

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting
Held: Wednesday: October 21, 2015 at 7:03 p.m.
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council: Steven Frederick, Gary Lewis, Judith Whitbred, Sam Gauss
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Visitors: Myral Gauss, Marge Taft

Wendy Lozo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The board opened with the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Myral Gauss thanked Richard Gauss, Jr. for fixing a driveway on Yost road. Marge Taft asked Wendy if the Town pays taxes to Verizon. Wendy stated that yes the Town does but shouldn't. There is a tax exempt form that needs to be filled out and submitted to Verizon.

Minutes: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Town Board meeting minutes dated September 16, 2015. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Gary Lewis for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A175-A190 totaling \$10,604.32 and the Highway abstract #151-#169 totaling \$55,788.30. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: September 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$1,217.00.

Justice Report: September 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Six hundred forty one dollars was collected in fines and fees.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: September 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy reported four complaints and four dogs running at large. Randy issued eight appearance tickets for dog related issues. Randy passed his annual DCO inspection performed by Pepi Leids.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: September 2015 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 09-15-15 – 10-21-15 is as follows: One hundred feet of drain tile and three hundred fifty ton of gravel was used on South Hill Rd to prepare it for oil and stone. A total of 2200 feet on both Knowles road and South Hill road was oil and stoned on Sept. 25, 2015. One hundred feet of Starr road at the intersection of Route 333 was resurfaced also. The limited sight distance signs were installed on Foster road and Yost road. Road signs were installed on the Forty Dollar road also. Four loads of dirt were removed from a ditch on Yost road. Trees have been removed from along the Forty Dollar road, Reed Hill road, and Tucker road. The fall grading is complete. A driveway pipe was replaced at the Wilhelm residence. Four thousand twelve ton of deicing sand was purchased from Austin Construction. The rabies clinic was held at the shop on the 19th of September. The local highway inventory has been filed with the NYSDOT. All highway employees attended a safety training program put on by Steuben County which was sponsored by PERMA on the 13th of October. Goodrich Auto Works repaired the damage to the excavator that was done by the Campbell Savona school bus. Repairs or service was made to the following equipment. An air chamber and a slack adjuster was replaced on T418. The tires off from T418 and T426 were sent away to be recapped. An air chamber and axle breathers were replaced on T414. The backup alarm and four air bags on the drop axle were replaced on the Mack. A new fuel pump and battery were installed on the John Deere loader. T411 pickup truck was serviced. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to accept and approve the reports from the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Thurston Town Dog Control Law was addressed and Wendy will arrange a meeting between the Attorney, the Justice, and the DCO to go over the terminology that is in place in the local law. Countryside Propane has rescheduled the placement of the new tank on November 10, 2015. The Justice bench is a work in progress. Motion was made by Judith Whitbred seconded by Gary Lewis to close old business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: There has been one person apply for the Historian position. Letters of Interest can still be sent in until Nov. 18, 2015. A motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Judith Whitbred to schedule a public hearing for the 2016 Budget on Thursday Nov. 05, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to close New Business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:40 pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Judith Whitbred, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk