

Town of Thurston Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 6:35 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Ray Orr

Visitors: Marge Taft

Wendy Lozo opened the Public Hearing - Town Laws 1,2, & 3 Veterans Exemptions at 6:35 P.M. Diana Dixon explained that with the new local laws in effect there will be a 1% increase in taxes for the Town of Thurston tax payers.

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 Michael Volino to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated June 15, 2022. 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 A120- A134 totaling \$13,323.25 and the Highway abstract 112-128 totaling \$50,863.31. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: June 2022 monthly deposits were \$829.00.

Justice Report: June 2022 monthly deposits were \$1,200.00. NYS received \$1,193.00 and the Town received \$7.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon stated that she would like a sign to attach to the vehicle being used for assessing purposes while traveling the Town of Thurston roads. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck for Diana to purchase a vehicle sign. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo asked Michael Volino if he knew when the trees were going to be removed in the Aldrich cemetery. Michael stated that he would ask the tree removal company and get back to the Board.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Two building permits totaling \$125.00 and 1 demolition permit, no fee.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 4 dogs running at large and 1 complaint about a dog barking. Randy collected \$100.00 in overdue dog license fees. Randy stated that Wendy Lozo purchased a printer from Walmart for the DCO office. The old printer will be set up in the Town Hall Boardroom.

Supervisor's Report: May 2022 and June 2022 reports have been emailed to the Board members and the hard copies are on file in the Clerk's office. Wendy Lozo stated that the mortgage tax check came in June.

Highway Superintendent's Report: June 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 06/15/22-07/20/22. Seven days were spent mowing roadsides. The Starr road CHIPS project is underway. Trees have been cut, ditches have been cleaned, and drive pipes along with cross culverts have been replaced. Creek gravel along with 1,236 feet of fabric has been put in several problem areas. Crushed item4 is being purchased from S T Coats to top the road. The tentative date to start oil and stone is August 25, 2022. The brush has been cut on a section of Forty Dollar road and a school bus stop ahead sign has been installed. The new radios have been installed in the equipment. The new Peterbilt is at Wilbri getting the plow equipment and the dump body mounted. The radio will be installed in the Peterbilt approximately the end of August. The POP reimbursement for the Forty Dollar road project has been submitted in the amount of \$27,682.45. The reimbursement should be deposited by July 28, 2022. The detour for the replacement of the Campbell Savona bridge has been completed. Steuben County will be starting work on the bridge soon. One day has been spent patching potholes. Three hundred seventy eight point forty three ton of number 1 stone has been purchased from Austin Construction for the Starr road project. A water wash out across the end of a driveway on Shauger road has been fixed. Repairs were made to the following equipment. The 07 Western Star brine truck had a used driveshaft with new u-joints installed and the output shaft yoke and seal replaced, it also had the turbo pipe replaced. The 01 Volvo dump truck had a hydraulic line repaired. The 2022 Chevy pickup had new rear wheel liners installed. 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 she needed to transfer money from the ARPA 201 account to the Machinery Contractual DA-5130.4 account to pay for the Mobiletech radios. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy to transfer money from the ARPA 201 account to the Machinery Contractual account DA-5130.4. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she has not heard back from Aaron Moultrup on the estimates

for the kitchenette or the handrails on the front of the Town Hall. Wendy stated that Ray Orr is ok with the pump under the sink to pump gray water to the drain that already exists. Wendy stated that Ray Orr will help measure the area for cabinets. Wendy asked for suggestions for cabinet location. Wendy Lozo stated that she had prices from 3 different appliance sales stores being Lowes, Home Depot, and Corning Building Co. Home Depot had the best prices on an electric stove at \$600.00 and \$900.00 for a 17.5 cubic refrigerator which are \$50.00 to \$100.00 cheaper than Lowes and Corning Building Co. Wendy asked for a motion/resolution to purchase the stove and refrigerator from Home Depot with funds from the ARPA account. Motion/resolution was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy to purchase the stove and refrigerator from Home Depot with funds from the ARPA account. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo asked for suggestions on a name for the kitchenette project. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino to name the project Town Hall Community Kitchen. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the final ARPA payment of \$65,589.54 has been processed. Wendy Lozo stated that a motion to pass the 3 Veterans Exemption Local Laws is needed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to pass all 3 Veterans Exemption Local Laws. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, abstain; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Holly Chase provided three different designs for the Town Hall sign in front of the building. After a discussion about the price \$750.00 verses \$835.00 compared to the thickness of the plywood ¼ inch verses ½ inch used to design the sign a decision was made to go with the \$835.00 ½ inch original design. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to have Goodrich do the sign. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. The Historian will keep the old sign. 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, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she received an email and bill from NYS unemployment for \$76.78 named Interest Assessment Surcharge. It's interest NYS owes the Federal gov on loans it took out to maintain unemployment and pandemic benefits. Wendy Lozo stated that the budget information will be distributed in August. Wendy Lozo asked for a motion to make budget adjustments related to the POP reimbursement. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy to make budget adjustments. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo asked Attorney Shawn Sauro for his input on an animal abuse situation on Tucker road. The SPCA and the Sherriff's Dept. has been notified of said situation. Shawn Sauro suggested a letter to the Sherriff's Dept stating the Town's concerns. The Board decided to table it until the August Board meeting. Wendy Lozo stated that estimates for an IT person is needed. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to get estimates to hire an IT person. 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 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 adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:10 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