

Town of Thurston Board Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7:06 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Michael Volino
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Holly Chase, Daniel Gee, Jennifer Hargrave
Town Highway Superintendent: Saige McGarvey
Town Dog Control Officer:
Town Attorney:
Town Code Officer: Nick Nolton
Town Historian: Noel Sylvester
Town Assessor: Diana Dixon, Jerry Gebhard
Town Justice:
Absent: Randy Akins, Darlene Smith, Rachel Treichler

Visitors: Mike Volino, Marge Taft, Jeff Sweeney, Tim Hargrave, Sam Dick, Ruth Schoonover

Supervisor Volino called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Ruth Schoonover read Proposition #1 articles that will be part of the General Election ballot in November. Schoonover advised everyone to vote NO on Proposition #1. Tim Hargrave gave his insight on Proposition #1 and how it effects the NYS Constitution. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Dan Gee to close Public Comment. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes: Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the September 18, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Jennifer Hargrave for Michael Volino to pay all claims listed in the General abstract dated October 16, 2024 totaling \$6,907.14, the Highway abstract totaling \$110,791.76, and the T&A totaling \$158.00. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: September 2024 monthly deposits were \$1,082.00. Dolores Crooker stated that someone needs to open the Town Hall on Election day at 5:15 A.M. Diana Dixon volunteered to open the Town Hall. Dolores Crooker will close the Town Hall that evening.

Justice Report: Nothing

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Supervisor Volino thanked Diana Dixon and Jerry Gebhard for the Star program presentation.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nick Nolton reported 10 open building permits, 10 certificates issued, and 27 violations to date.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 2 complaints about dogs running at large. Eighty four animals were vaccinated at the drive through rabies clinic, \$404.00 in license fees were collected, and \$178.00 in donations were collected. The Town received \$85.00 and Steuben County received \$93.00.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Saige McGarvey reported that grading of roads is ongoing. McGarvey attended an equipment show to look at used graders. A load of Unique Paving cold patch has been purchased for patching potholes. A concrete pad has been installed to house heating tanks. Road sand has been purchased for winter snow and ice removal. American Rock salt delivered salt to mix with sand.

Supervisor's Report: September end of the month closing was sent to the Board members on 10/02/24. A hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office. Third quarter form NY45 has been web filed and the Federal form 941 was mailed on 09/19/24. Supervisor Volino attended a 4 hour PERMA safety coordinator training in Pittsford on 09/24/24. Volino attended an AOT Virtual round table on 09/30/24 regarding tax cap and ARPA reporting. The second budget workshop was held on 10/01/24. Volino was interviewed by Spectrum news on 10/09/24 regarding sewage sludge. Volino signed a retainer with Attorney Gary Abraham for the solar law revamp on 10/10/24. Attorney Abraham has prepared the first draft of the amended solar law that will be reviewed by the Board. The last housing needs subcommittee meeting was held on 10/10/24. Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Supervisor's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Local Law #3 drafted by Rachel Treichler. Supervisor Volino stated that Local Law #3 of 2024 is Partial Tax Exemption for Firefighters or EMT Workers. Marge Taft asked if all members were entitled to the exemption. Marge Taft stated that she knows someone that is a member but never has participated in a function. Diana Dixon read aloud a section of rules and regulations for the exemption that helped the Board determine that the Fire Commissioners would make the decision who the active members are. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded Noel Sylvester to accept the Local Law #3 as written. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. A public hearing for the Local Law #3 was set for 11/13/24 at 6:30 P.M. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Holly Chase to set the public hearing for the local law #3 on 11/13/24 at 6:30 P.M. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

2025 Budget

Supervisor Volino asked the Board to consider making the 2025 Tentative Budget the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to make the 2025 Tentative budget the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. The Public hearing for the Preliminary Budget to be heard by the public has been set for 11/13/24 at 6:45 P.M. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to set the public hearing at 6:45 P.M. on 11/13/24. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

CDBG Block Grant

A Public Hearing and presentation on the close out of Housing Needs Assessment Grant at 6:00 P.M. on 11/13/24 has been discussed. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to set the Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. on 11/13/24. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. A resolution to accept the findings of the Housing Needs Assessment Committee was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave. Put to Roll Call Vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Unfinished Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business:

AEDs: A notice of intent to purchase 2 new AEDs at \$2,000.00 each or 2 refurbished at \$900.00 each, one for the Town Hall and one for the Highway Shop. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to sign the notice of intent to purchase 2 refurbished AEDs one for the Town Hall and one for the Highway Shop. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Holiday Newsletter:

The Board decided to check into a mailing stamp machine to mail newsletters, envelopes, and other bulk items that need to be mailed. A brief holiday newsletter will be created.

Budget Modifications:

Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Jennifer Hargrave for Michael Volino to debit account A2190 sale of cemetery lots \$1,200.00 and credit account A8810.4 cemeteries contractual in the amount of \$793.61 for the Aldrich cemetery flagpole. Put to vote: Jennifer

Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to debit A917 Unassigned Unappropriated Fund Balance \$220,928.94 and credit DA9730.6 Bond Principal in the amount of \$25,471.04 and DA9730.7 Bond interest in the amount of \$2,900.02 for the 4th 2022 Peterbilt payment. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Highway Fuel Tanks: The Board requested 2 quotes for new self contained fuel tanks for the Highway Dept. One 1,500 gallon diesel tank and one 150 gallon gas tank. The Board will review the quotes at the November Board meeting.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Announcements: Three Public Hearings November 13, 2024 6:00 P.M.CDBG, 6:30 P.M Local Law #3., and 6:45P.M Final Budget. Next Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk