

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo

Town Council: Paul Peck, Steven Frederick, Sam Gauss

Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Absent: Town Council Member: Gary Lewis

Visitors: Tom Ryan, Valerie Peck, Tom Lozo

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

Public Comment: Tom Ryan asked that everyone get out and vote.

Minutes: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A176 – A188 totaling \$10,855.80 and the Highway Abstracts 143-159 totaling \$38,694.45 dated October 18, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: September 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Dolores Crooker stated that she received a letter from the County Clerk's office stating that a subdivision map of the Dates property had been filed in that office. Total deposits for the month were \$881.00.

Justice Report: September 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$1,307.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$742.00 and the Town received \$565.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Sally Ann Dyer Congdon attended the Allegany County History week presentation with Eleanor Silliman the Steuben County Historian.

Dog Control Officer's Report: September 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 1 dog running at large. Randy collected \$72.00 in dog license money. Randy reported that the rabies clinic was cancelled due to the Veterinarian being involved in an automobile accident on her way to the clinic. Randy is hoping to reschedule the clinic for some time in November.

Supervisor's Report: September 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Wendy Lozo stated that she sat in on a Tax Cap webinar.

Highway Superintendent's Report: September 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Richard stated that he had received a few quotes for the shop roof seal coat project. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Richard Gauss to accept the quote from Campbell Contracting for \$2,000.00 and for

Wendy Lozo to pay Campbell Contracting. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Items of interest and work performed 09-19-17 through 10-17-17 is as follows: The last couple of bad spots on Waters road have been fixed. A section of seasonal area on Hamilton road has been fixed and a bad section of Dee road has also been fixed. The Bonny Hill road project is being funded by the Emergency Winter Recovery money from the State. The Town of Campbell helped haul creek gravel from their pit to Bonny Hill road and in return the Town of Thurston took 3 loads of brine to the Clark and Stoney Ridge roads for Campbell. Water washes were repaired on South Hill, Bonny Hill, and Shauger roads. The fall grading has begun. The dust issue on Dee road that was brought up during last month's meeting was taken care of the following day. The speed reduction petition for the Risingville area was filed with Steuben County DPW. An additional location form was needed to complete the petition. Repairs and or service have been made to the following equipment: Two V stays were replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. The AC compressor, fan belt, blower motor, and hydraulic pump shut off solenoid were replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck and it was serviced. The coolant pipe was replaced on the 01 Volvo dump truck. The rubber suspension block and hardware was replaced on the 01 Autocar dump truck. An exhaust elbow, adapter, and clamp were replaced on the JD grader and it was serviced. The Volvo roller has been serviced. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck 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; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she needed someone to make a motion to accept the tentative budget as the preliminary budget. Paul Peck made a motion seconded by Sam Gauss to accept the tentative budget as the preliminary budget. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a letter from the Steuben County Real Tax Dept. offering municipalities the option to except partial payments from taxpayers. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to decline participation in the partial payment program. Put to Vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a broadband survey from Steuben County for residents in the Town of Thurston to fill out and return to the County Manager's office to help people get internet or better internet service at home. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to go into executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss Highway Union negotiation items. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to exit executive session at 8:37 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:38 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk