

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Steven Frederick, 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: Tom Lozo, 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 Board meeting minutes dated November 13, 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 Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A197- A215 totaling \$18,038.82 and the Highway abstract 183-206 totaling \$52,560.92. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: November 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$282.00. Dolores Crooker stated that Diana Dixson requested the use of the Town Hall on January 19, 2020. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to approve Diana Dixson the use of the Town Hall on January 19, 2020. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: November 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$736.00. \$414.00 went to NYS and \$322.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Michael Volino stated that he got a quote from Haughey Memorials for a headstone for Edwin and Celestia Merchant the founder and first settlers of Merchantsville. The

cost would be \$500.00. Paul Peck requested that Michael check with the Historical Society to see if they would contribute to the cost of the headstone. Michael Volino stated that there were residents in the town interested in establishing a cemetery association. Michael stated that he and Holly Chase have discussed a possibility of building signs for the cemeteries in the town. Wendy Lozo stated that the Board would like to be a part of the design review before the signs are built. Michael has sent a request to the VA for a new headstone for William Dingley a Civil War Veteran buried in the Beaton Family cemetery on County Route 12.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins stated that he had complaints about 6 dogs running at large, one missing dog and he collected \$102.00 in dog license fees.

Supervisor's Report: November 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 is working on end of year paperwork and starting on 2020 work.

Highway Superintendent's Report: November 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Attorney Shawn Sauro gave an update on the Tucker road turnaround. Items of interest and work performed 11/14/19-12/18/19. Town roads were checked 20 times, plowed and sanded 19 times. The Fire Dept and Town Hall parking lots were plowed and sanded 6 times. Richard Gauss, Jr donated the use of his snow blower for snow removal on the town sidewalks. Logs that were left on the shoulder of Tucker road by loggers were pushed off with the loader. A tree across the Tucker road turnaround was removed with the excavator. The posted sign that was in the middle of the turnaround was also removed. A 30' drive pipe was installed for the Feldman's on South Hill road. Tree trimming and removal has been completed on several roads. We were asked by Steuben County to sand County Route 11 because it was a sheet of ice and their truck couldn't get across it. A clogged pipe on Smith road was cleared and the driveway that was partially washed out was repaired. A couple of days were spent mixing sand with salt. The security cameras have been installed and the system is up and running. Repairs and or service has been done to the following equipment. New strobe lights were installed on the 05 Volvo dump truck. The Loader was serviced. The bucket truck had a battery disconnect switch installed. A new wing cable was installed on the 01 Auto car dump truck and a hydraulic hose was replaced. A new wing cable was installed on the 06 Sterling dump truck and a new starter solenoid was installed. A carrier bearing mount for the driveshaft was rebuilt on the 01 Volvo. It also had a new spinner disc installed and the shift lever had a new bushing repair kit installed. At the moment it is also inoperable because of a conveyor chain breakdown. The 01 F550 dump truck had a hydraulic hose replaced. The 2015 F350 pickup had a hub seal replaced. The DEF heater was replaced and codes were reset by Simmons Rockwell, Fender flairs were also installed. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated that it is ok for the Highway Superintendent to modify the dates on seasonal limited used road signs. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Richard Gauss Jr to change the dates on the seasonal limited used signs to 11-01 through 05-01. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye, Carried, C.H.I.P.S. money was deposited on 12/17/19. Wendy Lozo will call the insurance company and let them know that the security cameras have been installed and working at the Highway Dept. 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: Wendy Lozo stated that the generator maintenance has been completed. The Library book box has been dropped off and it will be mounted under the Justice mailbox on the front of the Town Hall. Richard Gauss Jr will change hinges on the Library book box to fit the mounting location. Wendy Lozo stated that the Town of Thurston received a thank you letter from the Town of Campbell for the donation to the summer recreation program. Steven Frederick asked about the flag pole light. Wendy Lozo stated that she needs to purchase the proper size light for the pole. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck 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 the Isaac planned maintenance agreement is set to renew on January 19, 2020. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to renew the Isaac planned maintenance agreement. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. A brief discussion took place about the broken concrete on the ramp at the Town Hall. Wendy Lozo stated that the AIM funding check has been deposited. The mortgage check from Steuben County has been deposited. A brief discussion took place about the misplaced ceiling tile and marks on the wall and mess on the floor after the Horton birthday party on December 15, 2019. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to ban the Horton's from using the Town Hall in the future. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, abstained; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the Organizational meeting date for 2020 needs to be set. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for the date of the organizational meeting to be January 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Tom Lozo and the Board members thanked Steven Frederick for his years of service on the Town Board. 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:27 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