

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Randy Akins, Ray Orr, Noel Sylvester

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: Nothing

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated May 19, 2021. 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 Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A103- A119 totaling \$20,535.32, and the Highway abstract 094-109 totaling \$167,978.10. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: May 2021 monthly deposits were \$780.35. Wendy Lozo asked if there was going to be a Primary Election this month. Dolores Crooker stated there is no Primary Election in Thurston this month and it will be posted on the website.

Justice Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Justice collected \$1,486.00 in April. NYS received \$1,231.00 and the Town received \$255.00. In the month of May the Justice collected \$293.00. NYS received \$278.00 and the Town received \$15.00.

Tax Collector Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Tax Collector and the Clerk's internal audits still need to be completed. She asked the Council Members to please get them completed.

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Michael Volino stated that Julie Dershem asked if it is possible for a couple of Boy Scouts to do something in the Town's cemeteries for their Eagle Scout projects. Michael suggested they might replace Veteran's flag holders or build signs with flower boxes. Motion

was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for the two scouts to build signs and replace the flag holders in the Town's cemeteries. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, abstain; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael reported that he has spoke with the NYS Division of Cemeteries Assistant Director Alicia Young about the Aldrich cemetery on Foster road pertaining to the Town of Thurston's ownership and plot sales. Wendy Lozo and Attorney Shawn Sauro requested certified documentation of the Town's ownership and confirmation to sell plots from the NYS Division of Cemeteries. The Board would like to review and discuss the certified documentation before a decision can be made on the possible sale of those plots.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr has building permits to turn in and as soon as he does she will get them to the Clerk. Wendy stated that Ray and Mr. McCune from NEXAMP have discussed building permit prices.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 3 dogs running at large, he collected 1 dog license fee, and dealt with 1 missing dog. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated that the missing dog situation is a civil matter and the Town is not responsible for the outcome of the dog being returned to its rightful owner.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: May 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 05/20/21-06/16/21. The spring road grading should be completed by the end of June weather permitting. Oil and stone roads are being patched. Five hundred sixteen point fifty three ton of #4 gravel from ST Coats was used on the Lewis and Crane road CHIPS project. A total of 602.87 ton of #1 stone has been used on the Lewis and Crane roads along with the resurfacing of the Fred Rial road. All 3 roads were oil and stoned on the 6th of June. A partial reimbursement for the Lewis road CHIPS project in the amount of \$10,621.69 has been submitted and should be received around June 30, 2021. The 2100 feet of guiderail on the Hanrahan road CHIPS project was installed between June 7th and June 10th. Chemung Supply staff installed the post and rails. The highway crew set the anchors and removed a large stump and some dead trees that were along the rail area. Several downed trees and large branches were removed from area roads caused by heavy storms. The new mailbox has been installed at the Town Hall. The following equipment has been repaired. The 2015 F350 pickup had a new reductant heater and PCM installed and other wiring issues were fixed by Simmons Rockwell. A hydraulic quick connect on the loader has been replaced. The travel sensor was replaced on the excavator. Wendy Lozo stated that Richard Gauss Jr took pictures of the location where an accident took place on Shauger road. There were no signs of road deterioration. Attorney Shawn Sauro suggested that Wendy call the insurance co. to report the accident in case any issues should arise. 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 a SAMS number is required to receive Federal stimulus funds, she is working on getting it. Wendy stated that there is information available on marijuana

legalization and how it can affect local municipalities. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated that he used NYSEERDA's lay out for a local solar law and he emailed it to all Board members. He encouraged the Board to review and modify his version to their liking. Wendy Lozo stated that Steuben County IDA has published an article on a PILOT program which is available for review. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase 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 she received a letter from Steuben County Real Property Tax Service. Steuben County has contracted with Cathedral Corp for printing and mailing tax bills. The local tax collector will no longer mail tax bills. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase 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 Holly Chase to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:41 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