

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday December 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Town DCO: Randy Akins

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Sheree Gauss, Colton Peck, Tom Ryan

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Marge Taft presented the Fire Commissioners election results to the Town Clerk. Tom Ryan wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He gave a brief update on the changes expected in Steuben County. He touched on domestic violence, the second amendment, the red flag law, the million dollar liability law, and the council of first appearance.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated November 14, 2018. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A206- A227 totaling \$19,411.43 and the Highway abstract 180-191 totaling \$47,234.41. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: November 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$71.00.

Justice Report: Justice Sweeney collected \$400.00. NYS received \$285.00 and the town received \$115.00.

Tax Collector Report: Collector's hours will begin in January. Postage stamps have been purchased.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo stated that she received a resignation letter from Sally Ann Dyer Congdon. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept the Historian's resignation letter. 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

Paul Peck for a help wanted ad to be placed in the newspaper. All letters of interest should be sent to the Town Supervisor by February 20, 2019.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There was one building permit for \$90.00. Wendy Lozo has sent Ray Orr the request for his appearance at the board meeting letter. Ray had a family function and could not attend in December.

Dog Control Officer's Report: November 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy reported four dogs running at large. Randy collected \$45.00 in dog license fees. Dan Draper the Town of Rathbone DCO is building a kennel and is drafting a contract to offer to the Thurston Town Board.

Supervisor's Report: November 2018 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report: November 2018 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 11/14/18-12/18/18. Roads have been plowed and sanded a total of 16 times. Richard checked the road conditions 21 times and Randy checked them 3 times. The Fire Dept parking lot was plowed and sanded four times. The Town Hall parking lot was plowed and sanded three times. The Town Hall sidewalks and steps were shoveled and deiced twice. Two hundred ten point thirty five ton of salt was purchased from American Rock Salt. A week was spent mixing salt and sand. Tree trimming has taken place on Starr and Smith roads. Pot holes and water washes have been filled in. A new transformer was installed on one of the fuel furnaces in the shop. The entrance door to the shop has been repaired. Fifty one point forty eight ton of number 2 stone was purchased from Austin Construction to fix a soft spot on Bonny Hill road. Repairs or service has been completed to the following equipment: The 2015 F350 pickup had rear brake pads replaced. The plow module was replaced on the Western snow plow. An oil leak was repaired on the 01 F550. The 01 Autocar dump truck had 2 hydraulic lines replaced, a spinner mount was fabricated, and it was serviced. The strobe light StarPac was replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. The 06 Sterling dump truck had repairs made to the exhaust and it was serviced. The equipment lifts were also serviced. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that Jordon Harrison had given him a resignation letter. Jordon had found a new job before his layoff began. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she had sent the layoff notices to Jordon Harrison and the NYS Teamsters Union. Wendy Lozo stated that the 2019 budget was turned into Steuben County. Holly Chase stated that the wireless router is available to the public but they must request the password from the Town Clerk. This way the town can monitor the public's use and change the password when needed. Holly Chase requested permission to cleanse and destroy the old hard drive that is no longer in use by the Town Clerk. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Holly Chase to cleanse and destroy the old hard drive no longer in use by the Town Clerk. 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

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

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the mortgage tax check came on December 10, 2018 in the amount of \$5,171.60 and it has been deposited. A brief discussion took place about the solar farm letter that the Town received. The Board agreed that more research is needed before a decision can be made. Wendy Lozo stated that the Board needed to choose a date and time for the annual organizational meeting. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Holly Chase for the organizational meeting to take place January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Holly Chase to close new business. 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 Steven Frederick to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:51 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk