

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting  
Held: Wednesday: January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council: Steven Frederick, Judith Whitbred, Gary Lewis  
Town Attorney: Jennifer Prossick  
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.  
Absent: Town Council member: Sam Gauss

Visitors: Marge Taft, Myral Gauss, Dan Gauss, Tom Lozo

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The board opened with the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Nothing

Minutes: Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated Dec. 17, 2014 and the Organizational meeting minutes dated Jan. 8, 2015. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Judith Whitbred questioned a bill for a water cooler, turns out that it's one that is not being used so Wendy Lozo will return it. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the yearend General abstract A244- A247 totaling \$2,423.35 and all claims listed in the yearend Highway abstract #198-#203 totaling \$75,840.40 dated Jan. 21, 2015. Also, the General abstract A001-A032 totaling \$34,453.33 and the Highway abstract totaling \$85,760.91. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: December 2014 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$348.00. Judith Whitbred and Steven Frederick will do the Clerk's annual internal audit Jan. 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Justice Report: December 2014 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$283.00. The Town received \$180.00 and the State received \$103.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Collector had collected \$210,000.00 so far in tax money to date.

Assessor/Historian/ Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: December 2014 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$236.00 in dog license money and \$40.00 in redemption fees. Randy reported one complaint about a stray dog, one missing dog, and one dog running at large.

Supervisor's Report: December 2014 monthly report was presented to the Board. Such report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: December 2014 monthly report was presented to the Board. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that he found a used roller with interchangeable parts with the roller the Town now has. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Steven Frederick for Richard to purchase a used roller for up to \$14,000.00 Put to vote: Judith Whitbred, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried. Items of interest and work performed 12-18-14 – 1-21-15 is as follows: Roads have been plowed or sanded a total of 14 times. The Fire Dept. and Town Hall parking lots have been plowed five times and salted twice. Road conditions have been checked 17 times. One hundred ton of salt has been delivered from Cargill and mixed with sand from the stock pile. Heavier cables have been installed on two of the overhead shop doors and a section of one door has been replaced. Two different days were spent cleaning up fallen trees and branches due to high winds. Jordan Harrison was hired full time on January 1, 2015. The main water line going into the shop has been repaired. The Grader was used to remove a slab of ice on Forty Dollar road. Two hundred and fifty gallons of used motor oil was traded with the Town of Rathbone for shared services. The following equipment was repaired or serviced. A tire was repaired, a hydraulic line replaced, and the transmission pressure by-pass valve was replaced on the John Deere loader. T411 was serviced and the plow blade was replaced. A new carbide blade was mounted on T424. The oil pressure sensor and the water pump were replaced on T414. A rear tire was replaced on T418. T426 has been serviced. The u-joint in the rear drive shaft and the snow plow angle cylinder seals were replaced on T412. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the reports from the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

Old Business: The new Tax Cap certification is complete and on file in the Clerk's office. The Highway equipment inventory log is also on file in the Clerk's office. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to pay the Trident insurance bill. Put to vote: Judith Whitbred, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Gary Lewis to close old business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

New Business: Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Steven Frederick to schedule a public hearing on Feb. 18, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. to amend the Local Dog Law of 2010. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Judith Whitbred to accept a letter of resignation from Jennifer Prossick with deep regrets. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried. A help wanted ad will be put in The Leader for a Town Attorney. All resumes should be received by Wendy Lozo by Feb. 7, 2015. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis to allow bumper stickers from Sheriff Cole be put on all municipal vehicles. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred to close New Business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Judith Whitbred to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:47 p.m. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk