

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Ed Vanek – Absent  
Warren Simpson – Present  
Vickie Carroll - Present  
Detria Hiles – Present  
Jo-Ann Hite – Present  
Robert Ortman – Present  
Mary Boring – Present  
Aaron Reedy – Present

Mary announced that a Council President needed to be appointed for 2009. Jo-Ann made a motion to nominate Ed Vanek for Council President. Vickie second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - No  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Warren made a motion to nominate Robert Ortman for Council President. No further action taken on this motion.

Jo-Ann made a motion to appoint Ed Vanek as Council President. Vickie second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - No  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Robert made a motion to adopt the 2007 Rules of Council until new rules are completed and approved. Detria second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Robert made a motion to accept Committee assignments as presented. Jo-Ann second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Michael Betts from GGC Engineers was present at Council's request to review plans from the Village of Baltimore to move our water meter. Marsha Hall, Administrator from Baltimore, and Don Morrison, Engineer on Baltimore's project, were also present. Don shared the drawings

with everyone present. Michael gathered some information from Don and will get with him later, if necessary for further information. The proposed meter move will be east about 3,800 feet to connect to where Baltimore is installing their new tank. Don said they will be installing a 6" bypass when they move it, whereas the current location has a 2" bypass. All parties discussed the project. Michael will review what information needs to be reviewed and present a quote to the Village for this small review project. He said it should only be a day or two's work. Council agreed it should be paid from the water fund. He would hope to have the review complete by February. He will also look at the possibility of not needing the booster station anymore to add chlorine. He will also review to see if our current water tank would no longer be needed. Detria asked him to prepare a salvage value for our 8" water main from the position of the old meter location to the new. It might be worth just selling that portion to Baltimore instead of having to send monthly figures to them for them to bill us for our customers west of the new meter position. Aaron will check with the USDA to see if it can even be sold since we are still paying on the loan.

Jo-Ann asked Michael if the \$350 retainer includes two project proposals. Michael said it did; one in April (CDBG) and one in September (OPWC). Michael said we should consider the water tower paint project a high priority. He checked, and it is an eligible project. He will need to know by the March council meeting.

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. John Rayven was present to discuss his water bill. He said his bills have been estimated for two months due to water meter not working. Lowell confirmed that it was just replaced within the last couple of days. It was explained to Mr. Rayven that once we have a 3-month history with the new meter, we will credit for any overcharge from when his bill was estimated. He is also concerned that the meter hasn't been working properly all year. Mary said she'll check into it and let him know. Council agreed that the bill should indicate if the customer is being billed an estimated amount.

Detria made a motion to approve the December 2008 meeting minutes. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Detria made a motion to approve the December 2008 financial statement. Warren second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Second reading was done for Resolution 2008-19 – A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation.

Detria made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2009-1, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a contract with GGC Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Service and the declaring of an emergency. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes

Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Warren made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-1, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a contract with GGC Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Service and the declaring of an emergency. Jo-Ann second.

Ed - Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Jo-Ann made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2009-2, An Interim Appropriations Resolution for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Thurston for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2009 and the declaring of an emergency. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Jo-Ann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-2, An Interim Appropriations Resolution for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Thurston for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2009 and the declaring of an emergency. Warren second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

**Report from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was not present. Jamie Carroll presented the report. See attached.

Detria made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

The time is 8:57 p.m.

At 9:09 p.m., Jo-Ann made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

**Report from the Service Committee:**

Vickie said they had a joint meeting with the Safety Committee on January 7<sup>th</sup>. See attached minutes. They agreed the sewer contract with Walnut Creek Sewer District should be our top priority.

Mary said it was brought to her attention that the Village doesn't pay for water at the municipal building or the street building. Per the documentation that setup the water system, we should be paying. Mary instructed Aaron to make sure we begin billing.

Mary also said no documentation or legislation can be found where the Thurston Water Department can charge an "off-rate" (aka "empty-rate") to customers. This was also considered a "debt-service" charge. Aaron pulled the rate increase ordinances from over the past few years, and it was agreed that the wording in the legislation allowed the water department to bill the minimum rate (currently \$23.00) based on meter size, even if the water is turned off, as long as there is a meter installed. If no meter is installed, there is no legislation allowing for a water amount to be charged. The issue was discussed. If we want to charge an "empty rate", it must be added to the water rates legislation.

Detria made a motion to reimburse the Elam's for any shut-off rates paid on their church property since their meter was pulled, and to stop charging for water on that property. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – No  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - No  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Detria made a motion to take a 5-minute break. Vickie second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

When council reconvened, Aaron had pulled Ordinance 9-14-89 out. Section 1B covers the issue of charging the minimum rate if the meter is installed, but service is considered "shut off".

Detria made a motion to reimburse Bill Eichorn for any "empty-rate" water charges on his property back to when he purchased the property, if, in fact, the meter is not installed there. Robert second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – No  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - No  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

**Report from the Safety Committee:** See attached minutes.

**Report from the Finance Committee:** Didn't meet.

**Report from the Rules Committee:** Didn't meet.

**Report from Regional Planning Representative:** Robert said there was nothing brought up that concerns the Village.

**Old Business –**

Aaron said we need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting and Rules committee meeting. Council agreed to hold a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30p.m. Council agreed to hold a Rules Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**New Business –**

Aaron said there will be new EPA rules effective July 1, 2009 that will require the water "operator of record" to be physically present at the public water system three days a week for a minimum of 1.5 hours per week. Council said to be sure Walnut Creek Sewer District is aware of this.

Michelle left a note that there was an incident with a resident using the trash pick-up service of another resident (putting their trash together), and their trash overflows, and she must clean it up. Council agreed that Michelle should call the landlord of the abuser and inform them of the issue, and tell him that the resident has to be signed up for their own trash pickup service through Falcon Sanitation. If this situation continues, we will address it more harshly.

It was brought up that there is an issue with trash being left on a resident's property for long periods of time, and not being cleaned up. Council instructed Aaron to send a nuisance letter to Greg Gust of 2179 Third St. to take care of the issue in a timely manner, or action will be taken.

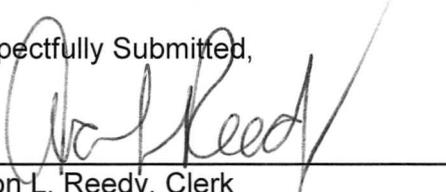
Aaron brought up that it was time to post the past few months' ordinances in the paper, but doesn't feel the Village has the money to do this. After some discussion, Vickie made a motion to not post the information in the paper at this time. Detria second.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Warren second. The time is 10:30 p.m.

Ed – Absent  
Jo-Ann – Yes  
Detria – Yes  
Warren - Yes  
Vicki – Yes  
Robert – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

**THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF REPORT**

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**January 2009**

**PERSONAL**

LETTERS SENT TO RICK YOST / GARY YOST II / BROOK HAYGOOD  
CHRIS COOK

KENT LIEDECKER MEDICAL LEVE

IN SCHOOL A SHONK/ J POLING FF 120 B CLASS  
J WALKINS EMT CLASS

**MAINTANCE**

LADDER TESTING IS THURSDAY 1/8/09 AT STATION 620

**FYI**

**WORKING ON THE STATE FIRE / EMT GRANT 2009**

**FEMA PAPER WORK WAS TURN IN MONDAY 12,2009**

**BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE JANUARY 17, 2009**

**Miles M-621 508/ M-622 64/ R-621 160/ E-621 52/ T-621 133/ C-621 159/**



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### EMS RUN TOTAL DECEMBER 2008      FIRERUN TOTAL DECEMBER 2008

#### TOTAL RUNS 43

	28		15
THURSTON	3	THURSTON	0
PLEASANTVILLE	5	PLEASANTVILLE	0
WALNUT TWP	26	WALNUT TWP	10
NEW SALAM	0	NEW SALAM	0
OUT TWP	2	OUT TWP	5

#### MUTUAL AID GIVEN

MILLERSPORT	3	MILLERSPORT	4
PLEASANT TWP	2	PLEASANT TWP	1
RICHLAND	0	RICHLAND	1
BASIL	0	BASIL	1
THORN TWP	0	THORN TWP	0
BUCKEYE LAKE	0	BUCKEYE LAKE	1

#### MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

MILLERSPORT	1	MILLERSPORT	0
BASIL	3	BASIL	2
PLEASANT TWP	0	PLEASANT TWP	1
RICHLAND TWP	0	RICHLAND TWP	0
THORN TWP	0	THORN TWP	0

#### MEDFLIGHT OF OHIO

7:30pm

Safety meeting Jan 7, 2009

New Street signs are in. Will work on putting up when weather breaks.

Oh!

Ueki Carroll

Bob Black asked to borrow filing cabinet for the furnace room. it's O.K. but if needed needs to be returned,

Service meeting Jan. 7, 2009 7:30 pm

Tom from SureShot was present  
The storm drain on Main Street  
in front of Rita Leindeckers  
house is hopefully fixed.

Next project is 1st Street in  
approx. 2 wks. then down at  
the Methodist Church. If was  
brought up about the problem  
East of town on 256, they  
will check it out.

Service would like to  
request from Baltimore  
Project Scope, a diagram  
of all meters and valves.

Joane requested that the  
Sewer contract be top priority  
most agreeded.

Discussed getting County money for  
Water Tower update