

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting  
Held: Wednesday: May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo  
Town Council: Steven Frederick, Paul Peck, Sam Gauss, Gary Lewis  
Town Highway Superintendent: Absent  
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro  
Town Dog Control Officer: Randy Akins

Visitors: 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 asked if the Board was going to purchase appliances for the Town Hall. She mentioned a refrigerator and a stove to use in an emergency situation as the Town Hall would be used as a command post. Wendy Lozo explained that the Town and the County are working on emergency plans and the progress is moving along a step at a time. The purchase of a backup generator was first priority.

Minutes: Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated April 20, 2016. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstracts A085 – A100 totaling \$9,894.96 and the Highway abstracts #70-#85 totaling \$38,929.82. Dated May 18, 2016. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: April 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$364.00. Dolores Crooker stated that Paul Peck and Steven Frederick completed the Clerk's and the Tax Collector's annual internal audit April 27, 2016. Dolores stated that there will not be a June Federal Primary Election in Steuben County. The Steuben County Historical Society is holding it's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Leaf Peeping Cemetery Tour on Mon. Oct. 10, 2016 and the cemetery in Thurston is listed on the leaflet.

Justice Report: April 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Nine hundred seventy six dollars was collected in fines and fees. NYS received \$766.00 and the Town received \$210.00. Steven Frederick and Paul Peck completed the Justice's internal audit on May 17, 2016.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: April 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins attended the DCO meeting in Avoca on 4/27/16. The spring free rabies clinic was held April 30, 2016 at the Highway Dept. from 10:00 am – noon. There were 83 cats and dogs vaccinated. There was \$200.00 in donations. There were three complaints about dogs running at large. One complaint about a dog not being cared for properly. Randy collected \$87.00 in dog license fees.

Supervisor's Report: April 2016 monthly report wasn't available on Board Meeting day. The report will follow at a later date.

Highway Superintendent's Report: April 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 04-21-16 through 05-18-16 is as follows: The spring grading is complete. Three hundred twenty eight point seventy seven ton of #1A stone and one hundred six point thirteen ton of #1 stone was purchased from Austin Construction for the Forty Dollar road CHIPS project. Two cross pipes were replaced and 19 loads of ditch cleanings were removed from ditches on Knowles road. Fallen trees were removed from Hanrahan and Foster roads. Two ten wheel dump trucks were inspected at Goodrich Auto Works. Suit-Kote made 264 ton of cold mix. Four divisible load overweight permits were received from NYSDOT and stamped by Steuben County. The agreement to spend Highway funds form has been filed with the Steuben County Dept. of Public Works. The Forty Dollar road CHIPS project is underway and is projected to be complete by the end of the month. Repairs or service to the following equipment is: The 2005 Volvo truck had the fan belt tensioner replaced, an oil line replaced, all new gaskets and clamps on the exhaust manifold replaced, and the turbo and EGR valves replaced. The 2001 Volvo truck had a new oil pressure sending unit installed along with a new fan belt. The 2001 Autocar truck had the rear axle temperature sensor replaced and the Mack truck had an air cylinder replaced. 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: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Old Business: All annual internal audits are complete. The Town Hall use application is complete. There will be another Hazard Mitigation meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Wendy will make it a point to attend. Gary Lewis will work with Steve Boyer on the installation of the generator. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Sam Gauss for Wendy to pay 50% of the cost of the generator when scheduling the delivery of the generator and the remainder of the bill on the day of installation. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to transfer \$6,825.00 from the Building Repair Fund to the Building Equipment Fund. Put to Vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that Jordan asked if there was something that could be done with the headstones in the cemeteries that are broke and tipped over making it very difficult to cut the grass. A discussion took place and Wendy will contact Rick Littel for advice on how to handle headstone repair. Sam Gauss stated that something should be done with the brush left behind on residential property from tree trimming by the electric company and the highway dept. Wendy will contact Richard about cleaning it up. Sam Gauss stated that a minimum 12 inch brush chipper should be used. Motion was made by Sam Gauss seconded by Steven Frederick to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye, Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Sam Gauss to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 7:42 pm. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Steven Frederick, aye; Sam Gauss, aye; Gary Lewis, aye. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk