

Town of Thurston Board Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Michael Volino

Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Holly Chase, Daniel Gee, Jennifer Hargrave

Town Highway Superintendent: Saige McGarvey

Town Dog Control Officer:

Town Attorney:

Town Code Officer: Nick Nolton

Town Historian: Noel Sylvester

Town Assessor: Jerry Gebhard, Diana Dixon

Town Justice:

Absent: Randy Akins, Darlene Smith, Rachel Treichler

Visitors: Donna Ellison, Cliff Ellison, Doreen Gebhard, Morris Smith, Marge Taft, Sam Dick, Teresa Borhman, Jeff Sweeney

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

Public Comment: Nothing. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Public Comment. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes: Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Daniel Gee to accept and approve the June 19, 2024 Board meeting minutes. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Holly Chase for Michael Volino to pay all claims listed in the General abstract dated July 24, 2024 totaling \$30,657.93, the Highway abstract totaling \$44,233.86, and the T&A totaling \$158.00. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: June 2024 monthly deposits were \$1,616.50. Dolores Crooker stated that hunting licenses will be available for sale starting August 1, 2024.

Justice Report: Justice Smith collected \$223.00 in the month of June. The JCAP grant has been closed and reconciled.

Tax Collector Report: Steuben County continues to offer credit card transactions for payment of town and county taxes. The Town of Thurston continues to opt out.

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon stated that the Assessors have completed the 2024 final tax roll, continue to take training classes, and are working on filing of property forms.

Historian Report: Noel Sylvester stated that Darrell Benjamin weed wacked around the community building in Risingville. Noel is still waiting on the Rise organization to stop by.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Issued two building permits totaling \$150.00. Issued 4 certificate of occupancy forms. Is following up on 7 complaints. Sam Dick asked what the DEC had to say about the water run off complaint on Smith road. Jennifer Hargrave stated that she spoke with the DEC and they referred her back to the Water and Soil department. Nick Nolton stated that the Water and Soil department stand by their original conclusion.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported that a late September rabies clinic is planned, the date is to be determined.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Saige McGarvey stated that she hired Trevor York for part time summer help. He has been cleaning up around the Salt Barn and cold storage. All roadside mowing has been completed. Reinstalled mower head on the excavator. All dirt roads have had one coating of salt brine. Work on Hanrahan road has begun.

Supervisor's Report: Michael Volino emailed the June 2024 report to the Board on July 2, 2024 and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office. Supervisor Volino sat in on a webinar Seeking Competition in Procurement on June 26, 2024. Quarter 2 PERMA audit has been emailed, quarter 2 NY-45 has been web filed, and quarter 2 federal 941 was mailed on June 27, 2024. Eight locus trees were removed from the Aldrich cemetery by Crazy Abe's Tree Service on July 2, 2024. Eleven Home Town Hero Banners will be ordered in the month of August with hopes of them being hung by Labor Day.

Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Supervisor's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Volino read aloud the CDBG Pro Housing Community Resolution. By roll call vote Jennifer Hargrave, yes; Noel Sylvester, yes; Michael Volino, yes; Daniel Gee, yes; Holly Chase, yes; the resolution was accepted. Supervisor Volino read aloud the SEQRA Resolution. By roll call vote Jennifer Hargrave, yes; Noel Sylvester, yes; Michael Volino, yes; Daniel Gee, yes; Holly Chase, yes; the resolution was accepted. Supervisor Volino read aloud the Certifying Officer Resolution. By roll call vote Jennifer Hargrave, yes; Noel Sylvester, yes; Michael Volino, abstain; Daniel Gee, yes; Holly Chase, yes; the resolution was accepted. Supervisor Volino read aloud the Submission Resolution. By roll call vote Jennifer Hargrave, yes; Noel Sylvester, yes; Michael Volino, yes; Daniel Gee, yes; Holly Chase, yes; the resolution was accepted. It was decided that the Fall newsletter information from department heads should be turned in by the end of August. Jennifer Hargrave has agreed to print and mail the newsletter. Gary Abraham is willing to work with the Town of Thurston for \$5,000.00 amending the 2021 Solar Law. Supervisor Volino will contact Mullen and Associates for availability and pricing and will return with his findings at the August Board Meeting. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to close Unfinished Business. Put to vote:

Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Supervisor Volino stated that he needed a motion to apply for the Work Zone Safety Grant which supplies funding for safety vests, hard hats, rollup signs, and traffic cones. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Supervisor Volino to apply for the grant. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Supervisor Volino stated that he had a request from the Foster family to put four new footers in the Aldrich cemetery for future burials. The Foster family also made a request to install a flag pole. The Town Board decided to create some rules and regulations and revisit the requests at the August Board Meeting. Supervisor Volino thanked Diana Dixon and Dolores Crooker for working in records management. Supervisor Volino asked for a motion to donate the table in records management to the Fire Department. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee to donate the table to the Fire Dept. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Supervisor Volino stated that he would ask Jeff Packard from Pac Signs to prepare a quote for an LED scrolling sign to be placed out front of the Town Hall. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Announcements: Playground/Kitchenette grand opening event to be held from 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM Saturday July 27, 2024.

Next Regular Board Meeting August 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:55 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk