

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting

Held: Wednesday: July 20, 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
Town Highway Superintendent: Richard Gauss, Jr.
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Absent: Council Member: Steven Frederick

Visitors: Valerie Peck, Helen Stephens, Marge Taft, Myral 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: Marge Taft commented on the new website. She was wondering when the minutes were going to be posted. Sam Gauss stated that the BOCES IT person has to meet with Wendy Lozo, Sam Gauss, and Dolores Crooker to train them how to use the web page.

Minutes: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated June 15, 2016. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A121 – A145 totaling \$6,731.63 and the Highway abstracts #102-#121 totaling \$104,320.70. Dated July 20, 2016. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: June 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$167.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she had received a letter from the Steuben County Dept of Public Works stating that there will only be \$15.00 landfill tickets available after the \$10.00 tickets are depleted. Dolores stated that she would be taking the last week of July and the second week of August off.

Justice Report: June 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Nine hundred fifty six dollars was collected in fines and fees. NYS received \$891.00 and the Town received \$65.00.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: One building permit was purchased for a pole barn on Hamilton road. Wendy Lozo stated that Ray is checking on the CO's in question from the May Board Meeting.

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: June 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins attended the DCO meeting in Avoca on 6/24/16. There were two complaints about dogs running at large, one call about missing dogs and Randy collected \$50.00 in redemption fees. There were several complaints about barking dogs.

Supervisor's Report: June 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. The report is on file in the Clerk's office. Wendy Lozo stated that a representative from PERMA has conducted the annual payroll audit.

Highway Superintendent's Report: June 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 06-16-16 through 07-20-16 is as follows: The oil and stone roads have been patched and summer grading is complete. A tree was removed from the Forty Dollar road. Roadside mowing commenced on the 1st of July but has been on hold while waiting for parts. A couple of delineator posts were installed at the low end of a large culvert on Shauger road. Extensions were added to drive pipes on Lewis road and Reed Hill road. Headwall stones on a cross pipe on the Forty Dollar road had to be reset. The Strait road CHIPS project has begun. 669.8 ton of Item 4 gravel has been purchased for the Strait road project. A week has been spent spreading salt brine on the dirt roads due to the extreme dry conditions. The highway crew attended a 4 hour PERMA safety training class. All of the highway crew had the week of July 4th off for vacation. The renewal application for the eligibility to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program has been submitted. A 10k generator and trailer was purchased from the Federal Army Surplus for \$525.00. A new five year program through NYS has been added to the CHIPS program. All of the same rules apply as the CHIPS requirements. This program is called Pave NY. An apportionment of \$29,373.13 has been granted to the Town of Thurston. The CHIPS reimbursement scheduled for September 16th will be in the amount of \$122,649.70. The pickup payment, the last of the Forty Dollar road expenses, and materials for the Strait road project will come out of this payment. The 97 Ford Bucket truck has been inspected. The blade slide wear plates and the cab mirrors have been replaced on the JD grader. The cab mirror was replaced on the roller. A bearing and seal were replaced on the flail mower. A coolant hose was replaced on the 05 truck. Sam Gauss asked what happened to the roller mirror. Richard Gauss, Jr. stated that a tree branch had hit it and broke it. 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, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that the glass in the basement door has been replaced. The security cameras have been ordered. An installation fee of \$800.00 was offered by the sales company. The Board will discuss this at a later date. The website is up and running. The Hamilton road easement dispute is going to civil court. Gary Lewis notified the neighbors of the new generator installation. Gary Lewis and his wife Judy cleaned the back exterior walls and windows of the Town Hall. Gary feels the lights attached to the back of the building should be replaced by pole lights out in the parking area away from the building. He also feels the cracks in the exterior basement walls and sidewalks should be fixed. The light for the flag pole should be moved. Deterioration around the bottom of the handrail out front needs to be fixed. Expectations of the grass cutting around the building should be addressed. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Sam Gauss to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she would be sending out budget requests soon. The State has mandated a .68% Tax Cap. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Gary Lewis to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye, Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Gary Lewis made a motion seconded by Paul Peck to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Put to vote: Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried. With no further discussion a Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 8.00 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Sam Gauss, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk