

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Randy Akins

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:

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board meeting minutes dated May 20, 2020. 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 Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A102- A120 totaling \$20,495.45 and the Highway abstract 088-105 totaling \$72,673.32. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: May 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$1,556.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she received a public notice from the US Bankruptcy Court in regards to Cornerstone Homes Inc, hearing to be held June 25, 2020 in Rochester, NY. Dolores stated that she received the BAR meeting minutes from George Whitbred. The Democratic Primary will be held June 23, 2020. The Election Officials need to set up and disinfect the premises before the Elections.

Justice Report: No activity in the month of May. NYS cancelled Justice Court through June 17, 2020 because of COVID-19 pandemic.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: May 2020 report Michael Volino stated that he approached the Minister of the Risingville Church concerning ownership of the building across from the Church. Veronica

Seeley stated that the building would not be torn down. Shawn Sauro, Attorney for the Town of Thurston will research the building in question at the Steuben County Clerk's Office to confirm ownership.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr had one building permit. Ray Orr addressed the Connor Walsh complaint. Connor is building raised beds for gardening. Ray also updated the Board on the Sutton complaint. Mr. Sutton has until July 15, 2020 to clean up property and move vehicles off from road right of way. Ray stated that there will be someone from a Cell Tower Co. contacting the Town to sign a release form to put a 150' cell tower on the Knowles road. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to sign the release form for the Cell Tower Co. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 1 dog missing and collected \$30.00 in dog license fees. No word on rabies clinic at this time. Wendy Lozo stated that some towns are putting plans together to have drive through clinics. Wendy is hoping that the Town of Thurston can have a clinic in the Fall.

Supervisor's Report: May 2020 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk. Wendy Lozo stated that the AUD webinar she participated in shows signs of future transactions becoming completely electronic. Wendy stated that the mortgage tax check has been received.

Highway Superintendent's Report: May 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 05/21/20-06/17/2020. The spring grading is completely finished. Potholes in the oil and stone roads have been patched. Several areas on Bonny Hill and Hanrahan roads have had cold patch graded into them. Four hundred eleven point seventeen ton of item 4 gravel has been used on Bonny Hill road and 173.6 ton was used on Shauger road. Three loads of topsoil have been delivered to the Thurston cemetery with the F550 dump truck. A 20' extension was installed on Jim Taft's drive pipe on Dee road. One hundred eighty five ton of #1 stone was used on the Tucker road EWR project. A 600' section of oil and stone was removed on Starr road and reworked. The agreement to spend Town Highway funds form will be presented to the Town Board. Repairs and or Service has been performed on the following equipment. A new exhaust system was installed on the 06 Sterling dump truck. Two new rims were installed on the 05 Volvo and it was serviced. A new air chamber, slack adjuster, yoke seal and housing has been installed on the 01 Auto Car dump truck. The F550 dump truck had a blown brake line replaced. The Western Star water truck had new u-bolts installed on the front spring. The 01 Volvo dump truck had a new ABS modulator valve installed. The excavator had a NOX sensor replaced. The roller had a coolant hose repaired. The loader had the crankcase filter replaced, the EGR valve removed, cleaned, and replaced. There is still a major problem with the loader. It has been taken to G&S for repairs. A loader has been leased at a rate of \$40.00 per used hour. CHIPS paperwork has been sent in to NYS, 80% of the total reimbursement has been guaranteed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo to sign the expenditure agreement to spend highway money. 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 Noel Sylvester 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 a decision needed to be made on the cyber security policy, coverage, and procedures. Holly Chase informed the Board of the options available. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy to contact the Ryan Agency to sign up for the Data Breach and Cyber coverage with them. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that Teamsters Union 529 merged with Teamsters Union 118. Wendy Lozo stated that the general consent form for CDL license holders for limited queries of the FMCSA drug and alcohol clearinghouse is accepted and approved by the NYS Teamsters Union. Wendy Lozo stated that two representatives from the Town need to be designated as the responsible parties for the suspicion of drug and alcohol use for the Federal Clearinghouse consortium. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo and Richard Gauss, Jr. to be the responsible parties for the Town. 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 Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to sign the Work Place Compliance form and send it in with payment. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that Phase 3 allowed the Town Hall to be open to the public with proper precautions in place. No rental of Town Hall basement at this time. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Michael Volino starting the week of June 22, 2020 the Town Hall will be open two nights a week with no basement rentals at this time. 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 Noel Sylvester to close old business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Union negotiations are coming right up and a meeting to discuss the union contract needs to be scheduled. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to schedule the meeting for Thursday June 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Put to vote. Paul Peck, aye Noel Sylvester, 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 Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk