

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday August 18, 2021 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: Randy Akins
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro
Town Code Officer:
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Ray Orr

Visitors: Mary Akins

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 Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated July 21, 2021. 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 Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A136- A150 totaling \$11,460.68 and the Highway abstract 122-136 totaling \$27,394.95. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: July 2021 monthly deposits were \$640.00.

Justice Report: July 2021 monthly deposits were \$699.00. NYS received \$519.00 and the Town received \$180.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr turned in 4 building permits totaling \$901.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported on 1 previous missing dog. Randy and Deputy Swarthout delivered nine unlicensed dog tickets with a court date to Mary Marseglia

which resides on Tucker road. A payment plan between the Justice and Mary Marseglia for dog licenses, fines, and fees has been established. A Board recommendation was made for any Town Official with town business at the residence of Mary Marseglia shall be accompanied by Law Enforcement. Randy Akins asked for permission to purchase a body cam for himself to use during delivery of unlicensed dog tickets. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck for Randy to research cost of body cams and return with 3 quotes for Board discussion and approval. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Attorney Shawn Sauro recommends the Highway crew have body cams also. Randy Akins asked the Board for approval to have a Fall drive through Rabies Clinic. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino for Randy to have a Fall drive through Rabies Clinic. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael, Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Supervisor's Report: July 2021 paperwork has been emailed to the Board and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: July 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 07/22/21-08/18/21. Most of July the crew repaired water wash outs and cleared culverts of debris. Downed trees were removed from Forty Dollar and Fred Rial roads. A section of Bonny Hill oil and stone road had deteriorated, 526.69 ton of item 4 gravel has been used to repair the area. A 30 foot by 12 inch drive pipe has been replaced on Eddy road, 171.29 ton of item 4 gravel has been graded into this area to help divert water. A 20 foot drive pipe has been installed on Yost road. 2,383.70 ton of crushed item 4 gravel will be used in the Forty Dollar road project, 350 ton of #1 stone will be used for the oil and stone top coat. CHIPS reimbursement for the Lewis and Crane road projects has been filed with NYSDOT in the amount of \$99,043.17. T&R Towing repaired an electrical issue on the 01 Auto car dump truck. A rubber suspension block and u bolts were replaced. New shocks and a transmission cooler line were installed on the 2015 F350 pick up. The 01 F550 dump truck had rear spring work completed and new u bolts installed. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that he would like approval to purchase the 2022 Chevy Silverado for \$39,505.58 from Joe Basil Chevrolet with CHIPS money. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino for Richard to purchase the pickup with CHIPS money. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Richard stated that the bridge at the bottom of Green Hill road is scheduled to be replaced in 2022. Steuben County and the Town of Thurston will share work duties during the replacement. The Town of Thurston will cover \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 of the expense which will be paid for with CHIPS money. There will be a detour on site. 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: Wendy Lozo stated that the SAMS registration form has been completed and sent in. Wendy stated that the first ARPA installment check has arrived. Wendy will participate in the webinar on what qualifies for purchases being made with the ARPA funds. Wendy stated that she sent the Board resolution to Steuben County 911 for the naming of the private drive off of County Route 333 as being Eagle Vista Drive. Michael Volino asked about the Solar Local Law. Wendy Lozo stated that it should be reviewed by the Board and addressed at the September

Board meeting. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck 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 is working on the 2022 budget. Wendy stated that she would like the fund requests back by September 30, 2021. Wendy stated that the Armstrong internet cost will be increasing slightly. 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