

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

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

Absent: Ray Orr

Visitors: Tom Arquette

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Tom Arquette stated that Steuben County shared services could help with extra man power for the Town if needed and offered Ken McGlynn as a contact person. Tom suggested some ideas for spending ARPA funds.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated February 16, 2022. 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 Michael Volino for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A047- A066 totaling \$21,026.83 adding Isaac Heating and Air Conditioning bill of \$60.00 labeled A067 and the Highway abstract 38-54 totaling \$57,905.20. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: February 2022 monthly deposits were \$155.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she received a letter from the Steuben County Board of Elections stating that the Primary Election will be held Tuesday June 28, 2022 if a primary is needed. The General Elections will be Tuesday November 8, 2022. All elections will be held from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Justice Report: February 2022 monthly deposits were \$0.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00. Wendy Lozo stated that Darlene Smith has confirmed she will be on the ballot in November for the Justice position that's up for election.

Tax Collector Report: Sandra Nowicki is collecting Town and County taxes in March on Wednesday evenings and Thursday March 31st 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Michael Volino reported that he received a new itemized list from Rodney Caward for the tree removal, stump grinding, and brush chipping at the Aldrich cemetery. Michael presented a quote and drawing from Haughey Memorial Service of the Amos Chapman monument.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy lozo stated that there were no building permits this month and there possibly may be a house being built on South Hill road in the future.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported two complaints one dog chasing cars, one dog knocking over garbage cans, and one dog running at large. Randy stated that he needs a new printer and will get a couple prices on different brands before purchasing one. Randy stated that he needs to get in touch with Dr Saxton to set a date in April for a drive through rabies clinic.

Supervisor's Report: February 2022 report has been emailed to the Board and the hard copy has been filed in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: February 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 02/17/22-03/14/22. Roads have been checked 13 times, plowed and or sanded a total of 12 times. The Fire Department and Town Hall parking lots have been plowed and sanded 5 times. Seven days have been spent repairing water wash outs in several areas, 622.06 ton of gravel has been purchased from S. T. Coots for the repairs. Roads with ruts have been repaired with 107.53 ton of stone. The Lewis road Solar project has commenced. A maple tree at the Town Hall has been removed. Randy Akins worked with Steuben County loading trees with the excavator on County Route 12. Steuben County has scheduled the second week in July to begin replacing the bridge on Savona Campbell road and Green Hill road intersection. The Town of Thurston is responsible for the onsite detour. Steuben County will supply the pipe, Thurston Highway Dept will construct the detour. Richard Gauss Jr will meet with the County to get easements signed and decide where to place the detour. The permits from NYS Water and Soil Dept needed for the check dams in the stream above the bridge have been renewed. The Federal Surplus Eligibility Renewal Form has been faxed to OGS. Repairs have been made to the following equipment. A coolant sensor, an engine brake switch, and a fabricated air tank strap have been installed on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A new alternator and a new hydraulic hose have been installed on the 06 Sterling dump truck. The brake master cylinder has been replaced on the 01 F550 dump truck. The rear spring u-bolts and the trunnion covers were replaced on the 01 Autocar. A new cutting edge has been installed on the Hyundia Loader. The Grader has been serviced. The 2015 F350 had a new starter and tire presser sensor installed. The F350 is at Sonny's Repair Shop for a second opinion on the DEF malfunction. All summer equipment is now ready for spring. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that he only needs part time help for 20 weeks this summer. Motion was made by Michael Volino seconded by Noel Sylvester for Richard to hire a part time person for 20 weeks at \$16.50 per hour as long as the person can pass all testing requirements. 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 the bank statements have all been rectified. Wendy Lozo stated that the CSEA foil request has been sent in and she included Attorney Shawn Sauro in the email. Michael Volino stated that Rodney Caward updated his estimate with the amendments requested by the Board. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck for Rodney Caward to remove 8 trees and chip the brush at the Aldrich cemetery with September 30, 2022 deadline. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Michael Volino asked Tom Arquette to check through the workforce for shared services to maybe build signs for each of the cemeteries in the town. Wendy Lozo gave an ARPA report update, stating that each municipality does not have to prove how much revenue the town has lost in order to use the funds. Under General Government Services Wendy will need to write a report on how the funds will benefit the town. Wendy stated that the radio system for the highway department and the kitchenette in the Town Hall each qualify under the ARPA requirements. Defibrillators are also covered. Bids are not required if costs are under \$10,000.00. Motion/ Resolution was made by Michael Volino seconded by Noel Sylvester for the Town of Thurston to purchase the Mobiletech Communications Radio system with ARPA funds. 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 she was going to sit in on an ARPA webinar on 03/21/22 at 3:00 p.m. covering the annual report requirements. An email was sent to the Board members of Randy Akins plowing snow and sanding on Tucker road. Attorney Shawn Sauro stated that Randy wears a body camera and is adequately doing his job. Wendy Lozo stated that the hand rails on the handicap accessible ramp on the front of the Town Hall should fall under the ARPA funds, she will check to see. Tom Arquette suggested ACP Contracting to give an estimate. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck 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 8:14 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk