

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Ray Orr, Randy Akins

Visitors: Tom Arquette, Marge Taft

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

Public Comment: Nothing

Minutes: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated March 16, 2022. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, 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 abstract A067- A082 totaling \$12,180.10 and the Highway abstract 55-72 totaling \$29,646.53. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: March 2022 monthly deposits were \$228.00.

Justice Report: March 2022 monthly deposits were \$0.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00.

Tax Collector Report: Sandra Nowicki has turned all reports in to Steuben County and the final payment has been made to the Town of Thurston.

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: One eviction notice.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported one complaint about 5 aggressive dogs and one dog that has bitten a person. The spring rabies clinic will be held May 7, 2022 from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

Supervisor's Report: March 2022 report has been emailed to the Board and the hard copy has been filed in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: March 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 03/16/22-04/20/22. Roads have been checked 5 times and sanded one time. The oil and stone roads are being swept. Potholes are being patched with stone dust. An 18 inch cross pipe on Shauger road is being replaced with a 24 inch pipe to increase the flow of runoff. A section of ditch on Green Hill road has been cleaned with the excavator. Several trees have been removed from roadways. The letter of intent to purchase radios has been given to Mobiletech. Signed easements have been received from Terry Brethen and Robert Kingsbury for access to the detour while Steuben County replaces the bridge on Savona Campbell road. The divisible load overweight permits for the dump trucks have been renewed. Dale Chapin's application for summer employment has been approved by Steuben County. Dale has passed the pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. Dale will begin work on May 2, 2022. The plow riggings have been removed from 2 of the dump trucks. A Roanoke 66 inch brush cutter head has been purchased from the Town of Ontario Highway Dept. through Auctions International website for \$2,536.50. An attachment mount is being fabricated for the brush cutter head to fit the excavator. Repairs or service has been completed on the following equipment. A power steering seal kit, a coolant tank, and a new trunnion assembly with u-bolts have been installed on the 05 Volvo dump truck. The 06 Sterling dump truck had a leak in the fuel tank repaired and it has been serviced. The 01 Autocar dump truck has been serviced. The grader had a brake valve, new tail lights, and a hydraulic line installed. The F550 dump truck had a new dipstick mount installed and brake work completed. No news on the new trucks. Parts for the pickup needing repairs are on back order. Richard Gauss, Jr gave an update on CHIPS reimbursement, Extreme Winter Recovery, Pave NY, and Pothole repairs. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that 150 ton of Cold mix from Suit Kote is \$10,168.27. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Richard to purchase the cold patch. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the printer that Randy Akins wanted to purchase is out of stock. The next size larger costs \$500.00. Wendy Lozo stated that Randy has a printer that works until the less expensive printer can be purchased. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to wait for the \$200.00 to \$300.00 printer is back in stock to purchase a printer for Randy. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she is on step 2 of the ARPA report that she needs to have completed by April 30, 2022. Wendy stated that an annual report is required. Wendy Lozo will check with Cintas and the Red Cross for pricing on an AED. Wendy Lozo stated that she will contact Aaron Moultrup for an estimate on the repair of the handrails on the front of the Town Hall and an estimate on the kitchenette in the basement of the

Town Hall. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she was going to sit in on a webinar on 04/21/22 for the NYS retirement requirements for full and part time employees. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for the retirement resolution. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she had the cemetery contract and the required insurance certificate from Alan D. Crooker for the cemetery maintenance for the year 2022. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy to sign the cemetery maintenance contract. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the Town of Thurston is the only Town in Steuben County that doesn't have Veteran exemptions. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for the Town of Thurston to look into the Veteran exemptions process and adopt a local law. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Attorney Shawn Sauro will draw up some drafts on all sections of the veteran exemptions for the Board members to review. Wendy Lozo stated that she ordered 2 new American flags at a cost of \$39.00 a piece for the flag pole in front of the Town Hall. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:44 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk