Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: May 16, 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, Tom Ryan, Colton 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: Tom Ryan had mention that public health work was going to have a road side clean up garbage and tires alongside of the road. Marge Taft was asking how much did the town pay for fire hall they figured they paid a $1.00 for the property with fire hall. Thurston highway superintendent Richard Gauss asked about the deed on corner plot where Thurston highway shop used to be.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated April 18, 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 Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A094-A110 totaling $ 11,090.81 and the Highway abstracts 065-080 totaling $ 37,096.88 dated May 16, 2018. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried

Clerk’s Report: April 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were $435.00. The town received $360.00 and NYS Ag & Mkts received 75.00. Holly Akins had mention that she received Mary Ruth Schoonover certification of Attendance Board of assessment Review Training.

Justice Report: April, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected $55.00 and $10.00 to NYS, $45.00 Town Share.

Tax Collector’s Report: The tax collector audit is done and filed at town hall with the town clerk.

Assessor’s Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Sallyann wanted to check in and let us know about a donation from Diane McLaughlin. It is an old school record book from 1867. It will be located in her office on her table.

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer’s Report: May 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported a dog running at large. He collected $0.00 in redemption fees. Randy Akins also collected $141.00 for dog license. Randy also mentioned that he had a rabies clinic also.

Supervisor’s Report: Town Supervisor Wendy Lozo received an email saying on May 8, 2018 we established a tentative 2018 state equalization rate for the Town of Thurston. The tentative rate is 3.15. Wendy is going to be doing the Webinar on Getting Municipal Data Using Open Book. Wendy Lozo received another letter from Cornell University saying that the Cornell Local Roads Program would like to recognize the Town of Thurston Highway Department for their outstanding commitment to innovation. The Department displayed exemplary ingenuity in the re-development of their 1957 Austin Western Roller. The innovation allowed the department to utilize parts and materials from existing older pieces of equipment to create an upgraded roller with rakes to improve operations.

Highway Superintendent’s Report: May 16, 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board Items of interest and Work Performed. Richard Gauss checked road conditions twice and we sanded once. The posted weight limits have been removed from all roads. The spring grading started on 23rd and is almost complete. Suit Kote made 150 ton of cold mix up for us. The p0ot holes and the oil and stone roads have been patched. Fourteen loads of dirt was removed from a bad section on McIntosh road. It was replaced with fabric covered with 12 loads of bone and 5 loads item 4 gravel. Two large tree high winds taken down and to be removed from Hanrahan rd. A section of ditch line on smith road was cleaned. Two loads brine was hauled county route 25 at the request of the county foreman. They have a project over there that was getting quit dusty. The agreement to spend highway funds has been filed with county. I have completed the NIMS course that FEMA required. The devisable overload permits have been received back from NYS DOT. Repairs were made to the following equipment; The 01 Volvo dump had an air chamber, slack adjuster, rear brake shoes, 2 hubs seals and a s- cam replaced, 05 Volvo dump had 4 slack adjuster replaced, The 01 autocar dump had a wheel seal replaced, The 96 Mack had an air chamber and a brake hose replacement, The loader had the seat replaced, under warranty, and we had to have 5 star send a service man out for an electrical problem on the grader. He had the calibrate transmission and all-wheel drive system. He thinks this should take care of the problem. We ran it today and found out it still has the same problem. I got in contact with them and they will be her tomorrow. There was a seal bid from Caledonia Diesel LLC, 2905 Simpson Rd, Caledona 14425 1- Tri axle cab and chassis truck with 683,000 for $41,000. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Paul Peck to accept bid on the truck. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, nay; Noel Sylvester, nay. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck and seconded by Noel Sylvester for Public meeting to be held May 24, 2018 at 7pm for the public could put their input on the transfer of funds in the amount of $12,900 Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Noel Sylvester for a special meeting to be held May 31, 2018 to have a finalized vote for transfer of the funds from Equipment Repair Reserve to Da 1530.2 Machinery Equipment 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 and seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept from Town Clerk report to Highway Superintendent Reports. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Old Business: We are no longer having Cory Saltsman do the lights we will bid them out to someone else. Paul Peck is going to check it out from a guy at work. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Holly Chase to bid out doing parking lot lights. 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 close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye. Carried.

New Business: Accepted Countryside propane pricing for propane at 1.599 of highest price per gallon (Pre buy 1300 gallons) locked in deal from May 1 2018 to April 30, 2019. Motion was made by Steven Frederick and seconded by Paul Peck to accept propane bid and have Wendy Lozo go ahead and pay for it. 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 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 Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 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