

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: August 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo

Town Council: Gary Lewis, Paul Peck, Sam Gauss, Steven Frederick

Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.

Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro

Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Visitors: Valerie Peck, Colton Peck, Helen Stephens, Marge Taft, 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 Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated July 20, 2016. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A146 – A160 totaling \$5,242.17 and the Highway abstracts #122-#138 totaling \$37,811.79 dated August 17, 2016. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: July 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$224.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she had received a letter from the Steuben County Election Board stating that there would not be a Primary Election in the Town of Thurston in September.

Justice Report: July 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Seven hundred sixty eight dollars was collected in fines and fees. NYS received \$548.00 and the Town received \$220.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: One building permit was issued for a foundation and one renewal was issued. Wendy Lozo will check with Ray Orr again for the CO's in question from the May 2016 board meeting. Wendy will discuss the junk at the intersection of Brink and Forty Dollar road with Ray Orr.

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: July 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins attended the DCO meeting in Avoca on 8/03/16. There was one complaint about a dog running at large. One complaint about a stray dog. Randy collected \$209.00 in license money. The fall rabies clinic will be held September 17, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Thurston Highway Dept.

Supervisor's Report: July 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. The report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent's Report: July 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 07-21-16 through 08-17-16 is as follows: The roadside mowing is complete. The Strait road project is near completion. A replacement generator was furnished by Federal Surplus. This one is considered new and unused with only 8 hours on it. The reimbursement form for the CHIPS project has been submitted to NYSDOT. Trees were removed and culverts cleared of debris on Jack, Tucker, and South Hill roads. Repairs or service was done to the following equipment. An air chamber and slack adjuster was replaced on T424. This truck was also serviced. An AC line and expansion valve were replaced on T414 and the AC was charged. The John Deere Grader was serviced. The 2015 F350 pickup had the Body Control Module replaced. It was under warranty. The New Holland tractor had a pair of new front tires put on. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the glass in the second basement door has been replaced. The security cameras are in. A brief discussion took place about the camera installation. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Paul Peck to do the rough installation of the camera system and a technician from Alarm Tech will do the final hook up for no more than \$500.00. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo asked the public to be patient with the Town officials and give them time to be trained on the new website. Wendy stated that she was working on the 2017 budget. Wendy and Gary will research prices for sealing the basement walls and solar lights for the back parking lot. Steven Frederick made a resolution seconded by Gary Lewis for the Town of Thurston to hold a permissive referendum to start a Tax Stabilization Fund. 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: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Verizon landlines are not available to new customers in the 527 number area. A brief discussion took place about the availability of phone service in the Thurston area. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:59 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk