

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday April 29, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Ray Orr, Randy Akins, Shawn Sauro

Visitors:

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

Public Comment:

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board meeting minutes dated March 18, 2020. 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 Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A070- A084 totaling \$11,080.60 and the Highway abstract 063-074 totaling \$19,049.90. 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 for the Town Officer's Reports to be put in the minutes and discussed at the next Board Meeting should there be any questions. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: March 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$252.00.

Justice Report: No activity in the month of March NYS cancelled Justice Court through April 30, 2020 because of COVID-19 pandemic.

Tax Collector Report: Taxes have been collected through the month of March and deposited.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo stated that because there wasn't a quorum at the March Board Meeting a motion needs to be made for Michael Volino to voluntarily push mow County Route 12 and Bonny Hill road cemeteries. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to voluntarily push mow the cemeteries. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, abstain; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss, Jr complimented Michael Volino for his continued efforts in maintaining the Town cemeteries.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Building Permits that Ray is using are the 3part forms established by NYS and there is an abundance in stock. She also stated that all forms are subject to be updated. Wendy presented the Board with a formal Code Enforcement Report Form. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept the new form to be used by the Thurston Town Code Officer. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 3 missing dogs and 5 dogs running at large. Randy reported that the spring rabies clinic may be postponed till Fall.

Supervisor's Report: March 2020 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report: March 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 03/19/20-04/28/2020. Roads were checked 9 times, plowed, and sanded once. The highway crew were sent home with pay on March 23, 2020 because of the NYS mandates created by COVID-19. The crew returned to work on April 20, 2020 for essential conditions and full time on April 23, 2020. The NYS safety protocol requirements are being followed. Three days have been spent sweeping some of the oil and stone roads. Sweeping should be finished in a couple more rain days. Grading of roads has begun. Ditches were cut, cleaned, and a drive pipe installed on Foster road. Cold Mix will be made soon and potholes in the oil and stone roads will be fixed. Several large brush piles that Michael Volino created while cleaning up the Risingville cemetery have been removed. A drive pipe was installed to the cemetery on County Route 11 for Steuben County. Goodrich Auto Works painted the new Tenco side dump box. It is being installed on the truck by the highway crew. A driveway permit was issued to Andrew McIlwain on Forty Dollar road. The OGS salt Contract has been filed. The NYSDOT divisible load overweight permits have been renewed. A new battery was installed in the loader. Richard Gauss, Jr requested a help wanted ad be put in the Shopper and on the web page for a laborer position. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to repost the help wanted ad as being for a laborer position. 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 Michael Volino 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 she only received one bid for the Town Hall, Risingville, and Aldridge cemetery lawn maintenance. Alan Crooker bid \$3,000.00 for April through October with all of the requirements needed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by

Michael Volino for Alan Crooker to be granted the lawn maintenance bid. 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 extend the Board Meetings as needed per the NYS mandates. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she needs help researching the Video conferencing possibility and an IT Policy for discussion at the May Board Meeting. Holly Chase volunteered to research both the IT and video conferencing with hopes of having information at the May Board Meeting. 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 Union negotiations would be starting soon. Wendy will email the previous contract to the Board Members and encouraged each of them to read and really think about the requests involved. Dolores Crooker mentioned that the Primary Elections that were supposed to take place on April 28, 2020 were tentatively set for June 2020 but may not happen. There is no local Primary needed and Joe Biden Democratic Presidential candidate may be running unopposed. Dolores stated that as soon as she gets word from the Election Board she will let all Officials know. 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:33 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk