

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: April 15, 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.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Visitors: Dan Gauss, Myral Gauss, Marge Taft

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

Public Comment: Marge Taft mentioned she was having trouble accessing the website.

Minutes: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated Mar. 18, 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 Judith Whitbred seconded by Sam Gauss for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A071-A089 totaling \$97,937.99 and the Highway abstract #54-#70 totaling \$29,027.94. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: March 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$417.00. Wendy Lozo stated that Shirley Edsall has misplaced her keys. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Steven Frederick for Dolores to make a new set of keys for Shirley. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Justice Report: March 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Two thousand one hundred sixty six dollars was collected in fines and fees. NYS received \$1,706.00 and the Town received \$460.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that the Collector had collected \$943,114.49 as of April 3, 2015.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Wendy Lozo stated that Ray Orr is researching boundary lines on a parcel in the Town concerning building setbacks.

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: March 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy reported seven complaints.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: March 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 03-19-15 – 04-15-15 is as follows: Roads have been sanded a total of 5 times. Road conditions have been checked 11 times. Part of a day was spent mixing sand with salt. The sewer cleaner and calcium were used to clear several pipes. Trees were cleaned up on Rising road. Since March 26, 2015 about 2/3rds of the oil and stone roads have been swept. One day was spent cutting ice from Harrison and Shauger roads. All of the seasonal roads are now open. A large tree on Knowles road has been cut down and the stump removed. One day was spent marking out drainage areas and assessing culverts on Forty Dollar road. Eight hundred feet of eighteen inch pipe and forty feet of twenty four inch pipe has been ordered from Lanes Pipe for the Forty Dollar road chips project. Chips funding totals are available. Chips alone will be \$128,699.63 and the extreme weather recovery amount is \$19,196.80. The agreement to spend Town Highway Funds form has been filled out and presented to the Board. The signed form will be filed with the Steuben County Commissioner of Public Works. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred for Richard Gauss, Jr. to spend Town Highway funds as allocated. Put to Vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. The OGS 2015-2016 salt contract has been renewed on-line. A section of ditch on Cahill road was cleaned with the excavator and six loads of ditch cleanings were removed. A concrete block wall along the creek on Tucker road fell in and had to be reset. Spring grading began on April 13, 2015. Randy and Bruce Akins donated a peg board and hooks to redo the tool wall at the shop. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Gary Lewis for Richard to make 300 ton of Cold Patch. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Richard to accept the \$20,100.00 bid for the Volvo Vibro Max Roller sold on Auctions International. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. A discussion took place about the purchase of a new roller in the future. Repairs were made to the following equipment. The front broom was mounted on the tractor, the rear broom had the hydraulic motor shaft and hub replaced. Both brooms have had the broom wafers replaced. Exhaust work has been completed on truck T412-04. T427 Mack has been serviced. Motion was made by Sam Gauss 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; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Servisoft has picked up both water coolers. She stated that the tax payment system is working. Wendy stated that she and Richard attended the Emergency Training session on March 24, 2015. The Town's Emergency Plan needs to be updated. Contact names and numbers need to be updated according to the National Incident Management System. A resolution to adopt NIMS is needed for the Town to be eligible to receive FEMA money. Sam Gauss stated that he has the Justice bench in his own shop and he will be finishing the project. Attorney, Shawn Sauro stated that he has not heard anything in return from the Barbaritas concerning the Hamilton road situation. Gary Lewis mentioned that he has seen Empire Cable working diligently in the surrounding area. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred 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 stated that the Justice requested security cameras be put in place at the Town Hall. A brief discussion took place about the cameras. Motion was made by Steven Frederick

seconded by Sam Gauss 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 8:09 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