

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: August 16, 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

Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Visitors: 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 Lozo stated that the webpage is not working

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated July 19, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A137 – A155 totaling \$11,798.71 and the Highway Abstracts 117-128 totaling \$24,600.41 dated August 16, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: July 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$346.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she received a letter from the Steuben County Board of Elections. There will be a County wide Primary election on Sept 12, 2017 from noon until 9:00p.m.

Justice Report: July 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$303.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$146.00 and the Town received \$157.00. The grant application for the filing cabinets and office chairs has been sent in.

Tax Collector's Report: Sandra Nowicki will be holding a Democratic Caucus on August 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall basement.

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon is running for the open Assessor's seat in November.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: July 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$7.00 in dog license money and \$10.00 in redemption fees. Randy reported 7 dogs 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: July 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Wendy stated that she will be sitting through an accounting webinar on August 30, 2017 given by the NYS Comptroller's office. Wendy gave a brief update about NYS Worker's Comp and she along with Richard Gauss, Jr. will be attending the informational meeting on August 31, 2017.

Highway Superintendent's Report: July 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 07-19-17 through 08-17-17 is as follows: The Waters road CHIPS project is underway. 210 feet of culverts have been replaced. Six days were spent removing trees. Ten days were spent cleaning ditches. Four days were spent

grading the road. One day was spent cleaning up branches and small trees after a strong wind storm. The CHIPS reimbursement for September has been submitted to NYSDOT. There was \$9,001.66 for the third pick up payment, \$8,041.20 for material, and \$28,764.96 for equipment and man power. A total reimbursement of \$45,807.82 is expected on September 15, 2017. The John Deere grader had the blower motor and switch replaced. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick 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. Carried.

Old Business: Gary Lewis stated that Cory didn't have a definite date to install the back parking lot lighting at this time. Gary stated that there was 40% of propane left in the propane tank. He will negotiate propane prices in September. Gary stated that Empire Cable is not in Addison or Savona at this time. Gary asked if the Security camera system is periodically checked. He asked the Board if it was ok to put an electric surge protector on the second electric panel box. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Gary to install the surge protector. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried. Wendy stated that the Steuben County shared service public hearing is set for August 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Bath, 12 noon in Corning, 3p.m. in Hornell. Wendy stated that the BOCES IT department is working to rectify the webpage issue. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Wendy Lozo, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy stated that she would be getting the Budget information around early this year. Wendy stated that she received an e-mail from Sue Dunn about cancer awareness. Wendy printed the information and the Board agreed to post the information in a good viewing area for the public to see. There will be a bid for a Town Hall cleaner for the upcoming year. Bids should be in by September 19, 2017. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for a Cleaner bid to be advertised with bids back by Sept 19, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck' aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that Union Negotiations are yet to be determined. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:47 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk