

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday October 16, 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:
Town Historian: Michael Volino

Absent: Ray Orr, Paul Peck

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Marge Taft

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 Wendy Lozo the final 2020 Fire District budget.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated September 4, 2019, September 18, 2019, and October 2, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A166- A181 totaling \$16,162.26 and the Highway abstract 152-167 totaling \$86,601.07. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: September 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$1,006.00. Dolores Crooker stated that the NYS general elections would be on Tuesday November 5, 2019 from 6am to 9pm. Crooker asked if the Board would waive the Town Hall rental fees for Thurston Town Officials. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester to waive the rental fee for Town Officials except if and when damages occur. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: September 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$440.00. \$360.00 went to NYS and \$80.00 went to the Town.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Michael Volino reported that he contacted Dave and Sons Tree Service and presented their Insurance binder to the Board. After a brief discussion Steven Frederick made a motion seconded by Noel Sylvester to wait until the land survey has been completed before any trees are removed from the Thurston cemetery. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Volino stated that he contacted the election board about his position as Historian and running for a Town Council position. One is an appointed position and the other is elected. Wendy Lozo contacted the NYS Comptroller's office and is waiting for a return call from the state attorney for an answer about dual positions. Volino asked about cemetery maintenance and lawn mowing. Shawn Sauro, Town Attorney explained that it could be a conflict of interest if Volino holds multiple positions at the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr issued 1 building permit totaling \$125.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: September 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 3 dogs running at large. Akins stated that 44 animals were vaccinated at the fall Rabies Clinic and \$137.00 was collected in donations.

Supervisor's Report: September 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk. Wendy Lozo stated that she attended the Office of the State Comptroller's seminar on October 10, 2019.

Highway Superintendent's Report: September 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 09/18/19-10/16/19. The Reed Hill road and Dee road projects have been completed. Two courses of oil and stone were put down and the loose stone was swept away. Seven days was spent removing 90 loads of ditch cleanings on South Hill road and a 30 foot drive pipe was installed. A section of ditch was cleaned on Brink road. Two days were spent patching pot holes. Eight days were spent hauling 3,640.57 ton of road sand from Austin Construction. A section of oil and stone on Forty Dollar road was graded. The Highway crew has completed the sexual harassment training and the training certificates have been turned in to the Town Supervisor. Repairs or service has been performed on the following equipment. A filter and a hydraulic hose was replaced on the grader. The front brake pads were replaced and a new electrical junction box was installed on the 2015 F350 pickup. A front air chamber was replaced, a hub seal and bearing was replaced, and all new brake shoes were installed on the 05 Volvo dump truck and it was serviced. A crank sensor was replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck. A new front brake slack adjuster was installed and a driveshaft u-joint was replaced on the 01 Auto Car dump truck and it was serviced. A window latch was replaced on the loader which is under warranty. The temporary hired man's last day of work was October 12, 2019. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Richard Gauss, Jr. to order the side dump box from Tenco Industries and for Wendy Lozo to sign the purchase agreement. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase 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 security cameras at the Highway Dept. will be installed by Richard Gauss, Jr. and Holly Chase. There were no bids for the lawn care of the cemeteries.

The sexual harassment training with the town employees has been completed and on file along with the policy. Wendy will schedule the maintenance of the generator. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester 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 needed to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Building Repair Reserve Budget Line Item to the Buildings Contractual Budget Line Item. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Lozo to transfer \$3,000.00 from the Building Repair Reserve Budget Line Item to the Buildings Contractual Budget Line Item. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. The preliminary budget is complete and on file in the Clerk's office except for the two exemption forms that will be attached to the back of the budget. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Steven Frederick to adjourn November 7, 2019 budget date and for the public hearing for the 2020 budget to be set at 6:45 pm November 13, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to move the regular town board meeting date from November 20, 2019 to 7:00 pm November 13, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo asked for permission to purchase a new exterior mailbox because the old one leaks and a new interior mailbox for the Historian. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase for Wendy to purchase the mailboxes. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. 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 8:20 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