

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday August 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent:

Visitors: Gary Lewis, Colton Peck, 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: Gary Lewis stated that he fixed the flag pole light and checked a day or so later and it was broke again. He suggests putting a solar light on the top of the flag pole.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated July 17, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A127- A143 totaling \$14,053.62 and the Highway abstract 118-133 totaling \$35,907.42. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: July 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$91.00.

Justice Report: July 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$350.00. \$350.00 went to NYS and \$0.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Steven Frederick stated that some of the Town of Thurston enhanced star exemption forms sent to NYS were missed placed by someone at the state level. This could affect the star exemptions for the parties that the forms belonged to. Dolores Crooker stated that the Assessors have gathered the appropriate forms and Dolores faxed them to NYS on Thursday August 15, 2019.

Historian Report: Michael Volino presented the Board with a survey map of the Thurston Town Cemetery. A brief discussion took place about the location of trees that need to be removed at the cemetery. A motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to approve the removal of a maple tree near the road by Richard Gauss, Jr and the highway crew. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino will get estimates from Dave's Tree Service and Jerry's Tree Service for the remaining trees that need to be removed in the future. Michael Volino asked for permission to hang a plaque on the Historian's door to honor Shirley Edsall. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael to hang the plaque on the door. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that the stones in the cemetery will be repaired next week. Michael Volino stated that the Steuben County Historical Society would like to add the Thurston and Risingville cemeteries to their leaf peeper's excursion in the fall.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr issued 7 building permits totaling \$843.00. Wendy Lozo gave an update on the Walsh complaint. Wendy Lozo will follow up on the alternate septic system waiver letter that she received.

Dog Control Officer's Report: July 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 2 missing dogs that were later found, collected \$150.00 in dog license fees, and issued 8 tickets for overdue dog licenses. Randy Akins stated that he would let everyone know when the fall Rabies Clinic will be.

Supervisor's Report: July 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk. Wendy Lozo stated that she will be attending the NYS OSC training October 10, 2019. Wendy Lozo stated that the annual PERMA survey has been completed. Wendy Lozo stated that she received the annual DCO inspection report and Randy Akins passed the inspection.

Highway Superintendent's Report: July 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 07/17/19-08/20/19. Patching of the oil and stone roads was completed by July 23rd. Reed Hill road project started on the 24th. Three days were spent cutting ditches, 220 feet of driveway pipe was installed, and 50 loads of ditch dirt was hauled away. Two days were spent cutting trees. Four hundred fifty feet of fabric was put in a soft spot. Seven days were spent hauling crushed item 4 from ST Coots. A total of 3,062 ton was purchased. Two loads of rip rap was used in the ditch line, now the road is ready for final grading and is scheduled to be oil and stoned on September 16, 2019. The Dee road project has begun, repairs were made to a section of ditch on a sharp corner, and the oil and stone date is the same as Reed Hill road. The CHIPS reimbursement form in the amount of \$34,183.61 has been filed with NYSDOT and the reimbursement check should arrive around the 16th of September. Downed trees were removed from Green Hill, Bonny Hill, and Waters roads. A 0.10 mile section of bad oil and stone was removed on Wood Hill road and replaced with new gravel. A 30 foot drive pipe was installed on Rising road and a 300 foot section of ditch line was cleaned with a total of 10 loads removed. The highway equipment and road inventory along with the shared services work was given to Wendy Lozo. The Volvo roller has been repaired by Vantage Equipment. The repair cost was \$6,416.40 and there is a \$1,000.00 deductible on the insurance policy. The 05

Volvo had the AC repaired at T&R Towing in Bath. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that Betty House on Hamilton road contacted him for his opinion on the Green Hill creek eroding her land along the creek bed. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that the Steuben County Bridge crew will be replacing the bridge at the bottom of Green Hill road. Armstrong Fiber optics internet and phone service will be put on poles except for a section on Star road. Richard asked to replace the Town pick up. The Board tabled the request until the September Board meeting. The Board asked Richard to get a price together to oil and stone the Town Hall parking lot. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Holly Chase will check with Office Depot and Best Buy for pricing for the Highway security cameras. Wendy Lozo stated that she will report the 2018 shared services between the Town of Thurston and the other towns and Steuben County. Wendy Lozo gave an update on the Williamson Law Capital Assets. Holly Chase stated that the annual renewal for the website Domain name is due. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Holly Chase to renew the web site Domain name. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo asked for a motion to purchase the solar light for the Town Hall flag pole. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy to purchase the light. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Isaac HVAC serviced the furnace and the air conditioner. Steven Frederick requested that the generator be serviced also. Wendy Lozo will call and arrange for the generator to be serviced. Ray Orr has a new phone number which is 607-738-2263. Wendy Lozo stated that it is the start of budget season and she will get all info to the Board as soon as possible. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a letter of resignation from Superior Lawn Care. They will finish this season but won't return in 2020. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to put bid ads in the Leader and the Shopper for responses to be in to the Town Supervisor by September 18, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to close new business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk