

Town of Thurston Board Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday June 21, 2023 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: Richard Gauss, Jr
Town Dog Control Officer:
Town Attorney: Rachel Treichler
Town Code Officer: Nick Nolton
Town Historian: Noel Sylvester
Town Assessor: Diana Dixon
Town Justice:
Absent: Randy Akins, Darlene Smith

Visitors: Mary Rayeski, Larry Schilling, Eva Turner, Andy Dickson, LeeAnn Dickson, Brett Dickson, Marge Taft, Elizabeth Donderewicz, Bill Caudill, Ruth Schoonover, Tim Hargrave

Michael Volino 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 Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the May 17, 2023 Board meeting minutes and the May 31, 2023 Public Hearing 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 Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to pay all claims listed in the General abstract dated June 21, 2023 totaling \$17,520.05 and the Highway abstract totaling \$110,330.43 Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: May 2023 monthly deposits were \$547.00.

Justice Report: Justice Darlene Smith reported a total deposit of \$1,423.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Noel Sylvester stated that he is waiting on a response back on the title search of the building in Risingville.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report:

Dog Control Officer's Report: The drive through rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday June 24, 2023 at the Highway shop from 10:00 am till 12 noon.

Supervisor's Report: Michael Volino emailed the May 2023 report to the Board and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office. Volino stated that he received a thank you letter from the Town of Campbell for the donation to the Summer Recreation Program. Volino was interviewed by Frank Acomb on May 22, 2023, it can be seen on youtube. Volino met with Bath Deputy Supervisor John Lysyczyn and Cameron Town Supervisor Bob Manley on June 5, 2023 in regards to sewer sludge spreading on farm land. The Town of Bath passed a moratorium identical to Thurston and Cameron's on June 12, 2023. Residents can submit comments on DEC's plan to increase sewer sludge spreading on farm land by June 29, 2023 at NYSSolidWastePlan@dec.ny.gov.

Highway Superintendent's Report: April 2023 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 05/18/23-06/20/23. All oil and stone roads have been patched. Kaden Jewell, the part time summer help started work on May 22, 2023 and is working out well. The agreement to spend Highway funds has been submitted to Steuben County. A 2008 GMC C5500 dump truck with a 10' plow and tailgate spreader has been purchased from Wayne Township through Auctions International online auction site for a total of \$31,460.00. Summer grading has been completed. The Smith road project began May 30, 2023 and has been completed on June 21, 2023. Five days were spent hauling gravel to the site. Two days were spent putting down two courses of oil and stone. The 2022 Chevy pickup and the 2008 GMC dump truck both had a Krown treatment applied and the NYS inspection done by Goodrich Auto Works. The 01 Autocar was serviced and is out of service until parts can be found to repair the rear trunnion assembly. A brake hose has been replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that the Mobitech radio system is working well. Gauss asked the Board if the old radios could be sold for \$370.00. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee for Gauss to sell 8 old radios for \$370.00. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Michael Volino stated that a motion was needed to accept the draft of local law # 2 of 2023 to update the NYS Energy code. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Daniel Gee to accept the local law #2 of 2023. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Volino stated that a date needed to be set for a public hearing on the local law. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to schedule the public hearing on July 19, 2023 at 6:45 pm. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Volino stated that a NYS Certified Code Enforcement Officer position had one letter of interest which was from Nick Lewis Nolton. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to appoint Nick Nolton as Code Officer to the Town of Thurston starting July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 with a 1099. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that he received two quotes from two different cleaning companies. Prices were similar, deep clean prices were \$360.00 and \$325.00. Motion was made

by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to hire Masonic Management Cleaning Service for a deep clean at \$325.00 to see the results. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino asked the Board for their decision on the NYMIR insurance quote. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to switch from the Ryan Agency to the Sprague Insurance Co for the municipal insurance coverage. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that a decision needed to be made on site design of the Parkitect playground to be purchased with ARPA funds. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee To submit the Parkitect design to meet the requirements of ARPA funding. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that there was enough money in the Building Repair Reserve fund to fix the railings and concrete on the front of the Town Hall and install the Kitchenette. Holly Chase stated that there was enough room to add a pavilion and picnic area at a later date. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Michael Volino stated that he had a resolution to appoint a certified officer to the Community Development Block Grant being Michael Volino Holly Chase, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee to accept the SEQRA resolution put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to send \$500.00 along with the CDBG application. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that he needed to transfer \$125.00 from A1410.2 Town Clerk Equipment fund to A1355.4 Assessor's Contractual. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to transfer the \$125.00 from A1410.2 to A1355.4. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that a decision needed to be made on the color to be used on the Highway shop roof and soffits. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to put Forest Green steel on the roof and soffits. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino read a letter from 4 Town of Thurston residents concerned about a singlewide trailer not on Town property. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave for Michael Volino to send a response letter stating that it is a deed restriction therefor it is not the Town's responsibility to get involved. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino stated that he needed to move to executive session to discuss a property on County Route 11. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to move to executive session at 8:05 pm. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to move back to regular session at 8:25 pm. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to condemn the house at 5573 County Route 11 Bath, NY 14810. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye;

Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino will send a certified letter on June 26, 2023 to the home owner of 5573 County Route 11 Bath, NY 14810. Holly Chase stated that a projector would be extremely expensive verses a TV for the projection of Board meeting information. Daniel Gee thought maybe he could get a TV donated. 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.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Daniel Gee to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:30 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