

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: February 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: Valerie Peck, Tom Lozo, Marge Taft

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 January 18, 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 Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A025 – A041 totaling \$5,778.23 and the Highway Abstracts totaling \$51,477.11 dated February 15, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: January 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$331.00. Dolores stated that she had received a suspicious check in the mail and asked for permission to shred it. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick for Dolores to shred the suspicious check. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Dolores stated that she had received an application from Chris Volino for the use of the Town Hall for a birthday party on February 18, 2017. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis to approve the use of the Town Hall by Chris on the 18th. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: January 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$215.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$215.00 and the Town received nothing.

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

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr will check dates for Sam Gauss and issue his CO.

Historian Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: January 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. There was one complaint about one dog missing.

Supervisor's Report: November and December 2016 monthly reports were presented to the Board. Wendy asked for permission to pay the Williamson Law bill for assistance with the Highway and Supervisor book work. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy to pay the Williamson Law bill. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Highway Superintendent's Report: January 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 01-18-17 through 02-14-17 is as follows: Roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 10 times. The Town Hall and Fire Dept parking lots have been plowed 4 times and sanded twice. Road conditions have been checked 17 times. The sidewalks and steps at the Town Hall have been shoveled and deiced 4 times. One hundred ton of salt has been delivered by Cargill Salt. The 45 mph signs and posts have been installed on the Savona Campbell road. Tree work has been done on Harrison, Hanrahan, McIntosh, Tucker, and Starr roads. Guiderails on Tucker road were repaired. Two loads of cobble stone and a load of gravel was used to repair a soft spot on Shauger road. One load of gravel was used to fix a pothole on Starr road and several potholes were patched on Waters and Tucker roads. Several days were spent getting surplus equipment ready to list on Auctions International. The 2001 Ford F550 that was purchased from Affordable Auto was put into service on the 19th. The two way radio with remote speaker was installed as a base station in the shop. The resolution concerning mileage on the Hamilton road was sent into NYSDOT. Repairs were made to the following equipment: A transformer had to be replaced on one of the fuel oil furnaces. The JD loader had a brake switch replaced. An air tank and backup switch were replaced on the 05 Volvo truck. A set of running boards and a pair of hood struts were replaced on the 01 F550. A turbo pipe was replaced and other exhaust work was performed on the 06 Sterling truck. A front air chamber and an air modulator valve was replaced on the 01 Autocar truck. New brake hoses and airlines were installed on the 1998 Trailing trailer. The 2015 F350 has been serviced. A total of \$36,375.00 has been submitted as bids on the surplus equipment listed on Auction International. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick for Richard Gauss, Jr. to accept the bids on the old equipment. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. A discussion took place about three different Equipment Companies purchase prices, warranties, and trade in's on a new loader. A resolution for Richard to purchase a 2017 Hyundai wheeled loader with broom from George and Swede was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Dolores to type a letter of intent to purchase the 2017 Hyundai loader with broom. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to get financing through either Chemung Canal Trust Co or Five Star bank for the Hyundai loader. 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 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: Wendy Lozo stated that she did not receive any interest in the Assessor's position. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis for Dolores to put an advertisement for the Assessor's position on the web page, in the Shopper, and in the Leader for responses to be in by March 15, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy stated that the Cemetery Maintenance and Town Hall lawn care needs to be put out for bid. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for the lawn care bid ad be put on the web page, in the Leader, and the Shopper with responses due by April 19, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy stated that the Board members need to have the Cemetery Maintenance Agreement and Town Hall lawn care changes ready by the March Board Meeting. Gary Lewis stated that the original contract for the front porch railings should be in a folder labeled New Town Hall. Dolores will search for the contract. 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: Wendy Lozo stated that Steve and Paul will do the Clerk's and the Justice internal audits which should be completed by the March board meeting. The Tax Collector's internal audit will be done by Steve and Paul and should be completed by the end of April. Gary Lewis will do the Supervisor's internal audit which date is yet to be determined. Wendy stated that she needs two separate resolutions in order to set up a Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund. One for the General fund and one for the Highway fund. A resolution for the General Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund was made by

Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. A resolution for the Highway Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy stated that Myral Gauss hand delivered some Highway mail that had the wrong mailing address on it. Wendy stated that she and Richard will continue to try and correct the mailing address at all appropriate vendor locations. 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 Paul Peck 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