

Town of Thurston Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday September 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Paul Peck, 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
Town Assessor: Gordon Foster

Absent: Ray Orr

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Colton Peck, 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: Nothing

Minutes: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the meeting minutes dated August 21, 2019. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A144- A165 totaling \$15,076.25 and the Highway abstract 134-151 totaling \$45,849.72. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: August 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits were \$1,172.00. Attorney Shawn Sauro examined the document from James Kelly to cease and desist issuance of marriage licenses. Attorney Sauro advised to disregard the letter.

Justice Report: August 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Justice Sweeney collected \$0.00. \$0.00 went to NYS and \$10.00 went to the Town. Justice Sweeney completed the required Judicial education and training for the 2019 calendar year.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Gordon Foster Chief Assessor updated the Board on the outcome of the lost enhanced star forms that were misplaced by NYS.

Historian Report: Michael Volino reported that he attached the plaque in honor of Shirley Edsall to the Historians' door. The removal of the remaining trees at the Thurston cemetery has been tabled until spring.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Ray Orr issued 3 building permits totaling \$210.00. The Connor Walsh complaint triggered Ray Orr to contact the owners Ronald and Susan Chilson of County Route 12. Ray reported that from his conversation with the Chilson's he learned that a single family residence will be built for a family with 12 children. Attorney Shawn Sauro explained that the town has no Jurisdiction to intervene between neighbors in the Town.

Dog Control Officer's Report: August 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins reported 1 missing dog, 1 complaint about a dog constantly barking, 3 dogs running at large, collected \$21.00 in dog license fees, and issued 8 tickets for overdue dog licenses. Randy Akins stated that the fall Rabies Clinic will be October 10, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm at the Thurston Hgwy Dept in Risingville.

Supervisor's Report: August 2019 monthly report was emailed to each of the Board members and a hard copy was presented to the Clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report: August 2019 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 08/20/19-09/17/19. Four hundred fifty feet of fabric was installed and 1,787.05 ton of item 4 was used on the Dee road project and it is ready to be oil and stoned on the 18th. The Town Hall parking lot was oil and stoned on the 16th. The large maple tree in the corner of the Thurston Cemetery has been taken down and cleaned up. A new 30 foot drive pipe was installed and a 20 foot drive pipe was replaced on Yost road. Eighteen loads of ditch dirt was removed from the ditch line on Yost road. A new 20 foot drive pipe was installed on McIntosh road. Shoulder work was completed on Wood Hill road. Trees have been removed from Eddy, Forty Dollar, South Hill, Hamilton, and Green Hill roads. A stop sign was replaced on the Jack and Smith road intersection. One hundred thirty three point sixty two ton of #1 stone was purchased from Austin Construction. A right of way permit was signed for Armstrong telephone for them to install fiber optic cable on Starr, McIntosh, and Hanrahan roads. Twenty two loads of ditch dirt was removed from the ditch line on South Hill road. A section of Rising road was graded. Repairs or service was made to the following equipment: The 06 Sterling dump truck had 3 air chambers replaced, air tank and straps replaced, power steering line replaced, exhaust work done, box welded, and NYS inspection completed. The clutch fan valve was replaced on the 05 Volvo dump truck. A brake hose was replaced on the 01 Auto Car. A rear tire was replaced on the 07 Western Star. A new beacon light was installed on the JD grader. Two sensors were replaced on the Volvo excavator. Motion was made by Steven Frederick 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy lozo stated that the security camera system for the Highway Dept has been purchased. Holly Chase will install the electronic device. The camera system was \$1,179.94. Wendy Lozo stated that she needed to transfer \$179.94 into the Buildings repair fund. A motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy to transfer \$179.94 from the Buildings contractual fund 1620.4 to the Buildings repair fund 1620.2. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. The next Steuben County shared service meeting will be held September 26, 2019.

Wendy lozo stated that there were no bids on the cemetery lawn maintenance position. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to rerun the legal ad for the lawn maintenance position. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. 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; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she received a notice of review from the Steuben County Agricultural District as part of the revisions to NYS Ag & Markets law 303. Wendy Lozo stated that 3 children from the Town of Thurston participated in Campbell's Summer Recreation program. Wendy Lozo explained the option of using Steuben County's credit card payment program for tax payers to pay their taxes. After a brief discussion Steven Frederick made a motion seconded by Holly Chase to opt out of the credit card payment program. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she had found a model of a Sexual Harassment policy that is accepted by NYS. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy to enter the Town of Thurston's information to the document and create a policy. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck to schedule a special meeting to be held October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm for Wendy to hand out the budget information to the Board members and to schedule a budget meeting for October 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that she received a letter from Steuben County asking if the Town would be interested in getting help from the county assessor for the Town Assessor's Dept. Steven Frederick asked how much it was going to cost. Wendy Lozo will check on the cost and report back at the October Board meeting. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick to close new business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:04 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk