

Town of Thurston December Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor:

Town Council Members: Michael Volino, Noel Sylvester, 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: Wendy Lozo, Paul Peck

Visitors: Marge Taft, Jerry Gebhard

Michael Volino called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Introduced Jerry Gebhard as newly elected Assessor. Marge Taft asked about kitchenette in basement of town hall. Holly Chase stated that she and Wendy Lozo are working on approval to use grant funds for the kitchenette. Marge Taft stated that starting January 2022 she wants copies of the Highway and General bills.

Minutes: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated November 10, 2021. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A197- A214 totaling \$18,301.61 and the Highway abstract 177-189 totaling \$29,462.58. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: November 2021 monthly deposits were \$89.00.

Justice Report: November 2021 monthly deposits were \$0.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Michael Volino stated that he had an estimate from Caward's Tree & Landscaping for tree removal, stump grinding, and brush chipping at a price of \$3,200.00.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr stated that he had 1 building permit to turn in next month. Ray stated that he sent paperwork to NEXAMP Solar Co and their building permit will cost them \$8,000.00. Michael Volino asked Ray about a demolition permit for the Treudoux location on County Route 333. Ray stated that it was included in the building permit and that there is no fee for demolition permits.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large and 1 aggressive dog. Randy presented the Board with a dog shelter agreement from Ann Denmark. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to sign the dog shelter agreement. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: November 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 11/11/21-12/15/21. Roads have been checked 12 times, plowed and or sanded a total of 7 times. The Town Hall sidewalks have been shoveled and covered with deicer twice. Downed trees and limbs were removed from several roads. Hamilton road water washouts were graded. Two days were spent cleaning ditches on Shauger road. Repairs or service have been completed on the following equipment. The 01 F550 had a new thermostat installed. The 01 Volvo dump truck had a hydraulic hose replaced. The Hyundai loader had a hydraulic hose replaced. The 97 F450 bucket truck has been serviced. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that the 2022 Chevy pickup has not been built yet. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Michael Volino stated that he left a voice mail at Newman Supply asking for an estimate for tree removal at the Aldrich cemetery and has not received a call back. Caward's Tree and Landscaping estimate is \$3,200.00. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Michael Volino stated that a date needed to be set for the annual organizational meeting. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to meet Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to approve final budget transfers as needed for end of year bills. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:31 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk