

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mary Barber. 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

Michael Betts from GGC was present. He said CDBG grant application needs to be in by April 17th. He has put together application materials for the Storage Tank Recoating Project. It will cost about \$110,700. The solution will have a 20-year life. He said Council needs to pass a Resolution to submit it by the April Council meeting.

Michael said he also did a pre-application for Stimulus Funds through the Ohio EPA free of charge. However, GGC will need compensation for Phase 2 of the application because it's more in-depth. He would like to know if Council wants him to continue to pursue this funding. It will take about 3 hours – around \$375.

Jo-Ann made a motion to allow GGC to proceed with pursuing the stimulus funds. Detria second.

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

Vickie said she has information for a grant for getting signs replaced throughout the Village. Can GGC do this for us? Michael said he would review the information.

Council review minutes from the February 2009 meeting. Jo-Ann made a motion to change the minutes to reflect that she was the person who asked Larry Kahle to put the Moline Drive sign up, and that she asked to have the house numbers moved on to the houses, not closer to the road. Robert second.

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

Vickie made a motion to approve the February 2009 meeting minutes with the changes mentioned above. Detria second.

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

Robert – Yes

Jo-Ann questioned a water bill payment. \$119.46 was paid out of the water fund that should have come out of the Fire fund. Aaron will correct. Detria made a motion to approve the February 2009 financial statement with changes. Robert second.

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

Robert made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2009-4, An Ordinance To Decrease the Salaries of the Mayor, All Council Members, and the Clerk-Treasurer, and the declaring of an emergency. Vickie second.

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

Detria made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-4, An Ordinance To Decrease the Salaries of the Mayor, All Council Members, and the Clerk-Treasurer, and the declaring of an emergency. Vickie second.

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

Council discussed the numbers for the 2009 Annual Appropriations Ordinance. The amount for the Village Secretary had not been changed. Detria made a motion to change the appropriation for account 1000-710-121 to \$1000 for the Village Secretary. Jo-Ann second.

Ed - Absent
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - No
Vickie – Abstain
Robert – No

Mary broke the tie with a vote of “no.”

Chief Jim Hite spoke up and wanted some changes to the Fire Fund before Council finalized the ordinance. He said he needs offices and bunk moved, needs to get the grass truck painted, and needs a skid unit.

Robert made a motion to allow a change to the paperwork before final vote on the Appropriations Ordinance to reflect adding \$25,000 to 2901-120-432-0006 (Building) and adding \$15,000 to 2901-800-520-0000 (Capital Outlay). Warren second.

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

Robert – Yes

Council took a short recess so the Clerk-Treasurer could make the final changes to the paperwork.

Detria made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2009-5, An Ordinance Establishing an Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009 and the declaring of an emergency. Jo-Ann second.

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

Vickie made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-5, An Ordinance Establishing an Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009 and the declaring of an emergency. Robert second.

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

Vickie made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2009-6, An Ordinance Establishing a Video Service Provider Fee to be paid by any Video Service Provider Offering Video Service in the village; Authorizing the Mayor to Give Notice to the Video Service Provider of the Video Service Fee; and the Declaration of an Emergency. Detria second.

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

Vickie made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-6, An Ordinance Establishing a Video Service Provider Fee to be paid by any Video Service Provider Offering Video Service in the village; Authorizing the Mayor to Give Notice to the Video Service Provider of the Video Service Fee; and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jo-Ann second.

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

Detria made a motion to table Ordinance 2009-7, An Ordinance To Adopt “Rules of Council” and the declaring of an emergency for further review. Jo-Ann second.

Ed – Absent
Jo-Ann – Yes
Detria – Yes
Warren - No
Vickie – Yes

Robert – Yes

Report from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present. Jamie Carroll presented the report. See attached report.

Vickie made the motion to approve the release of Kent Leitnaker from duties at the Thurston-Walnut Township Fire Department. Robert second.

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

Detria made a motion to approve the hiring of Chris Gookin, Matt Beard, and Matt Kolsterman to the Thurston-Walnut Township Fire Department. Vickie second.

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

Report from the Safety Committee: Vickie said they met March 4th at the Municipal Building. See attached minutes. She said they would like to form an ad-hoc committee to help spruce up the current park equipment in front of the municipal building. Aaron brought up the fact that Council has been discussing abandoning the municipal building property. Detria said that might be later in the year, if it happens.

Vickie made a motion to create an ad-hoc Parks Committee under the oversight of the Service Committee to provide for cleanup and maintenance of the park area at the municipal building. Jo-Ann second.

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

Vickie would like for everyone to get together and review the possibility of moving the municipal offices to the fire house. Mary said she is going to get with the township trustees about it.

Report from the Service Committee: Robert said they met March 4th at the Municipal Building. See attached minutes.

Robert made a motion to change the water connection fees so that if a home owner wants their meter removed because he's vacated the residency for a temporary time, and then wants it re-installed, there will be a \$50 fee for removal, and a \$50 fee for the installation. Detria second.

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

Vickie – Yes
Robert – Yes

Report from the Finance Committee: None

Report from the Rules Committee: None

Report from Regional Planning Representative: Robert mentioned there will be a Bridge, Culvert & Road Levy on the May ballot for the County. They are hoping to generate \$1,403,000.

Old Business –

Detria made a motion that the Village should reimburse the trailer park for the appropriate number of water meters (up to 3) and accept responsibility for the maintenance of the meters and any village-installed water lines in the trailer park. Any maintenance on water lines not installed by the Village will remain the responsibility of the property owner(s). Jo-Ann second.

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

Detria made a motion to have the Solicitor prepare a letter to the Village of Baltimore stating our disapproval of their actions of moving the meter, and stating that we have about \$3,000 in Solicitor and Engineering costs in this process that we have not asked them to reimburse us for. Also state that they did not reply to our letter of January 17, 2009, and that they went forward with their project without meeting the conditions of our approval. Vickie second.

Ed – Absent
Jo-Ann – Abstain
Detria – Yes
Warren - Yes
Vickie – Yes
Robert – Yes

The Service Committee reviewed and discussed the draft of the Walnut Creek Sewer District contract, but they had questions. They did not realize it was a draft. Council wants to know what the current annual compensation amounts are for the water superintendent from Walnut Creek Sewer District.

No one had any changes for the possible Records Retention Schedule.

New Business –

Aaron presented a bid from Sam's Pest Control for mosquito spraying.

Warren made a motion to put out bids for mosquito spraying for the Village. Jo-Ann second.

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

Council had no specific requirements for the mosquito spraying bid.

Jo-Ann made a motion to put out bids for mowing for the Village. Warren second.

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

Robert made a motion to allow C&C Lawncare to provide mowing for the Village at the same price as last year. Detria second.

Ed – Absent
Jo-Ann – Abstain
Detria – Yes
Warren – No
Vickie – Abstain
Robert – Yes

Jo-Ann said parts of the roof have been blown off. Michelle left a note about a quote Robert Black got before he passed. Detria made a motion to allow Apperson Chimney Sweeps to do the repairs for \$490.00. Vickie second.

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

Michelle (Village Secretary) left a note from Matt who works for Walnut Creek Sewer District. He said there are some gauges at the pump house that do not work, and that Lowell Hite has been aware of this. Lowell Hite was present and said there are two that don't work. Lowell said we should check with Matt to find out what specifically doesn't work and have him tell us what it would take to fix them.

Deidra would like to know how much it would lower our liability insurance premium if we were to drop the truck in the Street Building off the policy. Aaron will check with the insurance agent.

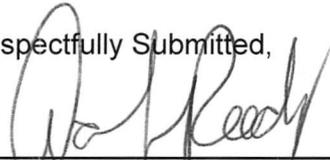
Robert asked if anyone knew where the Village chainsaw was. No one knows. Robert said a trash can flew into his front yard. If it belongs to anyone, just let him know.

Mary asked for a moment of silence in honor and memory of Robert Black who has done so much for this Village.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Vickie second. The time is 10:06 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

**THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF REPORT**

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March 2009

PERSONAL

Chris Gookin- 240 FF/Basic – Vol

Matt Beard- 240 FF/Basic- Vol

Matt Kolsterman-240 FF/Basic-Vol

Michael Hurd- passed state Medic test, will move to Medic pay next pay period.

Remove Kent Leitnaker, failure to meet requirement of the suspension

MAINTANCE

FYI

BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE March 21, 2009

Miles M-621 709/ M-622 252/ R-621 169/ E-621 88/ T-621 94/ C-621 323/



Thurston - Walnut Township Fire Department

Station 620 8474 High Street, Thurston, Ohio 43157

P.O. Box 217

Business: 740-862-6542

Fax: 740-862-9982

Chief James Hite

Email Thurstonwalnutfire@midohio.twcbc.com

EMS RUN TOTAL MARCH 2009 FIRERUN TOTAL MARCH 2009

TOTAL 50 RUNS

31

19

THURSTON 13
PLEASANTVILL 6
WALNUT TWP 29
NEW SALAM 0
OUT TWP 2

THURSTON 2
PLEASANTVILL 2
WALNUT TWP 14
NEW SALAM 0
OUT TWP 5

NO CREW IN TWP 1 SECOND RUN IN PROGRESS

NON TRANSPORT

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

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

MILLERSPORT 4
PLEASANT TWP 3
RICHLAND 0
BASIL 2
THORN TWP 0
GREENFIELD 1

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

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

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

MEDFLIGHT OF OHIO 0

Village of Thurston
 Finance Committee Meeting minutes
 Feb 18, 2009

Present were: Clerk Aaron Reedy, Chief Jim Hite, Council members Warren Simpson, JoAnne Hite, Bob Ortman and Detria Hiles, and Lowell Hite.

If a "cost" split between any item in the general fund is wanted, legislation must be written. Committee discussed the possibilities, but found it would not solve the current financial situation.

Clerk Reedy will contact the insurance carrier and have them re-write our policy with the value of the current building at what the County Auditor has listed it. We currently pay on \$440,000 approx. value, County has us at \$220,000 approx.

The Sheriff's office has Lowell Hite listed for emergencies and no other numbers. Finance passing the message on.

Controllable expenses in the General Fund were discussed.

Lawyer	2008 \$8877,	approp. 2009 \$1000
Mosquito	2008 \$1125,	approp. 2009 \$0
Copier maintenance contract	2008 \$400,	approp 2009 \$0
Mowing	2008 \$1170	approp 2009 \$800
Buildings and other structures	2008 \$3425	approp 2009 \$0

Shortfall of \$13,967 to spend what we did last year on these accounts alone.

The cuts proposed in the controllable expenses were:

DH WS VC BO JH

Clerk Salary	current \$700/mo	\$500/mo	diff \$200 X 9 = \$1800
Mayor Salary	current \$250/mo	\$250 /mo	diff \$50 X 9 = \$450
Council Salary	current \$50/mtg	\$40/mtg	diff \$10 X 9 X 6 = \$540
Cell phone	current \$60/mo	0	diff \$60 X 9 = \$540
Village Sect'y	current \$3000/yr	0	diff \$3000 X 3/4 = \$2250
		TOTAL	<u>\$ 5580</u>

Village Secretary position gone will close the office 1 day a week, all other water duties remain.

Changing Clerk, Mayor and Council salaries must be done by legislation. Before it is sent to the solicitor, we want a majority.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Clerk will contact absent members and Mayor.

March 4th Safety meeting 7:30

Randy Kemmerrer said he would put up Old Melleport Rd Sign. Committee agreeded.

Detria would like to form a ADHOCK Commotte for the playground with permission to spend no more than is in the park fund

Vicki Carroll

THE SERVICE COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON WED. NIGHT MARCH 4TH @ 7:30 P.M. @ THE MUNICIPAL BLDG.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE DETRA HILES, VICKIE CARROLL, JOANN HITE, LOWELL HITE, AND BOB ORTMAN.

THE COMMITTEE IS ASKING THE CLERK TO ASK THE INSURANCE AGENT TO CONSIDER THE TOWN TRUCK TO BE INOPERABLE AND BE REMOVED FROM THE INSURANCE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKING THE COUNCIL THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DEHUMIDIFIER AND THE CHAIN SAW.

THE COMMITTEE WAS TOLD THAT STEVE FYFFE LIVES IN AZ. BUT OWNS THE HOME AT 2322 MAIN ST. THE HOME IS VACANT MOST OF THE YEAR, EXCEPT FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE SUMMER. HE WOULD LIKE HIS METER PULLED WHILE HE IS GONE AND RECONNECTED WHEN THEY ARE THERE. HE ASKED WHAT THE COST WOULD BE FOR THIS TO BE DONE. WE WILL BE ASKING COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHARGING \$50. TO PULL THE METER AND \$50. TO RECONNECT.

DWAYNE LESTER, 8109 ELM ST. ASKS THE COMM. IF THE ACCESS TO HIS HOUSE IS A DRIVEWAY OR AN ALLEY. HE'S HAVING A PROBLEM WITH SPEEDERS. IT IS AN ALLEY, BUT HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO CALL THE SHERIFF.

THREE ITEMS WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMM. THAT HAD TO DO WITH REPAIR IN OR ON THE MUNICIPAL BLDG. AND REPAIR ON THE PARKING LOT AND THE PROBLEM OF WATER LAYING THERE AFTER HEAVY RAINS. ALL OF THESE WERE TABLED UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT WE WILL BE DOING WITH THE BLDG.

THE COMM. WAS TOLD ABOUT A RESIDENT WITH A PROBLEM WITH HIS WATER ACCOUNT. HE HAD A LEAK IN JAN., FIXED AROUND THE 10TH OR 12TH, THE METER WAS READ ON THE 19TH. HE RECEIVED A SEWER CREDIT FOR THAT, BUT HAS BEEN BILLED FOR 117,900 GALS. THIS MONTH! @ A CHARGE OF \$1382.13. HE FEELS THIS IS IN ERROR. HIS LANDLORD IS LARRY KAHLE. WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD WORK THIS OUT WITH LARRY. LOWELL SAID HE BELIEVES THAT HE DOES OWE THE BILL.

RANDY FROM WALNUT TOWNSHIP OFFERED TO REPLACE THE OLD MILLERSPORT RD. SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 256. THE COMM. SAID THAT THIS WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.