

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo

Town Council: Gary Lewis, Paul Peck, Steven Frederick, Sam Gauss

Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Visitors: Billy Cagel, Marge Taft, Glenn Vosburgh, 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: Billy Cagle asked who he needed to talk to about dust control on the corner of Dee Rd and Green Hill Rd. Richard Gauss, Jr. responded and stated that he would put some salt brine on the roads in that area. Marge Taft dropped off the Fire District budget worksheet.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated August 16, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A156 – A175 totaling \$13,708.28 and the Highway Abstracts 129-142 totaling \$25,242.75 dated September 20, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: August 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$596.00.

Justice Report: August 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$933.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$629.00 and the Town received \$304.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There were 2 Building Permits issued totaling \$75.00. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a written complaint about the junk and garbage on Forty Dollar Rd. The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible to address the problem.

Historian Report: Sally Ann Dyer Congdon the Thurston Town Historian purchased pictures from the Scudder estate sale that are Thurston oriented. She will be putting them on social media for the public to view.

Dog Control Officer's Report: August 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 1 dangerous dog. Randy collected \$15.00 in dog license money. Randy reported 1 dog running at large. Randy stated that the fall rabies clinic is set for September 30, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Thurston Highway Dept.

Supervisor's Report: August 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board.

Highway Superintendent's Report: August 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Richard stated that he had received a petition from the residents in the Risingville area for speed limit signs to be installed. A resolution was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Richard Gauss to submit the petition to Steuben County. Items of

interest and work performed 08-16-17 through 09-20-17 is as follows: The mower was mounted on the tractor and road side mowing was completed for the second time this season. A USA made 481 piece assortment of tools mostly Snapon and Craftsman were purchased from the OGS Federal Surplus Program for \$373.31. Areas of Bonny Hill, Harrison, Dee, and Shauger roads were graded. Eleven days were spent removing gravel from the creek on Shawn Sauro's property on Route 415. This is approximately 5100 ton of gravel with a value of about \$21,000.00. One hundred thirty one loads of creek gravel was used on Waters Rd and an 800 foot section along Waters road was dressed off with a load of topsoil and seeded down. The sewer cleaner was used to clear a cross pipe of debris on Shauger road. Pot holes were patched on several of the oil and stone roads. A section of Brink road was widened. The 2017 Local Highway Inventory report has been filed with NYSDOT. Wendy Lozo and Richard Gauss, Jr attended a PERMA meeting in Hammondsport on the 18th of August. Repairs and or service were done to the following equipment. The 2015 F350 pickup truck has been serviced and inspected. A rear spring, the suspension block, and a set of dust shields were replaced on the 05 Volvo and the differential lock was repaired. A dash bracket for the emergency air valve was replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck and an air tank was replaced. A slack adjuster and two tie rod ends were replaced on the 01 Volvo dump truck and it was serviced. The heater core was replaced on the bucket truck. 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; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Gary Lewis stated that Cory would have the exterior lights in the back parking lot completed by the end of September. Gary stated that Countryside Propane prices were 139.9. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to stay with Countryside. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Gary asked Paul Peck if he had checked the camera system. Paul's answer was yes. Steven Frederick asked about the generator maintenance agreement. He suggested that it was time for the generator maintenance. Wendy stated that she had received two bids for the cleaning position one was for \$150.00 and the other was for \$200.00. Wendy stated that she needed Richard and Shawn to help decide on the dates for the Union negotiations. Wendy gave a brief update on the Steuben County shared service meeting that she attended. The webpage domain name is no longer available. Dolores Crooker stated that she received an e-mail from a third party trying to sell the domain name back to the Town of Thurston. The Town Board decided to change the domain name to Town of Thurston NY.gov. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to change the webpage domain name. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy stated that she and Richard Gauss, Jr. would be meeting with The Ryan Agency on Monday the 25th to go over the insurance policy. Gary Lewis stated that he would like to repair and restore stones in the local cemeteries. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a request from the Town of Campbell for a payment towards the summer recreation program. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy to pay \$500.00 to the Town of Campbell. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss Jr asked if he could get the Highway shop roof sealed this year. Wendy Lozo asked Richard to get an estimate. There will be a special meeting for the tentative budget held on October 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm. A budget workshop will be held on October 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm. A public hearing will be held on November 8, 2017 at 6:45 pm. The Board meeting will be moved from the 15th of November to the 8th at 7:00 pm or right after the public hearing. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to set the tentative budget special meeting for October 5, 2017 and the budget workshop on the 9th of October and the Public hearing on the 8th of November at 6:45 pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to move the Board meeting from the 15th of November to the 8th of November. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Tom Lozo asked for driveway markers to be installed at the Town Hall because of poor visibility at night. Two driveway markers will be installed. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to go into executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss a Highway Union negotiation item and the new cleaner position bids. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to exit executive session at 8:47 pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Reenter regular board meeting. A brief discussion took place about the cleaning position. Paul Peck and Wendy Lozo recused themselves from discussing the cleaning position. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis to appoint Valerie Peck as the new cleaner for the Town Hall beginning 1/1/18. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, abstain; Wendy Lozo, abstain; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:50 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk