

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday July 21, 2021 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  
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.  
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins  
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro  
Town Code Officer:  
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Ray Orr, Paul Peck

Visitors: 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: Marge Taft asked if anyone knew if the Cell Tower on Knowles' road is currently operating. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that it is not.

Minutes: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated June 16, 2021. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A120- A135 totaling \$13,491.63, and the Highway abstract 110-121 totaling \$24,831.45. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: June 2021 monthly deposits were \$135.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she received the Board of Assessment Review Meeting Minutes from George Whitbred. The BAR acted on 5 complaints.

Justice Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Justice will not run for reelection when his term is complete.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr turned in 6 building permits totaling \$452.00. Wendy stated that Mal Lane is subdividing some land off from County

Route 333 and Steuben County 911 has asked for the Town's approval in naming the private road to the subdivision Eagle Vista Drive. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino to approve the private road name as Eagle Vista Drive with the Town having no responsibility to maintain the private road. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large and 3 missing dogs. Randy stated that he has asked the NYS Police to accompany him as he approaches Miss Marseglia to issue her tickets for unlicensed dogs. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated that Randy has followed proper procedures in dealing with Miss Marseglia and he fully supports Randy as all town residents have to follow NYS dog law licensing requirements.

Supervisor's Report: June 2021 paperwork has been emailed to the Board and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: June 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 06/17/21-07/21/21. The summer road grading and oil & stone road patching has been completed. A 30foot drive pipe has been installed on Harrison road. The Highway crew were all on vacation July 1 through July 12, 2021. Corning Natural Gas is replacing 1 mile of gas line from Shauger road to Yost road. Culvert cleaning, limb and tree removal is ongoing. Roadside mowing is complete. Reconstruction of an area of ditch on Crane and Lewis roads have been completed with concrete slabs from the highway stockpile. The EWR road project on Forty Dollar road has been started. A 6 foot by 40 foot culvert on Savona Campbell road had to be replaced. A 5 foot by 40 foot plastic smooth bore pipe at a cost of \$4,200.00 was purchased from Chemung Supply and was picked up in Waverly. A galvanized pipe from Lane Pipe was \$10,197.00 and it was 4 hours away. The following equipment was repaired or serviced. The battery has been replaced in the 01 F550 dump truck. Recapped tires were mounted on the 01 Volvo dump truck. The NOX sensor has been replaced on the 2015 F350 by Simmons Rockwell. The bearing shafts on the roller assembly of the 7' flail mower are wore out and new ones are no longer available, therefore it had to be fabricated. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that he called 911 to report the closing and reopening of Savona Campbell road. A tree in Risingville cemetery needs to be removed. A quote from Crazy Abe's Saw Works for \$1,200.00 has been received. Attorney Shawn Sauro recommends the tree be removed. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase that the tree be removed by Crazy Abe's Saw Works with proof of \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance coverage. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. July bids for the 2022 pickup truck have not been disclosed at this time, therefore discussion of the purchase price has been tabled until the August Board meeting. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that he would like section 2B of the road use agreement to read NEXAMP shall provide a transport schedule at Richard's request by 5 days prior to transport so he can monitor road conditions and advise NEXAMP how to proceed. Motion/Resolution was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to authorize signing of

the contract contingent on this change. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that Steuben County IDA held a public hearing on information associated with PILOT programs. Wendy Lozo stated that the SOLAR law can be tabled until the August Board meeting. Wendy Lozo stated that the ARPA funding is strictly item specific, cannot be mismanaged, and a resolution is required for every purchase. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to accept the ARPA money and follow all requirements. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Michael Volino asked Attorney Shawn Sauro for advice on the Aldrich cemetery. Shawn recommended more research be conducted. Michael will speak with Steuben County Historical Society to see if there have been any other cemetery situations such as the Aldrich cemetery in Steuben County. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that there was a yellowjacket bee nest on the Northwest side of the Town Hall and Jeff Sweeney knocked it off from there. Paul Peck tried to spray the remaining nest and wasn't able to get close enough. Isaac Heating and Cooling has been conducting a maintenance and service call on the furnace and air conditioner system. Wendy Lozo stated that she wants to open a checking account specifically for the ARPA funds. Motion/Resolution was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to open a checking account for the ARPA monies named Town of Thurston ARPA Fund. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, 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 8:07 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk