

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council Members: Michael Volino, Noel Sylvester, 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: Steve Smith, Bob Adams, Marge Taft, Reginald Rice, Daphne Reed, Ken LaBreck, Darlene LaBreck

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

Public Comment: Steve Smith spoke on behalf of a group of Thurston residents from the Knowles road. Smith asked if there is certain criteria for oil and stone roads and if there was a plan in place for the Knowles road and South Hill road to be repaired. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that he plans to repair Knowles and South Hill roads in the near future depending on funds from NYS and mother nature. Bob Adams complimented Richard Gauss, Jr. on the quality work and amount of work that is accomplished by the Thurston Highway crew. Reginald Rice asked about the banking on Yost road. Richard Gauss, Jr. explained that Yost road is heavily traveled by heavy trucks and with all of the rain this summer the roads are showing signs of disrepair. Gauss stated that the fall grading is taking place now and all roads in need of grading will be graded.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated September 15, 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 Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A168- A180 totaling \$12,094.77 and the Highway abstract 153-165 totaling \$65,864.84. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: September 2021 monthly deposits were \$665.00.

Justice Report: September 2021 monthly deposits were \$0.00 No report on NYS and local distribution of funds.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr turned in 4 building permits totaling \$625.00. Ray Orr reported a septic system failure at a residence on Eddy Rd and condemned the location until a new septic system is installed.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 74 cats and dogs were vaccinated at the 9/30/21 rabies clinic. A total of \$149.00 in donations was collected. Dog license fees of \$15.00 was collected. Two body cameras were purchased.

Supervisor's Report: September 2021 paperwork has been emailed to the Board and a hard copy has been filed in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: September 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 09/16/21-10/20/21. The South Hill road and Forty Dollar road oil and stone projects have been completed. Seven days were spent trucking 163 loads of gravel to the shop from the creek at the bottom of Green Hill road. Dan Gee completed the tree removal and stump grinding and ground an extra stump for \$50.00 more. The upper headwall on a large cross pipe on Starr road has been rebuilt with concrete blocks. This is part of the CHIPS project on this road. Seven days were spent trucking 3,574.94 ton of road sand to the shop from Austin Construction. One hundred ton of road salt has been delivered by American Rock Salt. Pot holes in several oil and stone roads have been patched. The Fall grading has begun. Several culverts and ditches were cleaned after heavy rains. The plow trucks have been serviced and the plow equipment has been mounted. The 06 Sterling dump truck had a new clutch brake installed. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that the Steuben County DA isn't going to prosecute the teenagers for vandalizing the cemetery and the Highway equipment because of their age. 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: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the Marijuana law and the Solar law Public hearing dates should be set to coincide with the 2022 Budget Public hearing and Board meeting dates. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to set the Solar law public hearing at 6:30 p.m. the Cannabis law public hearing at 6:40 p.m. and the 2022 Budget public hearing at 6:50 p.m. and change Board Meeting date to November 10, 2021 from November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. 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 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 the 2022 Tentative Budget needs to be voted on to become the 2022 Preliminary Budget. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the 2022 Tentative Budget as the 2022 Preliminary Budget. 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 showing the Town of Thurston Fiscal Stress Score which showed no designation. Wendy Lozo stated that the Town Hall basement cannot be used the day before and the early morning hours on Tuesday the day of elections. Wendy Lozo stated that she has new ARPA Fund procedures and spending information. Shawn Sauro Town Attorney questioned the Board on verbiage for the Solar law document. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino for Shawn Sauro to use the first option on all options in the Solar law document. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael, Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino 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 Paul Peck to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:34 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