

Town of Thurston Board Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 7:45 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Visitors: Rachel Treichler, Tim & Lisa Hargrave, Sheree Gauss, Marge Taft, Jim & Bonnie Morse, Jared & Christine Sutton, Chris Volino, Jim Taft, Elizabeth Dondowitz

Wendy Lozo called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:45 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 December 21, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes. 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 Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract December Final A219 totaling \$1,993.51 and January 18, 2023 abstract A-001 – A-023 totaling \$15,197.17 and the Highway abstract December Final 215 & 216 totaling \$12,829.02 and the January 18, 2023 abstract 1 - 18 totaling \$68,008.42 Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: December 2022 monthly deposits were \$633.00. 2022 yearend report consists of \$14,045.00 deposited with town share being \$13,767.00 and NYS Dept of Ag & Markets receiving \$278.00. Motion was made by Michael Volino seconded by Holly Chase to reopen the town hall basement to the Town of Thurston residents to hold functions at this time. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino to preapprove the English family town hall rental application. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: Nothing

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon and Jerry Gephard attended the Assessment training sessions by zoom and both have received credit for attending.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: Nothing

Supervisor's Report: Wendy Lozo is still working on December 2022 bookwork with Williamson Law group to changeover to 2023.

Highway Superintendent's Report: December 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 12/21/22-01/18/23. Roads were checked 13 times plowed and or sanded 11 times. Trees and branches have been removed from several roads. Four days have been spent replacing missing or damaged road signs. Three days have been spent with the excavator and bucket truck cutting brush and trees along Foster Rd. The 06 Sterling dump truck had a brake line, turbo actuator, flex joints, gaskets, and a coolant hose replaced. Three days were spent making these repairs. The excavator brush head has been serviced and the hydraulic motor base mount has been replaced. The backup generator at the shop has had two new batteries installed. 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 asked Rachael Treichler for a written engagement/retainer form to participate with Attorney Shawn Sauro for a 6 month period on a moratorium to develop town legislation to prevent landfills and dump sites in the Town of Thurston. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo to sign the engagement/retainer form and to reevaluate in 6 months. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Michael Volino seconded by Holly Chase to withdraw Local Law #1 of 2023. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Michael Volino seconded by Noel Sylvester to hold a Moratorium Public Hearing February 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Holly Chase will post a draft of the moratorium on the town's facebook page and Dolores Crooker will post it on the town's website January 25, 2023. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino to hold a special meeting on the moratorium on February 1, 2023 immediately after the public hearing. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the Highway Superintendent needs a new computer so an amendment to the ARPA computer purchase needs to be changed from 4 to 5. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to change the ARPA computer purchase from 4 to 5. 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 Holly Chase to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that an anonymous donation of new dishes has been donated to the Town for use in the kitchenette. Wendy Lozo stated that a resolution needs to be made to set hours of work for Justice Darlene Smith. Six hours part time work comes out to 2.67 days per month. Motion for a resolution was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to set Justice Darlene Smith's retirement hours at 2.67 days per month. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that Darlene Smith asked for a Court Clerk. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to deny a Court Clerk for the Justice. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the payroll system malfunctioned and after 2 days has now been repaired. The Corning ambulance subsidy will increase 2% in March 2023. Sheree Gauss asked if the purpose of a subsidy is just to guarantee ambulance service when requested. Wendy lozo stated yes that is the purpose of the subsidy. Jim Morse asked Attorney Shawn Sauro if the new moratorium was going to cover the problem on Lewis Rd. Bonnie Morse stated that the DEC stated that as long as a person is just processing deer nothing can be done about it. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated the same. The moratorium is designed to prevent creation of landfills or dump sites. Wendy Lozo stated that she needed a motion to sign and pay the Ryan Agency for the insurance coverage for the Town of Thurston. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to sign and pay the Ryan Agency for town insurance coverage. 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 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 Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:35 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