

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday November 13, 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, Paul Peck
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.
Town Dog Control Officer:
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro
Town Code Officer:
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Ray Orr, Randy Akins

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft, Colton Peck

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

Public Comment: Marge Taft gave Holly Chase and Dolores Crooker the Annual Election of the Fire District to post on the webpage and public bulletin board.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated October 9, 2019, and October 16, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A182- A196 totaling \$10,926.93 and the Highway abstract 168-182 totaling \$23,147.04. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: October 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$997.00. Dolores Crooker stated that there would be no Clerk's office hours November 20, 21, and 28 2019.

Justice Report: October 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$200.00. \$170.00 went to NYS and \$30.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Discussion as to the dual Town positions will be addressed in the Old Business section of the meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr issued 3 building permits totaling \$250.00. Ray Orr reported visiting two residences in the town for poor living conditions. Follow up visits were scheduled.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Nothing

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: October 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 10/16/19-11/12/19. Town roads were checked 7 times, plowed and sanded twice. The Fire Dept and Town Hall parking lots were plowed and sanded once. The plow riggings have been put back on all the trucks. A couple days were spent mixing sand with salt. Fall grading is complete. Eight hundred eighteen point forty ton of item 4 crushed gravel was graded into a large section of oil and stone on the Tucker road. The oil and stone will be replaced in the spring. A couple days were spent removing down trees and fixing water washes. The excavator was used to open a section of ditch line and to remove a couch on the McIntosh road. Patching potholes and sign work is a work in progress. The Tenco dump box has been ordered. The reimbursement for C.H.I.P.S., Pave NY, and Extreme Winter Recovery projects have been submitted. Reimbursement of \$131,817.54 should arrive around the 16th of December. The following repairs to equipment have been performed: New recapped tires were mounted on the 06 Sterling dump truck, the dump box was reinforced, and a new chain was installed. A windshield wiper arm linkage was replaced and new rear brakes were put on the 2015 F350. A hydraulic hose was replaced and new rear spring u-bolts were replaced on the 01 Autocar. A hydraulic line was replaced on the 05 F550. A brief discussion took place about the plow truck turn - around on Tucker road. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Attorney, Shawn Sauro to send a letter to the land owner on Tucker road when the documentation about the turn - around is located in town records. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy lozo stated that the generator maintenance is scheduled to be done between Nov 14 and Dec 4, 2019. The Library book box will be dropped off 11/19/19 placement is to be determined. The tax cap paperwork is complete and has been submitted. The Historian / Board Member discussion took place with the determination that the Historian salary of \$300.00 is to be transferred to the Historian contractual. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for the Historian salary to be transferred to the Historian contractual. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo asked for permission to purchase new carpet for the front entrance door, the basement entrance door, and a baby changing table for the basement bathroom. Motion

was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to purchase the carpet and the baby changing table. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy mentioned that she needed to update her office computer to windows 10. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept the 2020 preliminary budget to the final 2020 budget with the change being made of the Historian salary of \$300.00 to the Historian contractual. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:52 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk