

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday August 17, 2022 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Visitors: 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 Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Public Hearing minutes and the regular Board Meeting minutes dated July 20, 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 Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A135- A150 totaling \$14,294.74 and the Highway abstract 129-143 totaling \$53,992.44. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: July 2022 monthly deposits were \$413.00. Dolores Crooker stated that there is a Primary Election on August 23, 2022.

Justice Report: July 2022 monthly deposits were \$760.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00. The break down of funds has not yet been received from NYS.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo asked Michael Volino if he had anything to bring to the Board. Michael stated that he spoke with Caward Tree Service and the trees will be removed from the Aldrich cemetery before the end of September.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Four building permits were issued totaling \$670.00. Wendy Lozo stated that she and Ray Orr measured the area for the kitchenette and the cabinets need to be on a wall with studding available, therefore a drawing was presented to the Board for input of placement of cabinets and appliances. Wendy Lozo will get pricing on cabinets and a sink. Paul Peck will get pricing on the waste water pump.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Nothing

Supervisor's Report: July 2022 report has been emailed to the Board members and the hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office. Wendy Lozo stated that she received the \$76.78 back from the Dept of Labor.

Highway Superintendent's Report: July 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 07/20/22-08/17/22. Most of July was spent trucking in gravel and preparing for oil and stone on the Starr Rd project. Oil and stone on the Starr Rd has been scheduled for August 25, 2022. A 900 foot section of oil and stone on the Tucker Rd that deteriorated has been graded out and new gravel graded in. That section will be reoiled and stoned when the Starr Rd gets oiled and stoned and a 300 foot section of Griffin Rd will also be oiled and stoned at that time. Steuben County has begun replacing the bridge on Savona Campbell road near the Green Hill Rd intersection. Several days were spent removing waste material from that site. Thurston highway crew will help backfill around the bridge foundation when needed. Several trees have been removed from roadways and one from the backyard at the Town Hall. Water washes on Wood Hill road and Helms road have been repaired. Two loads of stone dust have been purchased from the Stone Quarry to repair roads. Reimbursement forms for CHIPS, PAVENY, EWR, and POP programs have been filed for the Starr road project in the amount of \$76,450.10. The 2022 Chevy Pickup payment of \$39,256.58 and the 2022 Peterbilt payment of \$55,583.64 has also been filed for reimbursement through the CHIPS program. A total reimbursement of \$171,290.32 should be received around September 20, 2022. Repairs or service have been made to the following equipment. The 05 Volvo dump truck had a new hi-low shift valve, two park brake sensors, and an air modulator valve replaced. The 07 Western Star brine truck had two new front tires and a rear tire replaced. A coolant leak has been repaired on the 01 Autocar dump truck. The Hyundai loader has been serviced. Richard Gauss Jr asked for permission to list the 2015 F350 Ford Pickup on Auctions International. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Richard to list the pickup on Auctions International. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she needed to make some adjustments to the Budget because of all of the reimbursements. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy to make the Budget adjustments. 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 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: Richard Gauss Jr stated that he received a mockup of the new Town Hall sign from Goodrich Automotive and is waiting for the final. Wendy Lozo stated that the last ARPA payment has been received. 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, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she will be preparing for the budget and dates for budget meetings will be discussed at the September Board meeting. The full 2% tax cap will be in effect for 2023. Holly Chase mentioned a Semitruck and trailer parked on a Steuben County road that she has received complaints about. Richard Gauss Jr stated that a Steuben County official should be the one to take care of it. Attorney Shawn Sauro warned the Thurston Town Officials about a group of people calling themselves Amendment Auditors that are going around trying to scam a law suit against any government body not allowing videotaping of work being performed.

Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck 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 Michael Volino to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:57 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