Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: April 18, 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, Noel Sylvester

 Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

 Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

 Town DCO Officer: Randy Akins

 Absent: No one

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Richard Stewart

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 had asked about putting kitchenette in down stairs.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated March 21, 2018. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Fredericks seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A078-A093 totaling $ 14,914.83 and the Highway abstracts 049-064 totaling $ 84,907.63 dated April 18, 2018. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried

Clerk’s Report: February 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were $447.00. The town received $389.00 and NYS Ag & Mkts received 58.00. Holly Akins had mention about having the dog owners pay $2.00 for replacement tags. Motion was made Steve Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to approve r$2.00 replacement fee. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried

Justice Report: March, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected $336.00 and $271.00 to NYS, $65.00 Town Share.

Tax Collector’s Report: Report is done for the year 2018 and filed here at the town hall.

Assessor’s Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report: Building permits that were ordered came in.

Dog Control Officer’s Report: February 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large. He collected $20.00 in redemption fees. Randy Akins also collected $191.00 for dog license.

Supervisor’s Report: Town Supervisor Wendy Lozo asked if she could void 3 checks, 2 for last year and 1 for this year. Checks numbers and the amounts are #11800- $34.20,#11926-$10.00, #19324-$15.,00. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Noel Sylvester to give Wendy Lozo permission to void checks. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase and seconded by Noel Sylvester to approved Wendy Lozo to put money back into the account machinery con equipment 5130.2 from Auction International truck and misc. equipment sales. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Town Hall Rental will be added to the general fund Revenue-A2410. Motion was made by Paul Peck and seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept the revenue account number split out town rentals under account number book keeping system. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Paul Peck to Transfer $100 from A-1990.4 contingencies fund to A-3620.4 safety Inspection contractual. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye.

Highway Superintendent’s Report: April 18, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 03/21/18-04/18/18. Richard Gauss was out a total of 8 times in the last month checking road conditions. The roads have been plowed and or sanded 2 times in the last month. The seasonal roads were opened on the 23rd of March. The brooming of the oil and stone roads was started on the 27th and was completed on the 17th of April. The Town Hall and Fire dept. parking lots were also broomed. The grading and patching of potholes has begun but has been interrupted by the weather. Trees and limbs have been removed from roads throughout the last month due to high winds. 4 days were spent hauling 825.42 ton of stone I from Austin’s Construction for Waters and Dee roads CHIPS project. A Large headwall0 on Starr rd. culvert was rebuilt. The 03 Sterling truck that was listed on Auctions International sold for $17,600.00. The weight limits signs on most of our oil stone roads were removed today. The brine permit has been renewed. The OGS salt contract was renewed. The divisible weight Overload Permit renewal has been sent in to NYSDO. The Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds form will be presented to the town Board tonight for approval. It will then be filed with the county if approved. Wendy Lozo and Richard Gauss attended the Drug and Alcohol Program that was put on by Occustar. We took the training to be certified in recognizing reasonable suspicion of a person being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Repairs or service was done to the following equipment; the New Holland Tractor had the battery and windshield wiper motor replaced, the diesel fuel particulate sensor was replaced on 2015 F350 pickup, the 05 Volvo dump had the EGR temperature sensor replaced, the 06 Sterling dump had a hydraulic hose replaced and was serviced. The 01 Autocar dump was serviced and had new bumper brace fabricated, the 01 Volvo dump was serviced, the Mack water truck was serviced and an air tank was repaired. Richard Gauss is selling or trading Water Truck to get a new one. Asked if he could bid it out and to have a public hearing before next board meeting. And to put in advertisement 2005 or Newer Water Truck. Wendy stated that if we needed to pull money from equipment repair fund we need to hold a public hearing 1 week before she can move money. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Paul peck to have sealed bid on Water Truck. 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 Noel Sylvester 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 asked if Holly Akins had put an ad in the paper yet for new tax assessor position and I did email Shopper about April 25thish in paper to contact Gordon Foster on job description and to be done by May 16th 2018. Front Rust on Railings, something needs to be done to either replace or fix them and if anyone had ideas to email Wendy Lozo. Wendy stated at least some more board and highway superintendent should have minimum NIMS certification ICS 100&700 to be eligible for FEMA money. Wendy asked Holly Chase what grants she was looking at. Wendy Lozo is the only one with training right now. Holly Chase is taking a look for grants for AED, Kitchenette help from FEMA to make Town Hall a evacuation center. 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; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried.

New Business: Town Supervisor Wendy Lozo had said next month union negotiating Insurance and possible layoff. Shawn Sauro said he would email Corey Saltsman a reminder to finish the lights that he never came back to complete. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to close new business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Akins, Thurston Town Clerk