

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday February 20, 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:
Town Dog Control Officer:
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Absent: Richard Gauss, Jr., Randy Akins, Ray Orr

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Sam Gauss

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Marge Taft gave Wendy Lozo a copy of the Fire Dept. Roster. Sam Gauss requested that the Town Board continue to research the Right to Farm Law and take action on it to protect the rights of the small farmer.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated January 16, 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 A021- A045 totaling \$80,526.74 and the Highway abstract 17-34 totaling \$32,482.69. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: January 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$834.00. Dolores Crooker stated that the Primary Elections will be held Tuesday June 25, 2019 if applicable and the General Elections would be held Tuesday November 5, 2019. The legal ad for the notice of the 2018 Annual Financial Report run in the Leader on 2/19/19. Two Town Hall rental applications were approved by the Board for the month of March.

Justice Report: Nothing

Tax Collector Report: Wendy lozo stated that she received payment from the Tax Collector on Feb 4, 2019.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo stated that she has received three letters of interest for the Historian position. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to do

interviews March 13, 2019 at 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30 pm. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that there was one building permit issued for \$283.00. Wendy Lozo received a copy of the letter Ray Orr sent to Rick Sawyer concerning the debris on Forty Dollar road. Ray Orr reported that Rick Sawyer is willing to start cleanup efforts as soon as the weather is warm enough to do so. Shawn Sauro stated that he would research the NYS maintenance code and follow up with Ray Orr and the Board on his findings.

Dog Control Officer's Report: January 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$89.00 in dog license fees. Randy Akins reported one missing dog and one dog running at large.

Supervisor's Report: January 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk. Wendy Lozo stated that the Supervisors yearend bookwork is complete. The NYS AUD is final and sent to NYS. A copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: January 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 01/16/19-02/18/19. Roads have been plowed and or sanded 24 times. Richard checked the road conditions 26 times. The Town Hall parking lot and the Fire Dept. parking lot were both plowed and sanded seven times. The sidewalks and steps of the Town Hall were shoveled and deiced a total of 12 times. One day was spent cutting trees on Smith road. Thirteen loads of number 3 stone, twelve loads of number 2 stone, and two loads of crusher run were purchased from the Stone Quarry. Six loads of number 3 stone was used in an area on Harrison road that was almost impassable. There are other roads that are not in very good condition that will need this stone as soon as they thaw out again. Large potholes on Tucker road, McIntosh road, and Knowles road have been patched. A large slab of ice coming out of a drive on Starr road was cut out. The 45 mph sign on Campbell Savona road was put back in place after the Town of Bath plow truck knocked it over. The weight limit signs were put up on the oil and stone roads on the 7th of February. Downed trees on Shauger and Green Hill roads were removed. Repairs or service has been completed to the following equipment: A new spinner was installed on the 01 Autocar. A new hydraulic line was installed on the 05 Volvo and some exhaust work was completed. New lockout hubs were installed on the 2015 F350 and the wiring harness for the plow lights was replaced. The 01 F550 dump truck was serviced and the idler pulley and belts were replaced, a new hydraulic hose was installed. The 06 Sterling dump truck had two air protection valves replaced and a new hydraulic line installed. Motion was made by Steven Frederick 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 all of the internal audits have been completed. Dolores Crooker stated that the inconsistencies from the 2018 ledger should be corrected by the March Board meeting. Holly Chase stated that the inconsistencies by the previous Clerk were documented in the internal audit. Wendy Lozo stated that she needed a resolution for the

completion of the Justice Audit and dockets which will be sent to NYS. Holly Chase made a motion seconded by Noel Sylvester for the Board to make a resolution for the completion of the Justice Audit and dockets. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated she needed a motion to transfer \$650.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Tax Collectors Contractual to pay for the Collectors postage stamps. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to transfer \$650.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Tax Collectors Contractual. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Holly Chase stated that she would stop by the Clerk's office and dismantle the hard drive that was infected by a virus during the 2018 Clerk's reign. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Holly Chase to dismantle the hard drive infected with a virus. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick 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 she received a census questionnaire from Steuben County. Wendy Lozo stated that the Town of Thurston would lose over \$7,000.00 if Andrew Coumo does away with the AIM Funds to NY Towns and Villages. Wendy Lozo stated that the Governor is willing to do away with the Extreme Winter Recovery Program and there would be no increases to the CHIPS Program. A new NYS law mandates Excavator training to operators with underground facilities. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a return receipt letter from the residents on Helms road about the condition of the road. Wendy Lozo stated that Richard Gauss, Jr. is aware of the letter and will be taking care of the problem as soon as the weather permits. Shawn Sauro advised the Town Board to send a letter to the residents on Helms road confirming acknowledgement of the letter and the condition of the road and that the Highway Dept. would be taking care of the situation. Wendy Lozo stated that she completed the OSHA survey and sent it in and a copy is on file in the Clerk's office. Holly Chase stated that some security cameras should be installed at the Highway Dept. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for security cameras to be installed at the Highway Dept. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Steven Frederick asked Wendy Lozo about the intercom system for the Town Hall. Wendy Lozo stated that she would get the system now that things have slowed down a bit and have it installed. Shawn Sauro stated that Steuben County will go live in March with the Council of First Appearance Plan. Preliminary hearings will be scheduled on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm. 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 Holly Chase to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:45 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