

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday March 20, 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: Shawn Sauro  
Town Code Officer: Ray Orr

Absent: Paul Peck

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Michael Volino

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 February 20, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A046- A060 totaling \$11,204.69 and the Highway abstract 35-50 totaling \$34,554.53. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: February 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$681.00. Dolores Crooker stated that there was \$105.00 extra in the Clerk's checking account. Dolores stated that she couldn't determine if any of the extra money should go to the NYS Dept of Ag and Markets because the clerk's ledger was incomplete May 2018 through September 2018. The Town Board decided to leave the \$105.00 in the Clerk's account.

Justice Report: February 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. \$60.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Wendy lozo stated that she received final payment from the Tax Collector.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Holly Chase stated that only two of the three recipients for the Historian position showed up for the interviews.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr reported that Rick Sawyer is willing to start cleanup efforts as soon as the weather is warm enough to do so. Ray stated that he has taken some pictures and will continue to do so through the cleanup process. Ray stated that he had one building permit that he knows about coming up this spring.

Dog Control Officer's Report: February 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins asked Shawn Sauro to follow up on a noncompliant dog owner that has ignored court dates for a lengthy period of time. Randy collected \$7.00 in dog license fees. Randy Akins reported one missing dog and two dogs running at large. Randy stated that the Rabies clinic will be towards the end of April.

Supervisor's Report: February 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report: February 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 02/19/19-03/19/19. Roads have been plowed and or sanded 12 times. Richard checked the road conditions 17 times. The Town Hall parking lot and the Fire Dept. parking lot were both plowed and sanded 6 times. The sidewalks and steps of the Town Hall were shoveled and deiced a total of 6 times. 106.6 ton of salt was purchased from American Rock Salt and several days were spent mixing it with sand. The excavator and a load of stone dust was used to fix a water wash on Fred Rial road. Fourteen loads of crushed rock was graded into the Helms road. There has been complaints from the residents on Helms road.

Approximately two hundred and ten ton of stone at a cost of \$2,600.00 has been used to fix several areas on this road. Three loads of stone was graded into a couple of soft areas on Green Hill road and two loads of stone was graded into a couple of spots on Shauger road. A few potholes have been fixed and grading pothole areas will begin soon. The small sand truck was used to assist the Fire Dept during a garage fire on Tucker road. The brine permit renewal form was sent in and the permit for 2019 has been received. The 3 point stone rake was damaged last fall to the extent of no repair. A used rake for \$1,500.00 was purchased from Bradco. A new rake is \$4,300.00. Repairs or service has been completed to the following equipment: Two new batteries were installed on the grader and the articulation indicator was repaired. A new toolbox was installed on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A hydraulic line was replaced on the 01 Volvo dump truck. The air protection valve was replaced on the 01 Autocar dump truck. A new battery was installed on the Volvo roller. New rear brakes, rotors, and calipers were installed on the 01 F550. Richard provided the Board a printout of an equipment maintenance spreadsheet. This will be done annually. Richard asked for a part time employee for six months at a wage rate indicated in the Union contract. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for a part time employee to be hired at the union contract rate for six months and for a help wanted ad be put in The Shopper. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Akins, aye. Carried. Richard stated that he was waiting on funding from NYS and the CHIPS money to do the Helms road project and to finish Reed Hill road. Richard responded to some of the residents on Helms road by email and Wendy will send written notice to the remaining residents. Richard mentioned the Solar Farm on Lewis road inquired about a drive pipe but they have not yet requested a completion date. 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; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the Historian position is a single position. Holly Chase and Steven Frederick agreed that the Historian position should be filled with a resident of the town. Holly stated that she thought Michael Volino should be appointed to the position because he lives in Thurston. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Steven Frederick to appoint Michael Volino as the Thurston Town Historian. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a statement from Hometown Propane and there is a 70 dollar credit remaining on the budget program. Holly Chase asked about the security cameras for the Highway shop, the intercom system, and the rusted railings on the front of the Town Hall. She stated that she just didn't want these things to be forgotten. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Steven Frederick 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 she received an email from the NYS Dept of Health about Septic Systems and Well Water so she ordered the pamphlets and they are on the counter in front of the Clerk's office. Steven Frederick stated that the Fire Dept was having an Open House on April 27<sup>th</sup> from noon till 4:00pm. Holly Chase asked about the Thurston Town rummage sale days. No one seems to know anything about the exact date or who is in charge of organizing it. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to close new business. 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 to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:12 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