

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2010
Organizational Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – Present
Jo-Ann Hite – Present
Ray Robinson - Present
Jimmy Barber – Present
Garry Boring – Present
Lowell Hite – Present
Mary Boring – Present
Aaron Reedy – Present

Mary swore in the newly-elected Council Members; Ray Robinson, Garry Boring, Lowell Hite & Jimmy Barber.

Robert made a motion to open nominations for Council President. Jimmy second.
Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to nominate Jimmy Barber as Council President. Ray second.
Roll Call vote: All YES, with Jimmy Barber abstaining. Motion carried.

Ray made a motion to close nominations for Council President. Gary second.
Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Mary announced since Jimmy was the only one nominated, he is Council President.

Ray made a motion to adopt the 2009 Rules of Council for 2010 until new rules are completed.
Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to accept the Committee Member assignments as presented by the Mayor (see attached). Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed meeting times and places for Council and Committee. Jo-Ann made a motion to maintain last year's schedule except change the meeting time to 7:00pm (see attached). Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2010-1 – An Interim Appropriations Resolution for current Expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Thurston for the first Quarter of the Fiscal year 2010 (January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010) and declaring an emergency. Ray second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-1 – An Interim Appropriations Resolution for current Expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Thurston for the first Quarter of the Fiscal year 2010 (January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010) and declaring an emergency. Robert second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Aaron presented Council with the current financial figures, including the 2009 income and expenses, 2010 suggested budget numbers, and the current Fund Status report. Council, Clerk, and Mayor discussed where we are financially.

Mayor Boring reviewed some procedural points with Council. She explained how voting "abstain" is an equiesence to the majority of the votes. She said if you are against something, vote "No". If you are for it, vote "Yes". If you must avoid a conflict-of-interest issue, then vote "Abstain".

Mayor Boring said Council meeting is to conduct business. Discussions should happen at Committee Meetings. If there are questions or comments about the meeting minutes or financial statement, then contact her or the clerk prior to the council meeting to get the question answered.

Mary said if you're going to bring a problem before Council or a Committee, be sure to bring a solution or an idea.

Mary said that Committee Meeting minutes should be typed. Aaron has provided a skeleton form to use with some general guidelines. Michelle, the village secretary, can type the minutes for the committee.

Mary asked Council to please respect Michelle's limited hours in the office. She needs to spend her time doing the work for the Village, and not chatting with Council members.

Mary said she will be speaking with the Fire Chief regarding his monthly report. She wants him to stop going over all run details, but just give the data to Council for their review.

Mary asked if anyone had any questions. The issue of Long St. and Moline Drive came up. It was explained that the Village was not given the road past the Prather's property on Long St. That is a private drive. Moline Drive was accepted by the Council in 2009. Moline Drive is now being plowed. Mary explained that, as a courtesy, she is having the Long St. private drive plowed past the Prather property. She states, however, that the Village is NOT liable for the maintenance of that private drive.

Aaron passed out papers on how council members can access their village e-mail. Lowell, Jo-Ann and Robert said they don't have a computer and wish Michelle to check their e-mail for them.

At 8:15pm, Jimmy made a motion to adjourn. Gary second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk