

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: April 19, 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: Tom Lozo, Noel Sylvester, Valerie Peck, Marge Taft, Ronald Reed, Chaunsey Watches

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

Public Comment: Wendy Lozo thanked Tom Lozo for taking the minutes of the March Board meeting. Marge Taft dropped off the Fire District end of year report to be filed in the Clerk's office. Ronald Reed asked when the Reed Hill road was going to be properly fixed. He stated that the road is falling apart. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that it is on the 2018 road repair list of the CHIPS reimbursement program. Chauncey Watches introduced himself as a republican running for the Steuben County Surrogate Judge position that is up for election in 2017.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated March 15, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A063 – A079 totaling \$4,114.41 and the Highway Abstracts 49-61 totaling \$44,296.92 dated April 19, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: March 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$329.00. Dolores stated that the table in the records management room is clear of boxes and the filing cabinets except for the Assessor's and the Tax Collector are full. Dolores stated that she received a notice from the Steuben County Board of elections that the Primary elections will be September 12, 2017 and the General elections will be November 7, 2017.

Justice Report: March 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$761.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$621.00 and the Town received \$140.00. Wendy Lozo stated that Justice Sweeney will apply for a grant in 2018 for more fire resistant filing cabinets.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy stated that the Tax Collector has turned in the final settlement report for the 2017 tax year.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr is still working on the garbage situation on Forty Dollar, Brink, and Metarko roads. Sam Gauss received his Certificate of Occupancy.

Historian Report: Nothing. Gary Lewis asked if the Historian was active. Dolores stated that she has seen articles from the Historian on facebook. Wendy will ask Sallyann for a monthly report.

Dog Control Officer's Report: March 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$141.00 in overdue license money. Randy reported 1 aggressive dog, 1 missing dog, and 3 dogs running at large. Randy asked the Board for permission to start the dog enumeration process in May. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Randy to start the enumeration process in May and for Dolores to put an ad in the paper stating the date

and price involved for dogs located that are not licensed. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: March 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 03-16-17 through 04-19-17 is as follows: Roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 7 times. The Town Hall and Fire Dept parking lots have been plowed 2 times and sanded once. Three thousand one hundred point twenty eight ton of sand was purchased from Austin Construction. The last of the equipment sold on Auctions International have been picked up. Seven loads of item 4 gravel was used to fix Wood Hill road. One load of gravel was used on Eddy road to fix a bad spot. One load of 3" crushed gravel was graded into a couple of spongy areas on Harrison road. A large headwall on Hanrahan road was repaired and a section of ditch was cleaned with the excavator. There was tree and sign work done on several roads. The parking lot bumpers were installed at the Town Hall. The loose stone was cleaned out of the lawn and the hole at the end of the sidewalk was filled in. The parking lot was swept. Brooming of the Town roads started on the 4<sup>th</sup> and is almost complete. The new loader and broom attachment was delivered on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The spring grading of potholes is finished. The divisible load overweight permits for the trucks have been renewed. The OGS salt contract has been filed on line. The agreement to spend Town Highway funds was signed by all the Board members. The CHIPS budget was passed and the winter recovery fund was added. Repairs or service was done to the following equipment. A coolant hose was replaced on the 05 Volvo and it was serviced. Ten recapped tires were mounted on the Mack water truck and an air tank was replaced. A battery cable, rear spring, and rubber suspension blocks were replaced on the 01 Autocar. A hydraulic line was replaced on the excavator. A brake line was replaced on 01 F350 dump truck. The roller was 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: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Old Business: The LED light ditch has been dug and Gary Lewis will finish moving the light. Gary Lewis will be meeting with a contractor to get an estimate for the rear parking lot light system. Wendy Lozo stated that there was no response for the vacant Assessor's position. There were two sealed bids for the lawn maintenance position. After a discussion the lawn maintenance position was awarded to Darryl Rainer. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis to accept Darryl Rainer's bid. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss abstained to vote. Carried. Either Wendy or Gary will meet with Darryl to sign the final maintenance agreement. Allen Engineering dropped off a septic system site evaluation and plan leaflet for interested parties doing septic systems in the Thurston Township. The Smart Procure foil request is complete. Wendy Lozo asked the Board for permission to purchase a fire proof cigarette disposal stack for the exterior of the Town Hall. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy to purchase the fire proof bolt down cigarette disposal stack. 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 close old business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she is working on the NYS Dept. of labor occupation report. Wendy submitted an itemized list of the equipment that was sold on the Auctions International site. Wendy stated that the Federal Government has sent an information packet for the 2020 Census. The new loader and broom attachment has been added to the insurance policy. Wendy asked Richard if the highway crew had their flagger certificates. Wendy stated that she received a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) from NYS. NYS Retirement System is an online data entry program and the part time officials need to opt out of the retirement. A resolution was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to establish a standard workday for Richard Gauss, Jr. and Randy Akins for the purpose of the NYS retirement system of which a quorum was met. Charter communications which is Time Warner Cable as Spectrum contract renewal was a topic of discussion. Wendy will invite the Spectrum representative to the next Board meeting. Gary Lewis will contact Empire Communications for an update of their installation location. A resolution was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy to apply at Chemung Canal Trust Co. for the New Loader Bond at

4.1% for 5 years with payment to begin in 2018 at which a quorum was met. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. 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 Paul Peck to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8:03 pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk