

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting
Held: Wednesday: January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council: Paul Peck, Steven Frederick, Noel Sylvester, Holly Chase
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro
Town DCO Officer: Randy Akins

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Colton Peck, Tom Stevens

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 Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated December 20, 2017. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, 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 A001-A026 totaling \$ 49, 076.62 and the Highway abstracts 001-012 totaling \$ 76,157.14 dated January 17, 2018. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Clerk's Report: December 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$129.00. Holly Akins reported the legal ad for the monthly board meeting dates and the Clerk's office hours has been put in The Leader.

Justice Report: December 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$495.00. \$388.00 went to NYS and the Town's share was \$107.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that she received the first tax check from the tax collector.

Assessor's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo reported that Ray Orr is still interested in doing the code officer position.

Dog Control Officer's Report: December 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large. He collected \$50.00 in redemption fees.

Supervisor's Report: December 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Wendy Lozo is going to do a webinar on 1/18/18. Wendy Lozo stated that she was also going to setup her yearend closing with Deb Castle from Williamson Law. Wendy Lozo also stated the Census Bureau report is being conducted in 2018 and she has completed her section with no changes.

Highway Superintendent's Report: December 2017 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 12/20/17-1/16/18. Richard was out a total of 25 times in the last month checking road conditions. The roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 14 times. The Fire Dept. parking lot was plowed 7 times, the town hall parking lot was plowed 5 times and the sidewalks and steps were shoveled and de-iced 6 times. The underground electric service going between the salt barn and the cold storage building had to be dug up and repaired. Due to all of the rain and cold weather we have been working on ice slabs and frozen culverts for the last few days. The excavator tires we purchased through All Season Tire were not the same ply tire that we were invoiced for. They replaced the tires with the right ply and did not charge us the \$70.00 increased price per tire and the men mounted the tires. There was a major ice problem on County Rt. 11 last Sunday and the County asked to have us help them out with our grader and a man. Their grader was over in Whitesville. We have a Shared Service agreement with the County and our grader man spent an hour with them. The first payroll of the New Year has been given to Steuben County for certification. Richard stated that he received a 911 call stating there was an MVA on the seasonal section of Green Hill Rd and there was an ambulance stuck over there. The tow truck driver was asking if we could help him get to it. Richard took the F550 over and plowed and sanded it for them. As it turned out, the ambulance was the MVA and it was about mid-way up the seasonal section. The following repairs or service were made: A hydraulic hose was replaced on the 01 Volvo plow truck, the 05 Volvo plow truck also had a hydraulic hose replaced. Four new tires were put on the 2015 F350 pickup. A hydraulic hose was replaced on the 01 F550 plow. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to make a resolution to accept and approve the 2003 with 2015 Tenco body for \$35,000. Buying the new box from the town of Italy to replace old box at the highway shop. Put to vote; Noel Sylvester, nay; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, nay. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Old Business: Holly Chase stated that the website was up and running. Shawn Sauro had mentioned that Cory Saltsman was still interested in continuing with the contract for the pole lights in the town hall parking lot with the agreed amount \$7,825.00 to finish. Wendy Lozo stated that the union contract had been signed. Gary Lewis returned the town hall keys that he had. Wendy was also going to contact Gary Lewis about the town facebook page. Motion was made by Steven Frederick second by Paul Peck that Cory Saltsman had till May 15, 2018 to finish the light project. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye;

Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she received a thank you letter from the senior citizen recreation program. The senior citizens were very appreciative and had spent \$160.00 at Denny's and then \$278.10 at Frans Landing. Richard Gauss stated an Armstrong telephone representative contacted him stating that they were going to install a line near Cottage and Eddie roads. Supervisor Wendy Lozo made calls to three different furnace business which were Corning appliance Corp, Southern Tier Mechanical, LLC, and Isaac Commercial & Industrial Services to see who had the best rate for a maintenance agreement. Isaac was cheaper and offered the town more for their money. Service contract would be four inspections and four cleaning a year. Wendy also mentioned starting an account with Isaac to make paying easier. Motion for Isaac account was made by Steven Frederick, and second by Holly Chase. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Holly Chase to close new business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Akins, Thurston Town Clerk