

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday October 19, 2022 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council Members: Holly Chase, Paul Peck  
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.  
Town Dog Control Officer:  
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro  
Town Code Officer:  
Town Historian:  
Town Assessor:  
Absent: Ray Orr, Noel Sylvester, Michael Volino, Dolores Crooker

Visitors: Ron Chilson, Sue Chilson

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

Public Comment: Ron and Sue Chilson introduced themselves, shared their blueprints with the Board, and have purchased a building permit from Ray Orr. The Chilsons are building a 6500 square foot house on County Route 12. They do therapeutic foster care and have 11 children at this time. The Chilsons invited the Board members to stop in at the facility anytime.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated September 21, 2022. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, 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 A170- A179 totaling \$10,293.49 and the Highway abstract 165-183 totaling \$289,389.44. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: Nothing

Justice Report: September 2022 monthly deposits were 2,572.00. NYS received \$1,957.00 and the Town received \$615.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Michael Volino spoke with Caward Tree Service and reminded him that the trees in the Aldrich cemetery needed to be removed by the end of October 2022 or the Thurston Town Board would rebid the project. Any bid from Caward Tree Service would not be considered.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: There were three building permits totaling \$275.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins collected \$126.00 in dog license fees, reported one complaint about aggressive dogs, and one missing dog. Randy purchased one large animal crate from Uncle Mike's pet shop. Deputy DCO Mary Akins has been contacting residents on the overdue dog license list and reminding them of the upcoming rabies clinic.

Supervisor's Report: September 2022 report has been emailed to the Board members and the hard copy is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: September 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 09/21/22-10/19/22. The Fall grading has been completed. The grader needs to be sent to Five Star Equipment for brake repairs. There are no brakes on the grader at this time. An estimate to replace the brakes is \$20,775.74. A request will be sent to Steuben County to deliver the grader to Five Star Equipment. Several days were spent cutting trees on Starr, McIntosh, and Hamilton roads. Roads have been patched with cold mix and stone dust. Shoulder work has been done on Dee and Griffin roads. The 01 Volvo dump truck has been listed on Auctions International and the closing bid was \$11,800.00 which needs approval by the Board. The 2015 F350 has been picked up, the plates have been turned in, and the insurance has been removed. Old pipes at a turnaround on Starr road have been removed and 4 loads of creek gravel have been used to replace them. Five days were spent working at the Campbell Savona bridge project. Steuben County blacktopped the approaches and the bridge surface. The Town of Thurston flagged while the blacktop was put in place and the shoulders were put on. Guiderails were put in place by Steuben County and the anchors will be set by the Town of Thurston. The new dump truck has been picked up from Utica General Truck Co, it's been insured since September 4, 2022 which was the initial delivery date. The salesman came to the shop on the 18<sup>th</sup> to go over the truck and Wendy Lozo paid for the truck at that time. The FCC license has been renewed. The plow riggings have been placed on the plow trucks. Repairs have been made to the following equipment. The engine brake has been repaired on the 05 Volvo dump truck and the tires were sent out to be capped. The 06 Sterling dump truck has been serviced. Richard Gauss Jr gave Wendy Lozo a check for \$15,600.00 from the sale of the F350 pickup truck. The closing bid on the 2001 Volvo was \$11,800.00. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept the bid. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. All CHIP work needs to be completed by 11/02/22 and all paperwork needs to be turned in to NYS by 11/22/22 for reimbursement in this time period. The only outstanding bill at this time is the bill from Steuben County for some guiderails. Approval is needed to pay for the guiderails when the bill comes in. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to pay for the guiderails as long as the cost stays within CHIPS requirements and meets the deadline. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss Jr requested that the Winter snow removal message be put in the paper. Richard Gauss Jr asked that the \$11,800.00 and the \$15,600.00 from the sale of the Volvo dump truck and the F350 pickup truck be earmarked for a replacement vehicle for the F550 labeled as T412. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase for \$27,400.00 be earmarked for a replacement for the F550 pickup truck. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept and approve the

Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo gave an update on the ARPA kitchenette project. Wendy Lozo tabled the discussion until the November meeting. Brett Dickson called Wendy Lozo to let her know that Casella Organics Division purchased Dickson Environmental not the Garbage Division. Wendy Lozo will set a date with a Casella representative to be present at a Board Meeting for a question and answer session. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to close Old Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept the 2023 Tentative Budget as the 2023 Preliminary Budget. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo received a letter about credit card use to pay Town and County taxes. The Board decided not to allow credit card use. Wendy Lozo received a letter from PERMA asking the Town of Thurston to recommend a veto to the Governor's bill S768/A1118 because of the workers comp wording and definitions. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy to send a letter of recommendation regarding this issue. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the SAM number has been completed and active. It will need to be renewed in 2 years. November monthly meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> right after the 6:45 p.m. 2023 Budget public hearing. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:42 p.m. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Meeting Minutes taken by Wendy Lozo

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk