Sterling dump truck. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Gary Lewis will call Cory about the installation of the lights in the back parking lot of the Town Hall. The propane gas agreement is in place with Countryside Propane. Wendy stated that to have a domain name with .gov in it is not economical. Attorney Shawn Sauro has advised the Board on the website issue with BOCES. Wendy and Holly will research other website options. The reflective stakes at the driveway entrance have been installed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to close Old Business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she needed someone to make a motion to adopt the preliminary budget as the 2018 final budget. Paul Peck made a motion seconded by Gary Lewis to adopt the preliminary budget as the final budget. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, nay; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that bugs have invaded the basement. A brief discussion took place about the bug issue and the Board decided that the cold weather would end the problem.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:40 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye, Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk