

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday May 19, 2021 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:  
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Randy Akins, Ray Orr

Visitors: Tom Lozo

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 Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated April 21, 2021. 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 Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A088- A102 totaling \$11,244.06, and the Highway abstract 076-093 totaling \$29,518.09. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: April 2021 monthly deposits were \$1,120.00.

Justice Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Justice collected \$1,486.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00. No break down from NYS as of yet.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Four building permits were issued totaling \$527.00. Ray Orr followed up on a complaint about garbage at a residence on Forty Dollar road.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported that he sent a letter of final notice of overdue dog licenses to the woman on Tucker road that he has repeatedly asked to license her dogs.

Supervisor's Report: The month of April 2021 paperwork has been emailed to the Board and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: April 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 04/22/21-05/19/21. The Highway crew completed a First Aid training course put on by the Steuben County Risk Manager. Weight limit signs were removed from all town roads on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A 30 foot drive pipe was installed on Reed Hill road and another one was installed on South Hill road. A 34foot cross pipe has been replaced on Jack road. A section of ditch line on Lewis road has been cleaned. Three hundred seventeen ton of #1 stone has been purchased from Austin's gravel pit and stockpiled on Fred Rial road for use on the Lewis road project. Several ditches have been cleaned and culverts opened of debris. Spring grading has begun. One hundred forty eight point seventy seven ton of cold patch has been made and the oil and stone roads are being patched. The agreement to spend Highway funds has been filed with Steuben County. Repairs have been made to the following equipment: A turn signal lever has been replaced, the AC has been recharged, and a NYS inspection has been completed on the 06 Sterling dump truck. An air tank, a valve, and the line dryer have been replaced on the 07 Western Star water truck. The AC compressor has been replaced, the AC system has been recharged on the 01 Auto car dump truck and it has been serviced. The 05 Volvo dump truck had the AC recharged and an o ring on the AC line has been replaced. The 01 Volvo dump truck has been inspected. The roller has had a new battery installed. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that transportation is covered by CHIPS money. CHIPS money can be used to install 2100 feet of guiderail on Hanrahan road and possibly improvements can be made in several other areas. Guiderail will be purchased from Chemung Supply which is a participant in the NYS bid program. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino for the guiderails to be purchased and installed on the Hanrahan road. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss, Jr provided 3 quotes for a new pickup Dodge, Chevy, and Ford. The Chevy bids open in July. Paul Peck stated that he approves the purchase of a pickup as long as the funds are available and Holly Chase stated that she would like to wait until July for the Chevy bid before a decision is made. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to wait until July for the Chevy bid. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Voliino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that he received an email from Ryan McCune about the road use agreement. 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 solar decommissioning paperwork has been signed. Wendy Lozo stated that there is a DUNES number associated with the Federal stimulus funds and Thurston already has the number in place. Wendy will update the information required for the stimulus funds. Wendy Lozo stated that the Bond for the purchase of the Peterbilt dump truck is complete. Attorney Shawn Sauro turned in the opinion letter associated with the statutory

installment bond for filing with the bond. Wendy Lozo stated that she purchased a new mailbox for the Town Hall and it needs to be installed. Wendy also purchased water filters, ant traps, and raid bug spray all for use at the Town Hall. 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 Michael Volino offered to pressure wash the Town Hall. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded Paul Peck for Michael to pressure wash the Town Hall. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she had just received new guidelines that the CDC has published on face mask and social distancing requirements. Attorney Shawn Sauro suggested she update the Town Hall signage with the exact language from NYS and the CDC. New York State court systems are following different guidelines than Steuben County court systems. Attorney Shawn Sauro suggested that the Justice post signs in the court room following the language provided by the New York State Gov. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a quote from Countryside propane. The bulk purchase of 1500 gal at 174.9 has gone up \$500.00 but is still less expensive than any other supplier in the area. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to purchase the bulk propane from Countryside at 174.9. 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 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 Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:53 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