

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday September 15, 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
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

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 Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Board Meeting minutes dated August 18, 2021. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A151- A167 totaling \$13,886.19 and the Highway abstract 137-152 totaling \$43,625.25. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: August 2021 monthly deposits were \$1,153.00.

Justice Report: August 2021 monthly deposits were \$243.00. No report on NYS and local distribution of funds.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing.

Historian Report: Michael Volino stated that he received and replaced 3 veterans flag holders that were broken. Haughey Memorial reset the Spencer monument and the new veteran headstone for William Beaton. Michael asked for permission to purchase a replacement marker for Amos B. Chapman. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Michael to purchase the marker. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, abstain. Carried

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr turned in 2 building permits totaling \$206.00.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported six complaints about dogs running at large, two dogs transported to animal shelters, and two missing dogs. Randy collected \$7.00 in dog license fees. Randy stated that the drive through rabies clinic will be held Thursday September 30, 2021 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the highway shop in Risingville. A brief discussion took place about the purchase of body cams for the DCO and Highway departments. With direction from Shawn Sauro Town Attorney motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino for Mary Akins and Wendy Lozo to purchase 2 body cams from Amazon for \$139.99 apiece with the Town credit card. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried.

Supervisor's Report: August 2021 paperwork has been emailed to the Board and a hard copy has been filed in the Clerk's office. Wendy Lozo stated that Williamson Law Book Co has a program to help setup accounts for the ARPA funds, this should show up in next months report.

Highway Superintendent's Report: August 2021 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 08/18/21-09/15/21. All of the gravel has been put in place on the Forty Dollar road project, a 30foot drive pipe has been put in place, and 200 feet of ditch has been cleaned. The oil and stone will be completed on this project on Thursday September 16, 2021 weather permitting. The highway crew were called out on the 18th of August at 8:30 p.m. to remove debris from culverts that were obstructing the flow of water. Numerous repairs were made to roads due to heavy rain. The headwall on the large pipe that was replaced on the Campbell Savona road had to be reset, the retaining wall along the Tucker road had to be reset also. A missing stop sign on the Brink road has been replaced. Two loads of cold patch were purchased from Suit Kote and the oil and stone roads have been patched. Two school bus stop ahead signs were installed on Waters road. Gravel from the Green Hill road creek is being stock piled at the highway shop which will be used on the Starr road project. Spring work has been completed to the 01 F550. An air tank bracket has been fabricated on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A u-joint has been replaced on the 06 Sterling dump truck. The rear brakes were replaced on the 2015 F350 pickup truck. Richard Gauss, Jr stated that the permit to remove gravel from the creek at the bottom of Green Hill road will expire and needs to be renewed. The 2022 Chevy pickup truck has been ordered. Richard stated that the tree removal at the Risingville cemetery went well. 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; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the SAMS number expense is an administrative cost and the checks purchased for the ARPA Fund account should be paid for out of the ARPA fund. Wendy Lozo asked the Board members and Shawn Sauro their opinions on the Marijuana Act. Shawn Sauro suggested the Town opt out now with the option to participate at a later date. Wendy Lozo stated that a decision has to be made by December 31, 2021. Wendy Lozo asked Shawn Sauro if the road use agreement with NEXAMP could be a part of the Solar Law. Shawn Sauro stated that it could be referenced easily. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by

Michael Volino to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase. Carried.

New Business: Richard Gauss, Jr stated that he has an estimate from Crazy Abe's Saw Works to remove three medium cedar trees and grinding 4 stumps in the Risingville cemetery for \$1,500.00. Motion was made by Wendy Lozo seconded by Holly Chase for Richard to hire Crazy Abe's Saw Works to remove three cedar trees and grind 4 stumps in the Risingville cemetery for \$1,500.00. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a renewal form from Steuben County for the assessment data collection for the Town of Thurston. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy to sign and return the form to Steuben County. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a letter from Steuben County for credit card payment options for tax collecting purposes. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Michael Volino to decline the use of credit card payments for tax collecting purposes. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that participating bargaining members of NYS Teamsters Union will receive extra funds in their HRA accounts from the NYS Teamsters Union. Wendy Lozo stated that the budget meeting dates need to be established. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Noel Sylvester to set October 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. date and time to hand out the tentative budget, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for a budget workshop, and October 18, 2021 if needed. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Holly Chase, aye; Michael Volino, aye. Carried. Richard Gauss Jr stated that the permits for the fiber optics installation for the cell tower on Knowles road have been received. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Holly Chase to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Michael Volino to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:08 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk