

Minutes of the Thurston Regular Town Board Meeting
Held: Wednesday: September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: 7578 County Route 333 Thurston, NY

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

Absent: Town Council Member: Sam Gauss

Visitors: Valerie Peck, Tom Lozo, Helen Stephens, Marge Taft, Geri Brink

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 dropped off the 2017 Fire District proposed budget which included a notice of Public Hearing for Oct. 18, 2016. Geri Brink asked for a Certificate of Occupancy and she received a Certificate of Compliance for an addition at her Hamilton Rd residence.

Minutes: Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Town Board Meeting minutes dated August 17, 2016. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, 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 A161 – A176 totaling \$3,769.17 and the Highway abstracts #139-#154 totaling \$54,481.97 dated September 21, 2016. Put to vote: Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: August 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Total deposits for the month were \$1,016.00. Dolores Crooker stated that she had a petition from the residents in the Savona Campbell Back Rd location requesting speed limit signs be put in place at the Bath Thurston town line and the Campbell Thurston town line. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Gary Lewis for the petition to be accepted and approved. Put to vote: Gary Lewis; aye, Paul Peck; aye, Wendy Lozo; aye, Steven Frederick; aye. Carried. Dolores stated that she had received a letter from the Steuben County Dept. of Public Works requesting the return of the balance of the old landfill tickets by Dec. 31, 2017.

Justice Report: August 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Eight hundred eleven dollars was collected in fines and fees. NYS received \$726.00 and the Town received \$85.00. Motion was made by Steven Frederick seconded by Paul Peck for the Thurston Town Justice to keep \$10.00 in the Justice checking account to prevent the Bank from closing the account. Put to vote: Gary Lewis; aye, Paul Peck; aye, Wendy Lozo; aye, Steven Frederick; aye. Carried.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: Nothing

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: One building permit renewal was issued. Wendy Lozo distributed the C of O's she collected from Ray Orr.

Historian Report: Nothing.

Dog Control Officer's Report: August 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Randy Akins attended the DCO meeting in Avoca on 9/01/16. There were three complaints about dogs running at large. There were 32 dogs and 17 cats vaccinated at the rabies clinic and \$52.00 in donations collected.

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

Highway Superintendent's Report: August 2016 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 08-18-16 through 09-21-16 is as follows: The Strait road was oil and stoned on September 2, 2016. Bonny Hill road was reconstructed and oil and stoned on September 2, 2016 also. Four delineator posts were put at the intersection of Bonny Hill and Harrison roads. Shauger road guiderails were cleared of brush and debris. Three hundred ton of stone for the Strait road project and seventy two ton of stone for the Bonny Hill project was purchased from KSSG. A cross pipe on Harrison road was replaced. Ditches were cleaned on Reed Hill road. A total of 21 loads of cleanings were removed. A cross pipe on Green Hill road was replaced and 14 loads of ditch cleanings were removed. A section of ditch was cleaned on Helms road and several drive pipes were cleared with the sewer cleaner. The fall grading is complete. Two oil and loose stone signs were stolen from Forty Dollar road. Fall patching has begun. Repairs or service was done to the following equipment: The F350 was serviced and inspected. The hydraulic tank was patched on the 05 Volvo truck. The battery was replaced in the Ford Bucket truck. A hydraulic line was replaced on the JD Grader. The 04 F350 pickup was serviced. Richard stated that Tom Austin will move the 90 degree road sign at the bridge on the Savona Campbell Back road to warn drivers of the upcoming corner. Richard stated that Jeff Parker would be getting in touch with Shawn Sauro to confirm gravel removal from the creek on his property. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Steven Frederick 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. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she is working on the 2017 budget. Paul Peck stated that the security cameras have been installed. Wendy is still working on getting quotes for sealing the exterior basement walls. Wendy and Gary are still researching solar lights for the back parking area of the Town Hall. Steven Frederick made a resolution seconded by Paul Peck 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. Carried. Gary Lewis stated that the LP gas price is \$1.149. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to close old business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, aye. Carried.

New Business: Wendy Lozo stated that she will be attending the Real Property Tax shared services meeting on Wed. Sept. 28th 6:30pm-8:00pm. Wendy stated that all accidents and incidents are required to be reported immediately to the Supervisor. NO EXCEPTIONS. Ken Issaman is no longer the Trident representative. Each Board member received a copy of the cemetery maintenance agreement to review and make changes as necessary. Wendy Lozo stated that budget meeting dates will be after October 5, 2016. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Gary Lewis to hold a budget workshop October 12, 2016 at 7:00pm. Put to vote: Gary Lewis; aye, Paul Peck; aye, Wendy Lozo; aye, Steven Frederick; aye.

Carried. Motion was made by Gary Lewis seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Gary Lewis, aye; Steven Frederick, 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. Carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk