

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday November 18, 2020 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: Ray Orr, Randy Akins, Dolores Crooker

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 Holly Chase to accept and approve the Special Meeting minutes from October 5, 2020, October 12, 2020, and the Board Meeting minutes dated October 21, 2020. 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 Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A186- A197 totaling \$11,087.86 and the Highway abstract 171-184 totaling \$29,971.19. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: October 2020 monthly. Total deposits were \$733.00.

Justice Report: October 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$630.00 in September and NYS received \$535.00 and the Town of Thurston received \$95.00 of which was reported in October. There was no money received in October.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: Nothing

Supervisor's Report: Wendy Lozo emailed October bookwork to the Board and a hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: October 2020 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 10/22/20-11/18/2020. Several days were spent removing limbs and downed trees from the roads due to high winds. A day was spent removing dead Ash trees along Forty Dollar road. Seven hundred feet of guiderail was installed along a section of Bonny Hill road by Chemung Supply. Thurston highway crew did the shoulder work and installed the deadman attachments. This work was covered by the CHIPS program. The CHIPS reimbursement forms for Helms road and Bonny Hill road have been submitted. Helms road amount was \$46,794.92 and Bonny Hill road amount was \$11,492.83. The total amount of the reimbursement is \$58,287.75 and should be received by the Town by December 21, 2020. Pot holes in the gravel roads have been graded and the holes in the oil and stone roads have been patched. The headwall on the lower end of a cross pipe on the Nelson road has been repaired. Twenty seven loads of ditch dirt have been removed from a section of ditch on the Sanford road. The turn-around on the lower section of Green Hill road has been reshaped with a load of gravel graded into it. The property owner was ok with the improvement and has no problem with the Town using the turn-around. Five days were spent mixing sand with salt. The shop has been winterized. Overhead door seals were replaced on some of the doors and the concrete was patched under them. The furnace fuel filters were replaced. Roads have been sanded twice and the Town Hall sidewalks were cleared once. One day was spent installing and repairing road signs. A gravel bar at the bottom of Green Hill road creek has been removed to insure proper water flow. George and Swede fixed the oil leak on the Hyundai loader with no charge. They found a bad gasket that was installed at the factory. The 01 Autocar and the 05 Volvo dump trucks had new recap tires mounted. Repairs were made to the following equipment. The 01 F550 dump truck had new ball joints, axle seal, and u-joint replaced. The 01 Autocar dump truck had 2 hydraulic hoses replaced. The 05 Volvo dump truck had remote grease lines installed and a hydraulic hose replaced. The 06 Sterling dump truck had remote grease lines installed. A new starter was installed on the 07 Western Star. A discussion on easements for existing turn-arounds took place. It's hard to get easements for existing turn-arounds but all new turn-arounds do have easements. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck 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 she didn't receive the Safety Data Sheets that she requested from the vendors for sanitizing the Town Hall, therefore the Town Hall was not sanitized professionally. A discussion took place on UV lighting in the furnace system to meet sanitizing needs. Paul Peck asked how many bulbs were needed, the life of the bulbs, and if it could be put on a timer. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to get quotes for the UV system by December Board meeting. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Paul Peck updated the Board on the parking lot lighting. To change lights to LED with 120volt system and timer or new heads for light fixtures would cost about the same. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to change to the LED 120volt system with timer and have Paul Peck do the installation as he volunteered his services. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck,

aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the NEXAMP letter has been sent as requested. The Assessor position advertisement was in the paper and posted on the webpage with no interest. 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: Michael Volino stated that some of the flag holders for the Veterans in the cemeteries are broke and would like to replace them. They are \$25.00 each and he would like to purchase 6 of them. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael Volino to purchase 6 flag holders. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, abstain; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to transfer \$150.00 from the Historian equipment fund A7510.2 to the Historian contractual fund A7510.4 to cover the cost. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, abstain; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. A discussion took place on the road use agreement that the Town of Thurston put in place in 2012 for developers using Town roads. This agreement is to insure no damage to Town roads by developers. An agreement needs to be utilized with the developers of the upcoming solar farm installation on Lewis road. All Board members and Town Attorney will receive a copy. A discussion took place on the Traffic Diversion Program that Steuben County has implemented as an inter-municipal cooperation agreement. Motion/Resolution was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino for the Town of Thurston to enter into the agreement and for Wendy Lozo to sign all necessary papers. Put to vote. Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase; aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a letter from the NYS Comptroller's office asking for the 2020 Budget and resolution along with the 2021 Budget and resolution. The purpose for this is to make sure that Tax cap compliance is being met. Wendy Lozo stated that she sent the 2020 info and will send the 2021 info after the 2021 Budget is adopted. The 2021 Budget was discussed and no changes were made. Motion/Resolution was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Budget as the final 2021 Town of Thurston Budget. 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 Holly Chase 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 Michael Volino to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:50 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried

Minutes taken by Wendy Lozo, Town Supervisor  
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk