

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting
Held: Wednesday: February 18, 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, Sam Gauss
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Visitors: Shawn Sauro, Lori Peterson, Myral 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 Judith Whitbred seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated Jan. 21, 2015. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A033-A050 totaling \$10,754.71 and the Highway abstract #24-#36 totaling \$25,734.66. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: January 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$763.00. Dolores stated that Leo Knowles has returned the Oath of Office form for the Office of the Board of Ethics member position that he holds.

Justice Report: Nothing. Sam Gauss stated that the BOCES students are continuing to work on the Justice bench. There is no new updates.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Collector had collected \$690,401.66 to date. Final report will be turned into the County on April 6, 2015.

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

Dog Control Officer's Report: January 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy collected \$216.00 in dog license money. Randy reported one complaint. He attended the DCO meeting in Avoca on 2/5/15.

Supervisor's Report: January 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Such report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: January 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that the used roller he was pursuing was nothing of any use to the Highway Dept. He will follow up on other leads that he has in place and will return in March with his findings. Items of interest and work performed 01-22-15 – 02-18-15 is as follows: Roads have been plowed or sanded a total of 22 times. The Fire Dept. and Town Hall parking lots have been plowed 13 times and salted four

times. Road conditions have been checked 18 times. Five hundred fifteen ton of sand has been purchased from KSSG. One hundred ton of salt has been delivered from Cargill and mixed with sand. Plow shoes have been welded. Richard and Randy both helped the Town of Addison make repairs to a used grader recently purchased by that town. The Town of Rathbone's excavator with brush head was used for part of a day on Starr road. Seven days were spent removing snow drifts with the excavator and the newly fabricated wing assembly. The Fire Dept performed a fire drill at the shop. A map of the interior of the building is now available in case of a fire. T414 slid off the road on County Route 12. There was no damage and is in service. The following equipment was repaired or serviced. The side window was replaced on the grader. A new carbide plow blade was put on T418 and some exhaust work has been completed. A new air chamber, air regulator, and a pressure protect valve were replaced on T426. A new hydraulic line was installed on the JD loader. Wendy Lozo stated that the shared service forms with Steuben County need to be turned in by March 2, 2015. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred 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; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: The Clerk and Justice internal audits are complete and on file in the Clerk's office. The Supervisor's internal audit was completed on Feb. 16, 2015. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred to appoint Shawn Sauro as the Town of Thurston Attorney. Appointment dates are February 18, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Put to vote: Judith Whitbred, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to approve Local Law #1 of 2015. Put to vote. Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Judith Whitbred asked Wendy if Servi Soft was contacted about the water cooler no longer in use. Wendy Lozo stated that she sent them a letter and has not heard back from them at this time. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to close old business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: Judith Whitbred requested that carbon monoxide detectors be put on both floors of the Town Hall. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred for Wendy Lozo to purchase two carbon monoxide detectors. Put to vote. Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Gary Lewis suggested that the town check out a couple new cable companies available to the surrounding area. He is willing to sit in on an informational at the Village of Savona and return in March with that information. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to close New Business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:46 p.m. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk

