

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday June 15, 2022 at 7:05 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Diana Dixon, Marge Taft

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 May 18, 2022. Put to vote: 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 A099- A119 totaling \$22,729.30 and the Highway abstract 94-111 totaling \$175,767.18. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: May 2022 monthly deposits were \$752.00. Dolores Crooker stated that George Whitbred delivered the minutes from the annual Board of Assessment Review meeting held May 24, 2022. Dolores stated that there would be a Primary Election on June 28, 2022 and a Federal Primary August 23, 2022.

Justice Report: May 2022 monthly deposits were \$0.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon provided a Veterans exemption summary to the Board. Diana explained the description of each exemption along with total number of parcels included in each of those exemptions.

Historian Report: Wendy Lozo stated that she has the check for \$180.00 for Michael Volino to pay for the headstone purchased for the Thurston cemetery.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Two building permits totaling \$800.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 4 dogs running at large. Randy reported 1 animal cruelty complaint.

Supervisor's Report: May 2022 report will be emailed to the Board and the hard copy will be filed in the Clerk's office as soon as the report becomes final.

Highway Superintendent's Report: May 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 05/18/22-06/15/22. The oil and stone roads have been patched. Water wash outs on Smith and Starr roads have been repaired. The ditches were cleaned and a 40' drive pipe has been replaced on Bonny Hill road. Two courses of oil and stone were put on an 1870' section of Forty Dollar road and on 78' section of Savona Campbell road. One day was spent cutting brush along Hanrahan road. Three days were spent preparing a detour for the bridge replacement on Savona Campbell road. Trees were cut and removed. Two 5.5' x 40' pipes that Steuben County supplied were installed in the creek above the bridge. A section of ditch on the Smith road has been cleaned. Several trees have been removed on Tucker road and a seasonal section has been graded. The Starr road CHIPS project has begun 662.15 ton of gravel has been purchased from ST Coats and 94.82 ton of #1 stone has been purchased from Austin Construction for the Starr road project. Roadside mowing is underway. The agreement to spend highway funds has been filed with Steuben County. The 2022 pickup has arrived it was delivered on the 6th of June. Repairs were made to the following equipment. A new AC belt has been installed on the Loader. The battery has been replaced on the roller. The air chamber has been replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A new transfer tank has been installed on the 2022 Chevy pickup and Krown undercoating has been applied by Goodrich Auto works. Richard Gauss, Jr explained the increase in the cost of cold mix was due to the continuing increase in the price of fuel and oil. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that there was no new information on the ARPA funds. Wendy Lozo stated that she needed approval to purchase the smoke detectors using funds from the building equipment account. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy to purchase 4 or 5 combination smoke - carbon monoxide detectors and the remainder just smoke detectors with funds from the building equipment account. Put to vote. Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino to close Old Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Ironwood Construction Co left a letter stating they would be around to clear NYSEG utility poles of trees, vines, and brush in the near future. Richard Gauss Jr stated that the sign out front of the Town Hall needs to be spruced up. The clear coat on the sign is peeling and he got an estimate for vinyl wrap for \$835.00. Holly Chase will get another estimate. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino to close New

Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:40 p.m. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk