

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday June 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Steven Frederick, Holly Chase
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins
Town Attorney:
Town Code Officer: Ray Orr
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Paul Peck, Shawn Sauro

Visitors: Linda Orr, 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 Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated May 15, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, 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 A092- A109 totaling \$17,928.22 and the Highway abstract 81-101 totaling \$77,7190.83. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: May 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$1,334.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she received the Board of Assessment Review minutes from George Whitbred. Dolores stated that the electronic device that reads checks being deposited at Five Star bank does not read money orders. Twenty one dollars deposited in May from a money order was not credited to the bank statement. Two trips to the bank with documentation of deposits, the manager at Five Star bank was able to determine the problem and credited the Clerk's account the \$21.00.

Justice Report: May 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$706.00. \$541.00 went to NYS and \$165.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Michael Volino presented the Board with pictures and documentation of Civil War Veterans buried in the Town of Thurston cemetery. Wendy Lozo stated that she would like to include Attorney Shawn Sauro in this process. Michael stated that he spoke with a representative from the Veterans Affairs Dept. and the VAD will supply granite markers for the Civil War Veterans buried in the Town of Thurston cemetery if they meet the requirements of the VAD. A resolution was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to pursue the granite markers from the VAD with guidance from Attorney Shawn Sauro. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for permission waivers to be in place from family members of persons buried in the cemetery before any work begins on headstones. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael to get estimates for resetting two large headstones located in the cemetery. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she would like to see boundary lines determined at the cemetery.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: May 2019 report was presented to the Board. Two pictures of the cleanup process on the Forty Dollar road along with property location documentation was provided. One Building permit was submitted for \$156.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: May 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 4 dogs running at large and 1 missing dog. Randy stated that he collected \$112.00 in dog license fees.

Supervisor's Report: May 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk. Wendy Lozo stated that she completed the Capital Assets webinar. Inventory of all assets including roads, machinery, and equipment need to be documented. Wendy stated that Williamson Law has a software program that is compatible with the requirements of the NYS Comptroller. Wendy asked if it were ok to set up a demonstration from Williamson Law and the Board approved it. Wendy invited Dolores and all of the Board members to attend the demonstration if they so desire.

Highway Superintendent's Report: May 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 05/16/19-06/19/19. Summer grading is still underway and slow going due to all of the rain. A large tree was removed from across the Hanrahan road. Patching of potholes is still underway weather permitting. A brief discussion took place about the employment of summer help. With the position still open, motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for a help wanted ad be put in the Shopper. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. A quote from Vantage Equipment for the damage to the roller was \$6,484.68. Insurance coverage has a \$1,000.00 deductible. A brief discussion took place about a drug and alcohol policy and the Board agreed that the Town needs to create one. The permit through Steuben County Water and Soil Dept. for removing gravel from the bottom of Green Hill road creek has been approved. The Water and Soil Dept. will be assisting the gravel removal and a check dam will be installed. Forty feet of driveway pipe was installed on the Tucker road for JD Hawley. Twenty feet of driveway pipe was installed on the Lewis road for Renovus Solar. Two self-contained eye wash

stations were purchased through the Federal Surplus program at a cost of \$103.18 Two hundred nine point fifty three ton of #1 stone and 68.3 ton of #1A stone was purchased from Austin Construction for the Reed Hill project. Repairs were made to the following equipment. The AC belt and air tank was replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. New scarifier shanks, keepers, and teeth were installed on the JD Grader and a hydraulic hose was replaced. A new caliper, brake line, and a u bolt were replaced on the bucket truck. The 2015 F350 pickup truck had new tie-rod ends installed. The 01 F550 dump truck had two new power steering lines installed. Richard Gauss Jr, stated that he had an incident with an equipment malfunction with the emergency brake on the 2001 F550 Ford pickup truck. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Holly Chase for the 2001 F550 be taken to the Ford Motor Co certified inspection station for an inspection of the emergency brake. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: NYSEG energy assessment will take place on July 2, 2019 between 8 am and noon. Wendy Lozo stated that Steuben County has a Right to Farm law in place. She will have Attorney, Shawn Sauro read through it. Holly Chase stated that she researched the security cameras for the Highway Dept. and she suggested getting a free estimate and consult from a wireless provider. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Holly to get an estimate and consult from Boss Automation and Security systems. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo tabled the Town Hall railings until the July meeting. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to close old business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the mortgage check has arrived and has been deposited. The final equalization rate from NYS is 3.15%. The Steuben County Drug and Alcohol policy has been signed and sent to the County. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to prepay for propane at Countryside propane. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:15 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk