

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010

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 asked if any visitors wished to speak. None did.

Michael Betts was present from GGC Engineers. He discussed the grant for the Water Storage Tank Recoating Project. The estimate for last year was \$110,700. The county will be sending us the paperwork to be completed in February or March. He discussed what GGC Engineers will do for their services in the project. The grant doesn't cover the \$15,000 engineer fees of the project. He also said this grant did not include the cost of installing a fence.

Jimmy made a motion to send the project paperwork to the Village Solicitor for review and legislation preparation. Ray second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Michael said we sent the Streets Re-paving Project to OPWC. He said at their district meeting they were going to recommend the project to the small government commission. They will let us know if we need to make changes to the application for that. They meet in February.

Michael also said he gave the annual retainer contract to Mary for review. Council said to send it to the Solicitor for review. It's \$350 and covers the submission of 2 project applications. The application for CDBG is due in mid-April. The application for OPWC is in the fall.

Lora Gischel was present from the Regional Income Tax Agency at Council's request. She shared what RITA is and how it works. She answered questions for Council. She said only earned income would be taxable – no retirement income. Council could make this retroactive to the beginning of the year, or start any time they wanted. She said the Village wouldn't see money for about a year after it is enacted.

She said earned income for any contractors, construction crews, or outside workers working in the Village for more than 12 days can be taxed. An hour qualifies as a day. She said it is important to educate the public and get the word out about the facts of the income tax. It's important to show what the money will be used for. She said council can earmark in the legislation what it's to be used for, but it would be easier to document what it is NOT to be used for (salaries, for instance).

Robert made a motion to approve the December 2009 meeting minutes. Robert and Jo-Ann are the only two council members able to vote since they were the only two present at the time. Jo-Ann did not second the motion. Motion failed.

Robert made a motion to approve the December 21, 2009 special meeting minutes. No one second. Motion failed.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the January 4, 2010 organizational meeting minutes. Ray second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the December 2009 financial statement. No one second. Motion failed.

Final reading Ordinance 2009-23 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT APPOINTING THE CITY OF LANCASTER LAW DIRECTOR TO PROSECUTE CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, CRIMINAL DIVISION AND FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF CERTAIN CASES FILED IN THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, CIVIL DIVISION. Ray made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-23. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

First Reading - Resolution 2010-2 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF THURSTON CLERK-TREASURER TO REIMBURSE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR CERTAIN TRAVEL IN THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLES.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present. See attached report. Jim asked everyone to please go through the chain of command for any issues at the fire department. Please come to the chief.

Jim said Walnut Twp Trustee Terry Horn is putting together a committee who will be looking at creating a joint fire district with Millersport, Buckeye Lake, Fairfield Beach, Walnut Twp, Thurston, and Pleasantville. They are figuring out when they will have meetings now. Possibly Feb. 24 or 25 or March 2, 3, or 4 at the Lions Club or Millersport School.

Jimmy asked Council what happens if Thurston doesn't participate in this study? We own 50% of this fire department. Thurston Council should know before this proceeds. Ray asked if this was going to benefit Thurston and the surrounding residents. Jimmy wants more information.

Ray made a motion to check with the Solicitor to see if Walnut Twp can proceed with this study without Thurston Council's permission, based on the current contract. Ray thinks we should have a say in it. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES, with Jo-Ann abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy said he would like someone from Council on the study along with the Mayor and Fire Chief.

Business from the Safety Committee: Jimmy said they met, but there was no business to bring to Council. See attached report.

Business from the Service Committee: Garry said they met. See attached report. Garry said they discussed implementing an income tax in the Village.

Garry made a motion to schedule open meetings for the Village residents to discuss implementing an income tax in the Village. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Council tentatively set the schedule below, based on the availability of a RITA representative for the meetings. All meetings to be held at the municipal building.

February 3, 2010 @ 7pm
February 15, 2010 @ 7pm
February 27, 2010 @ noon

Jimmy asked about the status of the waterline situation with Baltimore. Aaron had passed out copies of the Notice of Violation that was sent from the Ohio EPA to the Village of Baltimore. There was also a public records request made by Marsha Hall to the Ohio EPA that we received a copy of. Currently the Ohio EPA is reviewing the newly submitted plans.

Jimmy said we need to pursue the hiring of a Village Administrator. Lowell said he had an idea. Why not get a Village Administrator with a water license who can double as the Village's licensed water superintendent? Council agreed that is a possibility. Mary brought up that Walnut Creek Sewer District has still not responded to our contract offer. Mary referred the Village Administrator issue to the Service Committee for review.

Business from the Finance Committee: Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee: Didn't meet.

Business from Regional Planning Representative: Robert said he was not able to attend.

Old Business –

Aaron said he sent a bill for \$950 to the Village of Baltimore for the broken service line on 12/22/2009. He has not received any response.

New Business –

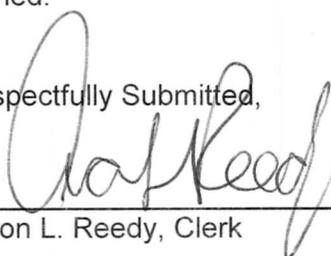
Ray made a motion to purchase a digital audio recorder and steroid microphone to record Village meetings, not to exceed \$200. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES, with Jo-Ann abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to setup a joint Council meeting with Pleasantville Council to discuss water purchase opportunities. Ray second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried. We will ask them for some tentative dates.

Council wants the question posed to the USDA if we can pay off our current loan, and what would the possibility be of getting a new loan to obtain water from another source. Aaron will make the contact.

At 8:48pm, Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Gary second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

**THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF REPORT**

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January 2010

PERSONAL

MAINTENANCE

Tanker 621 pump to tank gasket needs replaced

FYI

ALL FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS MUST GO THRU THE FIRE CHIEF.

BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE SATURDAY 16, 8 am 12 pm

MILES ON TRUCKS-- M-735/M-32/R-237/E-172/T-118/G-64/C-358



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EMS RUN TOTAL DECEMBER 2009 FIRERUN TOTAL DECEMBER 2009

TOTAL RUNS 47

30

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THURSTON 6
PLEASANTVILLE 5
WALNUT TWP 13
NEW SALAM 0
OUT TWP 6

THURSTON 1
PLEASANTVILLE 1
WALNUT TWP 0
NEW SALAM 0
OUT TWP 3

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

MILLERSPORT 2
PLEASANT TWP 4
RICHLAND 0
BASIL 0
THORN TWP 0
BUCKEYE LAKE 0
GREENFIELD

MILLERSPORT 5
PLEASANT TWP 2
RICHLAND 1
BASIL 2
THORN TWP 0
BUCKEYE LAKE 1
GREENFIELD 2

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

MILLERSPORT 1
BASIL 0
PLEASANT TWP 5
RICHLAND TWP 0
THORN TWP 2

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

MEDFLIGHT OF OHIO

Village of Thurston
Service Committee Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:17 P.M. by Service Chairman Garry Boring.

Committee members: Garry Boring – present
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
JoAnn Hite – present

Visitors: Jim Hite and Sonny Dupler

Snow plowing: basketball hoops at Broad & Wilson need to be moved and trees trimmed in the alley between the Municipal building and church. Send letter to remove hoop. Call to get pricing on trimming trees. Get quotes. Plowing the extension of Long Street is being done under courtesy. Sonny said it is being plowed. Sonny is checking on the rest of the street.

Income tax to be brought to council and RITA be brought in. Tax is to be used for bettering the community.

Water: start looking at other options to get water from elsewhere.

Need a Village Administrator, if we have the money to pay them.

Need ordinance for old school for council to look over.

The porch on Maple Street.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 P.M. by JoAnn. Garry second.

Submitted by Garry Boring.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry Boring". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Village of Thurston
Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Safety Chairman Jimmy Barber, Jr.

Committee members: Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
Lowell Hite – present
Ray Robinson – absent

Visitors: Garry Boring, Mary Boring, Jim Hite, Sonny Dupler and Aaron Reedy

Jim Hite said the tanker main pump line is leaking. Repairs could cost at least \$400.00, with labor and parts on top of that. Some budget changes for 2010 need to be made.

Lowell Hite made a motion to close the meeting at 7:16 P.M. Jimmy second. Motion passed.

Submitted by Jimmy Barber, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Barber, Jr.", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" being particularly prominent.