

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: March 15, 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

Visitors: 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: Nothing

Minutes: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated February 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 Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A042 – A062 totaling \$8,630.04 and the Highway Abstracts 33-48 totaling \$32,766.67 dated March 15, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: February 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$243.00.

Justice Report: February 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$478.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$393.00 and the Town received \$85.00. Wendy Lozo stated that the Driver's Diversion program is complete.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy stated that she has received the third Town and County tax payment from the tax collector.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr is checking on the garbage situation on Forty Dollar and Metarko roads.

Historian Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: February 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$51.00 in overdue license money.

Supervisor's Report: January and February 2017 monthly reports were presented to the Board. Wendy stated that the NYS report has been filed. Wendy asked if the report notice was put in The Leader. That and the notice of the need for an Assessor and lawn maintenance was also published.

Highway Superintendent's Report: February 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 02-15-17 through 03-15-17 is as follows: Roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 12 times. The Town Hall and Fire Dept parking lots have been plowed 4 times and sanded once. Road conditions have been checked 12 times. One hundred ton of salt has been delivered by Cargill Salt. Weight limit signs were posted on the oil

and stone roads February 17th. Seven hundred eighty ton of sand was purchased from Austin Construction. A 20' steel deck flatbed was purchased from Chris Elliot for 600 dollars. Twelve days were spent doing repairs to the truck. Three days were spent patching potholes and the bad sections on Bonny Hill and Harrison roads were graded. Two days were spent removing trees and limbs after heavy winds blew them over. Fifteen loads of ditch dirt was removed from the ditch on Wood Hill road. A metal building on Reed Hill road had to be removed from the road. All items that sold on Auctions International have been picked up except the Trailing trailer. The brine permit renewal has been sent into the NYSDEC. The form from OGS requesting the put into service date for the generator we purchased has been sent in. The Shared Service Agreement with NYSDOT has been renewed. The 1996 Mack truck had a rear spring replaced. The 01 Volvo had the rear axle V-stay replaced. A brief discussion took place about a mud truck tearing up the Wood Hill road. The possibility of community service was a topic of discussion. Richard had a complaint from a resident on Green Hill road about the condition of the road in the spring of the year. The Green Hill resident would like to see oil and stone put on that end of the road. A brief discussion took place about Thurston Town residents illegally plowing snow into the road. Gary Lewis questioned the pothole in the parking lot at the Town Hall. Gary would like to see it filled in. Wendy stated that there was no interest in the open Assessor's position. The lawn maintenance position is still open and Gary Lewis will write up the job duty list for that position. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis 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 to light up the American flag needs to be moved to a different location. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Gary Lewis to move the light. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Gary Lewis checked the generator operations and everything checked out ok. An estimate is needed for the back parking lot lights. Paul Peck stated that he attended the Hazard Mitigation meeting and it is mandatory that the flood inventory worksheet be completed. Paul gave an update of the requirements to receive funding from the Federal and State government. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck 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: Steven Frederick and Paul Peck will schedule and do the internal audits. Shawn Sauro complimented the highway crew for a job well done on the roads in the town after the March snow storm. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick 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 Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:55 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