Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo

 Town Council: Paul Peck, Steven Frederick, 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, Valerie Peck

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 January 17, 2018 and organizational meeting minutes January 3,2018 . Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A027-A056 totaling $ 56,825.52 and the Highway abstracts 013-034 totaling $ 67,048.65 dated February 21, 2018. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Clerk’s Report: January 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were $175.00. Holly Akins mentioned she had a foil request on February 14 concerning cleaning bid and the request was finalized on the 15th of February.

Justice Report: January, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected $0.00.

Tax Collector’s Report: Wendy Lozo stated she received all of January tax levy monies.

Assessor’s Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report: Wendy Lozo reported that Ray Orr had no permits.

Dog Control Officer’s Report: January 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large. He collected $100.00 in redemption fees and also $44.00 for dog licenses.

Supervisor’s Report: January 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board and filed. Wendy Lozo did webinar on 1/18/18 and required reporting she had accomplish. Wendy Lozo finished the yearend with Deb Castle from Williamson Law. Wendy Lozo received a letter from Service Education, Inc concerning the court room program and New York State is taking it over in 2018, so we no longer have to pay for it.

Highway Superintendent’s Report: February 21, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 01/17/18-02/20/18. Richard was out a total of 22 times in the last month checking road conditions. The roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 17 times in the last month. The Fire Department parking lot was plowed 11 times, the Town Hall parking lot was plowed 7 times and the sidewalks and steps were shovel and de-iced 5 times. The men worked to remove ice slabs on Tucker, Starr and Cottage roads. Water problems on Starr and Shauger roads were taken care of. The Tenco box that was purchased from the Town of Italy was mounted onto the 05 Volvo and was usable within 2 days. The old box off from the 05 Volvo has been mounted onto the 03 Sterling, that we bought from the town of Italy, and will be soon listed on Auctions International for sale. A water wash along Yost road was repaired. The Petroleum Bulk Storage Renewal Permit was filled out and will be sent to the NYSDEC along with a $300.00 permit fee. The Brine Bud annual report was sent into the NYDEC. The Steuben County Drug Testing Program is now including testing for Opioids. A form was emailed to me for the employees and myself to read and sign and then send back to them. Which has been done. Williamson Law did the yearly update to my highway Supt. Program. Holly Chase worked on finding the problem with my office computer. It was using my internet usage up in just a few days. Holly Chase found the problem and corrected it for Richard Gauss. It is working like it should now. Hi- visibility rain suits and steel toed rubber boots have been supplied to the men. Repairs or service has been done to the following equipment; 2017 loader had a brake accumulator replaced which was under warranty, the 2015 F350 Ford had the four wheel drive shift motor and transfer case seal replaced under warranty and a charge air hose replaced, the 01 F550 ford had the turbo replaced, the 06 Sterling had to have repairs made to the side dump body, a hydraulic hose replaced and new shocks installed, and the 05 Volvo had to have an air valve and hydraulic hose replaced. Richard Gauss was listing the international truck Feb 22, 2018 and if he didn’t get what he wanted for the truck he will not approve the bid. 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: Town supervisor Wendy Lozo had said the 2018 -2020 health insurance paperwork is back. Wendy Lozo also said there are new perma incident forms. Holly Chase said she retrieved the facebook page account. Wendy Lozo had suggested putting an ad into the Shopper and Leader looking for Tax assessor mentioning the job description, training and what they would need to complete the job, needs to get in contact with Gordon Foster. Letters Motion to do ads Paul Peck and second by Steve Frederick. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Town Supervisor Wendy Lozo received a letter form a Noah Puffer about disposal fees, and educating the youth not to littering, recycling. Wendy Lozo said she would contact Noah and give him the information we talked about at the meeting. Wendy Lozo had brought to our attention about having first aid kits and eye wash station looking further into. Wendy Lozo had asked board about fixing ledge in front of town clerk and tax collector window, cracks in the ceiling and walls too because it’s coming down. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and second by Holly Chase giving Wendy Lozo the ok to buy the material to fix cracks in the ceiling, walls and the counter top in front. Paul Peck had volunteered to fix the ledge and the cracks in the walls and ceiling. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo received a letter by State of New York Department of Public Service about an application of Canisteo Wind Energy LLC for a Certificate of Envirnomental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for construction of a Wind Engery Project in Steuben County that a procedural conference considering this proposal too. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and second by Paul Peck to purchase second fire proof filing cabinet. Put to vote: 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; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Akins, Thurston Town Clerk