

Town of Thurston Board Meeting Minutes  
Held: Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Michael Volino  
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Daniel Gee, Jennifer Hargrave  
Town Highway Superintendent:  
Town Dog Control Officer:  
Town Attorney:  
Town Code Officer: Nick Nolton  
Town Historian: Noel Sylvester  
Town Assessor: Diana Dixon  
Town Justice:

Absent: Randy Akins, Darlene Smith, Rachel Treichler, Holly Chase, Saige McGarvey

Visitors: Ruth Schoonover, Lamora Hoad, Cal Hoad, Marge Taft, Jeff Sweeney, Eva Turner, Sam Dick, Sue Conklin

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

Public Comment: Nothing. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee to close public comment. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried

Minutes: Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to accept and approve the November 13, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes and all of the November 13, 2024 Public Hearing minutes. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave for Michael Volino to pay all claims listed in the General abstract dated December 18, 2024 totaling \$21,251.17, the Highway abstract totaling \$6,053.64, and the T&A totaling \$158.00. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: November 2024 monthly deposits were \$644.90. Dolores Crooker stated that the Local Law #3 of 2024 was filed with NYS on November 23, 2024.

Justice Report: November 2024 Darlene Smith collected \$940.00.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Diana Dixon stated that the senior citizen exemptions have been sent out. Diana Dixon stated that she used the postage machine.

Historian Report: Nothing. Noel Sylvester wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nick Nolton reported 1 new building permit and 2 violations.

Dog Control Officer's Report: Supervisor Volino stated that Randy Akins had no complaints. Akins has been issuing tickets for unlicensed dogs to start appearing in court in January 2025.

Highway Superintendent's Report: There has been maintenance performed on the snow plows and dump trucks. New flooring has been installed in the Highway shop office and breakroom. A concrete slab has been installed for the fuel tanks to sit on. Roads have been plowed and sanded multiple times.

Supervisor's Report: Michael Volino stated that he appreciated Saige McGarvey and all of her help in 2024. Volino stated that McGarvey did a very good job filling the Highway Superintendent's position. Supervisor Volino stated that the NYSERDA grant was submitted on November 15, 2024 and there is no more funding available until January 2025. The Town of Thurston was designated as a Pro Housing Community on November 18, 2024. The tax cap form was submitted on November 23, 2024 which was under the 2% tax cap by \$18,706.00. The end of month closing for November 2024 was completed and sent to the Town Board on December 4, 2024. Volino attended the County AIP subcommittee hearing related to the land spreading of sewage sludge on December 4, 2024. The Town of Thurston received the remaining mortgage tax payment from Steuben County in the amount of \$5,392.38 on December 12, 2024. The total for 2024 was \$13,801.23. The Town received the remaining CHIPS reimbursement from NYS in the amount of \$98,258.64 on December 16, 2024. The total for the year was \$294,285.25. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Supervisor's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Peterbilt Dump Truck: Supervisor Volino read the Standardization Resolution aloud. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Daniel Gee to accept and approve the resolution. Put to vote: Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

Fuel Tanks: Two estimates were considered for the purchase of two self contained fuel tanks for the Highway Dept. Clark Welding Service estimate was \$22,735.27 and The Pump Doctor was \$81,715.45. Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Noel Sylvester to purchase the tanks from Clark Welding Service. Put to vote: Daniel Gee, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye. Carried.

Highway Shop Garage Doors: Supervisor Volino stated that an estimate by Lewis Garage Doors came in at \$13,900.00 to replace 2 overhead garage doors and to install motion sensors on all 5 doors. Invoicing will be in 2025. The Board would like more estimates. Nick Nolton will get more estimates.

Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Daniel Gee to close Unfinished Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

New Business:

Town Clerk Software: Supervisor Volino stated that the software for the Town Clerk from Williamson Law is \$5,450.00 which includes training. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Daniel Gee to purchase the software for the Town Clerk. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

NYS Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training: Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Noel Sylvester to approve Michael Volino to attend the NYSA Meeting and Training. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

Budget Modifications: Supervisor Volino stated that he needed to transfer \$214.92 from the Contingency Fund A1990.4 to Legal Advertising A1989.4 also transfer \$1,297.60 from the Contingency Fund A1990.4 to the Health Insurance Fund A9060.8, and transfer \$54.05 from the Contingency Fund A1990.4 to the Highway Superintendent Contractual A5010.4. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Jennifer Hargrave to approve all of the transfers. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

Organizational Meeting/Special Meeting: The Organizational /Special Meeting has been set for January 2, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Local Law #1 of 2025 Solar Energy Facilities and Introduction of Local Law #2 of 2025 Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facility Prohibition. Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Noel Sylvester to set 6:00 P.M. on the date of January 2, 2025 for the Organizational Meeting/ Special Meeting. Put to vote: Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Noel Sylvester, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Daniel Gee seconded by Noel Sylvester to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

Announcement: Supervisor Volino presented Dolores Crooker with an appreciation plaque for 13 years of service, stated that Crooker was going to be the Deputy Clerk for 2 years, and wished her well in her retirement.

Motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:42 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Jennifer Hargrave, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Daniel Gee, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk