

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting  
Held: Wednesday: March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council: Steven Frederick, Gary Lewis, Paul Peck, Sam Gauss  
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.  
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro  
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins  
Town Justice: Jeffery Sweeney  
Visitors: Tom Lozo, Helen Stephens, Sheree Gauss

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 Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated Feb. 17, 2016. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A044 – A064 totaling \$93,786.79 and the Highway abstracts #34-#49 totaling \$20,297.60. Dated Mar. 16, 2016. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: February 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$270.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she would like the Board to consider updating the Town's phone system to a multiple extension system to accommodate all of the offices that are now present at the Town Hall. Wendy Lozo will research the systems available through Time Warner Cable and Verizon.

Justice Report: February 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Four hundred sixty one dollars was collected in fines and fees. A discussion about the surveillance camera system took place. Wendy Lozo stated that the Board should appoint one person to be in charge of the system. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for Paul Peck to be in charge of the system. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Tax Collector's Report: Wendy stated that Sandra is still collecting taxes through the end of March.

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: February 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins received two complaints one about an abandoned dog and one about deceased animals. Randy

collected \$30.00 in overdue dog licenses. The spring free rabies clinic will be in April. The date is to be determined.

Supervisor's Report: The 2015 Yearend State AUD report, January 2016, and February 2016 monthly reports were submitted and are on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: February 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 02-17-16 – 03-15-16 is as follows: Road conditions were checked a total of 11 times. Roads have been plowed and or sanded a total of 9 times. The Fire Dept. and Town Hall parking lots have been plowed and salted twice. The sidewalks at the Town Hall were cleared 3 times. The old Chevy bucket truck and several other items were listed on Auctions International website and ended on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Ford bucket truck was picked up on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be inspected in April along with the County bucket truck which will save the Town \$600.00. Several trees and limbs were removed from town roads after the ice storm. Several locations had to be addressed for water situations. Weight limit signs were put up on the oil and stone roads on Feb. 22. T414 is back from Steuben County. The clutch, pressure plate, and flywheel housing were replaced. 100 ton of salt was delivered from Cargill Salt Co. Two days were spent mixing sand and salt. A new Husqvarna chainsaw was purchased from Ward's Feed Store. The Town of Rathbone lent the Town of Thurston their brush chipper to be used on Wood Hill road. Forty Dollar road has been graded. The brooms have been mounted on the tractor and some of the oil and stone roads have been swept. Two headwalls have been repaired on culverts on Griffith road. The excavator was used to clean 100 feet of ditch on Harrison road. The brine permit application has been sent to NYSDEC. The following equipment was repaired or serviced. T411 was serviced. Two new hydraulic lines were replaced on T418. T426 had a new apron chain, sprockets, and shaft installed. The front driveshaft, u-joint, and hydraulic line were replaced on the JD loader. T416 had the front shocks replaced. The outer axle shaft, u-joint, and ball joints were replaced on T412. A new line dryer was installed on T427. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to accept the bids for the items placed on Auctions International. An in depth discussion took place about equipment purchases and fund balances. Wendy Lozo stated that a decision needed to be made about the purchase of a new Roller. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss to purchase a roller in 2016 from Vantage Equipment through NJPA for \$116,315.00 with a trade in of \$14,000.00 for the old roller. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Steven Frederick for Wendy Lozo to sign for a Bond from Chemung Canal Trust Co. for four years with payments to begin in 2017. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Paul Peck reported the details of the Steuben County Hazard Mitigation Meeting. Wendy Lozo stated that a resolution needed to be made for the Town of Thurston to be compliant with NIMS requirements. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for a resolution to be made so the Town of Thurston is in compliance with NIMS. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to close old business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the Town needs to update the Town's Emergency Action Plan. Jeff Sweeney stated that the Town should consider purchasing a generator for backup power in case of

emergency situations. Wendy will get two estimates for generator installation. Sam Gauss asked about Empire Cable. Gary Lewis stated that there is 5 Towns on the list and it would be a few years before Empire would be available to the Town of Thurston. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, 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 8:13 pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk