

Town of Thurston Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 6:30, 6:40, 6:50, & 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: Marge Taft

Public Hearing Solar Law 6:30 P.M. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close the Solar Law Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Public Hearing Cannabis Law Article 4 6:40 P.M. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close the Cannabis Law Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Public Hearing 2022 Town Budget 6:50 P.M. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino to close the 2022 Town Budget Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

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 presented Wendy Lozo and Dolores Crooker each with a certified copy of the Thurston Fire District 2022 Budget.

Minutes: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated October 20, 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 A181- A196 totaling \$11,802.39 and the Highway abstract 166-176 totaling \$45,023.11. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: October 2021 monthly deposits were \$1,338.00.

Justice Report: October 2021 monthly deposits were \$418.00. NYS received \$358.00 and the Town received \$60.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr verbally assured her that the home owner at the Eddy road location disconnected the electric at that location. Ray Orr only condemned the residence until a new septic system is installed.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 1 complaint about a dog howling, 3 dogs running at large, and 1 dog taken to the shelter in Rathbone.

Supervisor's Report: October 2021 paperwork is not completed at this time, it will be emailed to the Board and a hard copy will be filed in the Clerk's office when completed.

Highway Superintendent's Report: October 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 10/21/21-11/10/21. Six days were spent completing the Fall grading. A headwall on a drive pipe on Helms road has been rebuilt and the ditches were cleared of debris. Water run off has been diverted at several driveways on Knowles road to keep the runoff water from running into the roadway. Several loads of gravel have been graded into roads that were washed out by the heavy rains on October 29th and 30th. Trees were removed from a large culvert on Hamilton road. A section of block wall had to be reset along Tucker road. A load of stone dust for patching potholes has been purchased from Steuben Crushed Stone. Three days have been spent patching potholes. Several days have been spent mixing salt with sand. The NYSDOT reimbursement forms have been sent in. Extreme Winter Recovery amount is \$43,384.78, Pave NY amount is \$47,542.85, and CHIPS amount is \$35,232.42 with a total reimbursement of \$126,160.05 to be received around December 15, 2021. The 1997 F450 bucket truck had the master cylinder, 2 calipers, and brake lines replaced. The 06 Sterling dump truck had dust shields replaced. The 01 Volvo dump truck and the excavator both had a hydraulic line replaced. The loader has been serviced. 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she received a tree removal quote from Dan Gee to remove 8 trees at the Foster cemetery for \$13,000.00. Wendy stated that more quotes were needed for the Board to consider and that the Town doesn't have \$13,000.00 for tree removal. Holly Chase suggested that tree removal be done over a period of time and not all in one year. Michael Volino and Richard Gauss, Jr will get more quotes to present to the Board. 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: Wendy Lozo stated that a motion needed to be made on the Solar Law, Cannabis Law, and the 2022 Budget. Motion was made by Michael Volino seconded by Paul Peck to approve the Solar Law #1 of 2021. 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 Paul Peck to approve the Cannabis Law #2 of 2021 contingent on no petitions of opposition being filed within 30 days. 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 approve the 2022 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 Noel Sylvester 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 Holly Chase to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:30 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