

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: January 18, 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, Sheree Gauss, Marge Taft

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

Public Comment: Marge Taft dropped off Glen Vosburgh's and Marge Taft's Oath of Office forms and a list of the Fire District's meeting dates.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated December 21, 2016. 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 Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the yearend General abstracts A232 – A233 totaling \$18,827.59 and the January General abstracts A001 – A024 totaling \$43,020.22 and the yearend Highway abstract #205 totaling \$7,158.70 and the January Highway Abstracts totaling \$73,486.56 dated January 18, 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: December 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$565.00. Dolores stated that she had received an e-mail from Steve Smith stating that he would be willing to be reappointed as Board of Assessment Review member. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to reappoint Steve Smith as a Board of Assessment Review member. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Dolores stated that she has received oath of office forms from Mark Taft and Leo Knowles for the Board of Ethics Committee members. The Board approved Kristen Southard's request to use the Town Hall on 1/27/17 for a child's birthday party.

Justice Report: December 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$70.00 in fines and fees. NYS received \$55.00 and the Town received \$15.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Tax Collector now has a new laptop computer. Wendy stated that she has received the first Town and County tax payment from the tax collector.

Assessor Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Shared Services Agreement Form has been filed with Steuben County.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: December 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. There was two complaints about dogs running at large, three dogs missing, and Randy collected \$142.00 in dog license money.

Supervisor's Report: November 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board.

Highway Superintendent's Report: December 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 12-22-16 through 01-18-17 is as follows: Roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 18 times. The Town Hall and Fire Dept parking lots have been plowed 6 times and sanded twice. Road conditions have been checked 28 times. One hundred ton of salt has been delivered by Cargill Salt. A large tree on Waters road has been removed. The first generator purchased through the Federal Surplus Program has been listed as a cannibalized unit as it cannot be repaired at an economical rate. The second generator from Federal Surplus was put to use on December 12, 2016 during an electrical power outage. The 45 mph signs and posts have arrived for the Savona Campbell road. They will be installed when the NYSDOT finalizes their official report. The 2017 payroll has been submitted to Steuben County for certification. The excavator was used to fix an area on Helms road. Repairs were made to the following equipment. A new throttle cable was installed on the JD loader. Repairs were made to an air tank on T414. The axle differential lock valve was repaired on T426. A resolution was passed by a quorum by the Town Board for the Town to confirm the acceptance of Hamilton road and Savona Campbell road for a total of 1.34 miles. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck; aye, Wendy Lozo; aye, Steven Frederick; aye, Sam Gauss; aye. Carried. Richard Gauss Jr. requested approval to sell some old equipment on Auctions International. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Sam Gauss for Richard to put the old equipment listed in his presentation on Auctions International. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that \$4,000.00 is needed to be transferred from DA-5130.1 to DA-5130.2 for the purchase of future equipment. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy to transfer \$4,000.00 from DA-5130.1 to DA-5130.2. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss, Jr asked for permission to buy a 2001 Ford F550 dump truck with plow and tailgate spreader from Affordable Auto. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Richard to purchase the Ford F550 dump truck from Affordable Auto. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss, Jr. asked for permission to purchase a radio from emergency management for \$300.00. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Richard to purchase a radio from Emergency Management for \$300.00. Put to vote. Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. A brief discussion took place about the purchase of a new loader with a broom attachment. The Board requested that Richard come back to the February Board meeting with prices for a loader with a broom attachment. 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 the Shelter agreement is complete. Wendy stated that she received a letter of resignation by e-mail from Shelley Morse on January 17, 2017. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to accept Shelley's letter of resignation. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that a help wanted ad for an Assessor's position should be put in The Shopper, The Leader, and on the web page with a deadline for applying being February 14, 2017. Gary Lewis stated that the railings in front of the Town Hall should be taken care of. Sam Gauss suggested that the original contractor be asked to return for repairs. Gary Lewis stated that he would probably not run for re-election when his term is up. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis 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 the Steuben County tax levy rate change is not listed correctly on the tax bills. She will get clarification from the Steuben County Dept of Taxation and Finance. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis 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 Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:59 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