

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council Members: Michael Volino, Paul Peck, Noel Sylvester, Holly Chase  
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.  
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins  
Town Attorney:  
Town Code Officer:  
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Shawn Sauro, 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:

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board meeting minutes dated June 17, 2020. 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 Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A121- A137 totaling \$17,628.16 and the Highway abstract 106-122 totaling \$51,844.67. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: June 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$312.00.

Justice Report: No activity in the month of June. NYS cancelled Justice Court because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: June 2020 report Michael Volino stated that the Merchant's stone has been set in the Thurston Cemetery and that a maple tree had fallen there. Michael stated that he is still researching the building in Risingville and the ownership of it. Michael suggested the town put up some sort of signage at the cemeteries to deter the public from leaving trash behind.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: June 2020 report was presented to the Board. Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr had five building permits totaling \$629.00. Wendy stated that Ray gave Mr Sutton until August 31, 2020 to get the property on Rte 333 cleaned up.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 6 dogs running at large and collected \$7.00 in dog license fees.

Supervisor's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that she had not received the monthly bank statement and that as soon as she does she will complete her report and email it to the Board members.

Highway Superintendent's Report: June 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 06/18/20-07/14/2020. A rough section of oil and stone has been graded on Smith road. Twenty seven loads of dirt has been removed from the ditches on Harrison road and four drive pipes were installed. A half mile section of Tucker road has been oil and stoned using funds from the Extreme Winter Recovery Program. Eleven hundred feet of Starr road and 616 feet on Tucker road has been oil and stoned using funds from the General Repairs Surface Maintenance Account. All mowing on roadsides has been completed. Several trees that have fallen on town roads have been removed. Road sand is being purchased from Austin Construction. Pot holes in oil and stone roads have been repaired. The agreement to spend Town Highway funds has been filed with Steuben County. Repairs to the following equipment is as follows. Two u-bolts, a rear spring, and the yoke seal have been replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck. A hydraulic line has been replaced on the Grader. The battery was replaced on the 2015 F350 and it was serviced. The 01 F550 had the shifting lever repaired and a turn signal flasher unit has been replaced. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to add two bills to the Highway Abstract one being George & Sweede for \$39.86 and the other being Griffith Energy for \$1,577.10. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the Cyber security coverage through the Ryan Agency began June 25, 2020. Wendy stated that she is still working on the policy and is about half way through it with hopes of a discussion about it at the August Board meeting. Holly Chase will contact a Spectrum tech. to see if the internet service is protected with a fire wall through Spectrum. Wendy Lozo stated that the Highway crew has met with a Union representative. Wendy Lozo up dated the Board with the latest information about the Covid-19 requirements. 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 the 5 LGS-1 webinars pertaining to legal destruction of records coming up in the month of August should be viewed by the officials involved with record management if possible. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase 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 Holly Chase to move to executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to return to the regular board meeting at 8:30 p.m. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo and Shawn Sauro represent the Town of Thurston during the Union negotiations. 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 8:32 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk