

Town of Thurston Public Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes
Held: Wednesday November 9, 2022 6:45 P.M.
Location: 7578 County Route 333, Thurston

Present: Town Supervisor: Wendy Lozo
Town Council Members: Noel Sylvester, Michael Volino, Holly Chase, Paul Peck
Town Highway Superintendent:
Town Dog Control Officer:
Town Attorney: Shawn Sauro
Town Code Officer:
Town Historian: Michael Volino
Town Assessor:
Absent: Ray Orr, Richard Gauss Jr, Randy Akins, Diana Dixon

Visitors: Tom Lozo, Elizabeth Donderewicz, Marge Taft, Rachel Treichler, Peter Mantius

Wendy Lozo opened the 2023 Budget Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. With no public comment the public hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Wendy Lozo called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Board opened with the US Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Dolores Crooker commented on the length of time it took to get through the election process on November 8, 2022. Wendy Lozo will check with the Steuben County Election Board to see if there is more electronic devices available to help speed up the sign in process to eliminate the lengthy wait time.

Minutes: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to accept and approve the October 4, 2022 Budget Meeting minutes, the October 11, 2022 Budget Workshop minutes, and the Board Meeting minutes dated October 19, 2022. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Bills Payable: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester for Wendy Lozo to pay all claims listed in the General abstract A180- A196 totaling \$14,875.23 and the Highway abstract 184-199 totaling \$33,847.92. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Clerk's Report: October 2022 monthly deposits were \$925.00.

Justice Report: October 2022 monthly deposits were \$803.00. NYS received \$0.00 and the Town received \$0.00. There was no designation at this time.

Tax Collector Report: Nothing

Assessor Report: The Town Board electronically received the 2022 file S495 Exemption Impact Report. Which is on file in the Clerk's office.

Historian Report: Michael Volino stated that Caward Tree Service finished removing all 8 maple trees from the Aldrich cemetery on Friday October 28, 2022. Michael extended his appreciation to the Highway Crew and the Town Board for undertaking all of the tree removals in the past few years. Michael stated that he would like to get estimates for signs to be made and placed at the Thurston, Risingville, and Aldrich cemeteries.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Nothing

Dog Control Officer's Report: Randy Akins reported 2 dogs running at large and 1 missing dog. Forty eight dogs and cats were vaccinated at the October 20, 2022 rabies clinic.

Supervisor's Report: Nothing

Highway Superintendent's Report: October 2022 monthly report was presented to the Board. Items of interest and work performed 10/19/22-11/9/22. The Campbell Savona bridge project has been completed and the site detour has been removed. The Steuben County Water and Soil Dept along with the Steuben County excavator operator helped install 2 check dams above the bridge. Twenty three loads of creek gravel has been removed from the creek during the final phase of the project. A large tree that fell across the guiderail on Hanrahan road has been removed using the excavator. A large tree that fell on Nelson road has been removed using the loader. Seven days were spent patching potholes with stone dust from the stone quarry. Two days were spent cutting brush along Hanrahan and Cahill roads. Two days were spent mixing sand with salt. The 01 Volvo dump truck sold on Auctions International was picked up on October 27, 2022 it was driven to Texas. A large drainage grate by the Dickson farm has been cleaned. The 05 Volvo dump truck had a differential lock sensor replaced, 2 batteries replaced, and 10 recapped tires installed. Motion was made by Noel Sylvester seconded by Paul Peck to accept and approve the Clerk's report through the Highway Superintendent's report. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Old Business: Wendy Lozo gave an update on the ARPA kitchenette project. Wendy Lozo stated that NYS codes division has no special requirements for an open kitchenette in an emergency evacuation location while public officials are present to operate the appliances. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to purchase the cabinets and counter tops. Put to vote Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo will set a date with a Casella representative to be present at a Board Meeting for a question and answer session. Rachel Treichler has researched through FOIL requests chemicals associated with sludge being spread on farmland. Attorney Shawn Sauro advised the Town Board to focus on developing a local law preventing the development of landfills, dumps, sewage waste disposal areas, and hazardous sites. Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to close Old Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

New Business: Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Holly Chase to accept the 2023 Preliminary Budget as the 2023 Final Budget. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried. Wendy Lozo stated that the

annual tax cap report has been completed and sent to NYS. All inquiries associated to the Solar Power location on Lewis road are to be directed to the Steuben County IDA. Wendy Lozo stated that Steuben County sales tax is credited to towns in the county. The sales tax check is divided into 2 equal payments with one to be received in November and the other to be received in April. Motion was made by Holly Chase seconded by Paul Peck to close New Business. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Paul Peck seconded by Noel Sylvester to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:56 p.m. Put to vote: Noel Sylvester, aye; Paul Peck, aye; Wendy Lozo, aye; Michael Volino, aye; Holly Chase, aye. Carried.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dolores Crooker, Town Clerk