

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council Members: Michael Volino, Noel Sylvester, 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

Absent: Ray Orr, Randy Akins

Visitors: Steve Peck, Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Richard Stewart, Wilma Stewart

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

Public Comment: Steve Peck from the Ryan Insurance Agency presented the Town insurance and cyber policy coverage. Marge Taft returned Mark Taft's Board of Ethics notarized oath of office form. Wendy and Tom Lozo honored the memory of Shelley Morse with sorrow of her recent passing. Mentioning Shelley's accomplishments of many years as past Town Assessor and her recent position as Town Fire Chief.

Minutes: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated December 15, 2021. 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 A001- A028 totaling \$31,253.94 and the end of 2021 year A-215 totaling \$2,028.67 and the Highway abstract 1-21 totaling \$64,237.40 and end of 2021 year 190 totaling \$5,670.47. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: December 2021 monthly deposits were \$114.00. Dolores Crooker presented the Board with the end of year Clerk's report. Dolores stated that she received a letter from the NYS Department of State stating that the Thurston Town Local Law #1 and #2 were filed with the State on December 13, 2021. Dolores stated that she sent an email to Steve Smith as his BAR membership has expired asking him to respond with his wishes to either be reappointed or not. Steve has not responded as of yet. Dolores stated that she spoke with Marge Taft about the verbal F.O.I.L. request she made at December's Board meeting. Dolores informed Marge that as to the Freedom of Information Law article 6 requests must be made in writing and the Town of Thurston charges 25 cents apiece for each copy.

Justice Report: December 2021 monthly deposits were \$0.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00. Justice Sweeney submitted the annual 2021 Justice Docket.

Tax Collector Report: Sandra Nowicki is collecting Town and County taxes in January on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr reported 1 building permit totaling \$75.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 1 complaint about an aggressive dog. Randy reported that he had his annual DCO inspection.

Supervisor's Report: December 2021 report will be emailed to the Board and the hard copy will be filed in the Clerk's office. Wendy Lozo stated that the 2021 W2's and NYS45's have been completed. Payroll has been updated.

Highway Superintendent's Report: December 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 12/16/21-01/19/22. Roads have been checked 20 times, plowed and or sanded a total of 18 times. The Fire Department and Town Hall parking lots have been plowed and sanded 7 times. Four days were spent cleaning ditches on Shauger road. Several days were spent cutting trees that were in danger of falling into the roadway. A water wash on Hanrahan Road has been graded. A headwall on the end of a large pipe on Smith Road has been rebuilt. Several days were spent mixing sand with salt. A core deposit of \$350.00 of the old PDF from the F350 was given to Wendy Lozo and deposited back into the Equipment Repair fund. The Highway crew have completed a Sexual Harassment Prevention training. Repairs were made to the following equipment. A new drag link has been installed, airlines repaired, and exhaust work completed on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A thermostat has been replaced and the oil cooler repaired on the 01 F550. A hydraulic line and air chamber were replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck. The coolant level indicator has been replaced on the 01 Autocar and the conveyor chain repaired. The 01 Volvo dump truck has been serviced and a new spinner mount fabricated. A windshield wiper and a tire with tube were replaced on the excavator and some of the under carriage has been painted. With less than 500 miles since the last trip to the shop the 2015 F350 pickup is back at Simmons & Rockwell. This time it's the EGR valve and the EGR cooler. Richard Gauss, Jr asked if NEXAMP had signed the road use agreement. Wendy Lozo stated that NEXAMP had not signed it to her knowledge. Shawn Sauro advised that the Solar Law #1 of 2021 of the Town of Thurston covers the road use by NEXAMP. Richard asked the Town Board if he should post the Lewis Road. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Richard to post the Lewis Road. 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 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: 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 itemized estimate is \$3,200.00. Wendy Lozo stated that a Certificate of Insurance is needed from the contractor. Wendy tabled the tree removal discussion until February stating that maybe Newman Supply would get back to Michael by then. Wendy stated that the wood from the trees in the cemetery cannot be sold. Michael Volino stated that Gordon Foster allowed tree limbs and such to be placed in the hedgerows at the cemetery. 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she watched the ARPF webinar put on by the Association of Towns. Wendy stated that the American Rescue Plan Funds can be either restricted or nonrestricted. Local governments proving loss of revenue or not is to be determined. Wendy stated that she would be in contact with the Association of Town's consultant in order to meet the requirements of spending the ARP funds correctly. Wendy stated that the annual generator maintenance has been completed. The annual Federal Clearinghouse CDL follow ups have been completed. The annual fire extinguisher inspections have been completed. Wendy Lozo stated that the Isaac plumbing and heating contract of maintenance agreement is due. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy to sign the Isaac contract. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy lozo stated that she received an email from Lisa Alford a resident that lives in Tanglewood Lake off from Forty Dollar Road. Lisa is requesting the Town of Thurston to maintain the roads in Tanglewood Lake. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that the roads in Tanglewood are too narrow for Town equipment, roads are not up to Town standards, and there is only one way in and out of Tanglewood. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo and Shawn Sauro to respond in writing to Lisa Alford with the reasons discussed. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy lozo stated that she received a letter from Steuben County Public Works pertaining to the repair of the bridge on Savona Campbell Road. Shawn Sauro stated that there were requirements that the Town needed to do before the actual repair could take place. Richard Gauss, Jr assured Shawn that the requirements were completed. Shawn Sauro stated that because he works for Steuben County he could not recommend one way or the other for the Town to proceed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo and Richard Gauss Jr to sign the letter and proceed with the bridge repair. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, refrain; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that a motion needed to be made for her to sign the 2022 Ryan Insurance and Cyber coverage policy. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy to sign the Insurance and Cyber coverage policy. 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 Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:05 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