

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2010

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

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present  
JoAnn Hite – present  
Ray Robinson – absent  
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present  
Garry Boring – present  
Lowell Hite – present  
Mary Boring – present  
Aaron Reedy – present

Mary introduced Connie Saffle to the council. Connie is the new Village Secretary.

Mary announced that Ray Robinson submitted his resignation due to scheduling conflicts with work.

Jimmy made a motion to open nominations to fill the empty council seat. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the Rules Committee review and nominate Rita Leiendecker to the open council seat. Rita has been on Council in the past, and it is known that she meets the requirements. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to close nominations. Gary seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to appoint Rita Leiendecker to the open Council position, term ending 12/31/2013. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary swore Rita in to office. Rita took her seat at the council table.

Council reviewed the 2011 Budget as submitted by the clerk-treasurer. Gary made a motion to accept the budget for 2011 as presented. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Jeff Williams was present regarding his water bill. He explained his situation and asked council if they would allow him to pay his total May and June bill on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. He's waiting on a check. Lowell made a motion to allow Williams (acct 1-49) to pay in full on 6/18/2010 without having the water service shut off. JoAnn seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Michael Betts was present from GGC Engineers. The county received the bids on May 24<sup>th</sup> and he passed out copies of the bid recommendations. Michael recommends accepting the bid from American Suncraft Const. The expected schedule is that it will take a week to award. They should proceed after July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Then the major part of the project begins in August/September.

Garry made a motion to accept the bid from American Suncraft Const., accepting Alt A, not accepting Alt. B. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Michael said he sent the revised preliminary estimates for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant to Regional Planning. He will keep us on project status.

Jimmy asked about the grant we were awarded for streets. Michael said he just got an e-mail about how we were awarded, but no one has gotten official letter yet. He's looking for something around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael said we can't start into the project until about September to make it count as matching funds for the Revitalization grant.

Michael Carder from GGC spoke. He talked about the possibility of sourcing our water from Millersport instead of Baltimore. He said Millersport has one of the best sources of water in the county. Michael said we would have to consider various finance scenarios. It would be to our advantage to seek out the grants/loans ourselves due to our lower-income demographics. Michael shared some possible financing scenarios with council. He said a tap fee would also have to be negotiated with Millersport. Discussed some other things that might need negotiated in that contract, like the exact boundaries of water service areas.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the May, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 special meeting minutes. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the June 2, 2010 special meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the May 2010 financial statement. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive council pay for the May 19, 2010 special meeting. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: Rita abstained; Robert, Jimmy & Garry voted YES; Lowell & JoAnn voted NO. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to waive council pay for the June 2, 2010 special meeting. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: Rita abstained; Robert, Jimmy & Garry voted YES; Lowell & JoAnn voted NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-15 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-15 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-16 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-16 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

JoAnn made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-17 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-17 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-18 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to Execute an Agreement for Participation in a Regional Council of Governments for the purpose of Administration and Collection of the Village of Thurston’s Income Tax and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert seconded. Rita abstained; Robert, Jimmy & Garry voted YES; Lowell & JoAnn voted NO. Lowell pointed out that in order to waive the 3-reading rule to declare an emergency, you have to have 5 out of the 6 council members to approve. We only have 4 in this situation. Motion not carried.

Council discussed the situation. The income tax ordinance had already been passed last month and is effective July 1, 2010 (Ordinance 2010-10). Ordinance 2010-18 is simply allowing R.I.T.A to administer the tax for us. Aaron explained that this agreement needed to be executed before R.I.T.A. can begin notifying residents and employers that Thurston has a new Municipal Income Tax. There is a lot of paperwork to get done. When asked why they didn’t want to pass it as an emergency, Lowell said “it’s tax money.” It was as explained to them that this doesn’t stop the tax from implementing on July 1, 2010, it only causes the administrative work to be unnecessarily postponed. Lowell and JoAnn said they wanted it read 3 times. Mary said forget it for now – consider this the first reading and we’ll have special meetings to have the legislation read three times.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-19 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to Execute an Agreement for participation in the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-19 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to Execute an Agreement for participation in the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula Program and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2010-20 – A RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute all documents needed to apply for THE Neighborhood Revitalization Program grant THROUGH THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT’S FY2010 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, committing the FUNDS necessary to pay THE VILLAGE’S local share of SAID grant, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

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**Business from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was present; see attached report. Mayor Boring offers thanks to the Fire Department for getting the flags up around the village.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Jimmy thanked Mary and Garry for fixing the stop sign in the ally. He said there is a pile at the cemetery that is full of trash and blacktop that we might need to burn. Jimmy talked to Jamie Carroll and Jamie said he would take care of hauling it away for the cost of dumping it and \$200 labor. It's going to be pretty extensive labor. Several people have complained that it needs to be removed. Jimmy will take it to the Safety Committee. Also Jamie agreed to fill a large hole in the cemetery for us at no charge.

**Business from the Service Committee** – Gary made a motion to sell one of our old 4-drawer locking filing cabinets to the Village of Pleasantville for \$50. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Finance Committee** – JoAnn said they met, but the meeting was interrupted by a bad storm. Need to reschedule. Everyone agreed June 16<sup>th</sup> after the already-scheduled special meeting. JoAnn said someone stopped her during that storm and asked her where emergency shelter was. Aaron said it was set a long time ago that it was the Fire House and the basement of the Thurston United Methodist Church.

**Business from the Rules Committee** – Didn't meet.

**Business from the Regional Planning Representative** – Robert said there was nothing to report that concerned the village.

### **Old Business** –

Aaron brought up that there were some changes to the billing agreement with Walnut Creek Sewer District they asked for at the last meeting. They were very minor changes. Council reviewed them. Jimmy made a motion to accept the changes to the contract. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES, with Rita abstaining. Motion carried.

### **New Business** –

Mary thanked Detria Hiles for getting 12 new flags for the Village.

Mary said we have two potential contracts for a licensed water operator. One is from Kinder and the other is from the Village of Pleasantville. They were passed out at the last Safety and Service Committee meetings. Lowell things we should discuss it more before we vote on it. He feels there are details missing that should be better defined in the contract. Aaron asked him if Lowell had a list of his concerns documented so he could pass them out to everyone. He didn't give anything to Aaron. Council discussed.

Jimmy made a motion to accept the contract with Pleasantville. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: Rita abstained; Garry, Jimmy & Robert voted YES; Lowell & JoAnn voted NO. Motion carried.

Mary went over the letter from Baltimore that the Village received on May 25. It was a letter from Mayor Kalish informing Thurston that Baltimore would no longer provide water to us when our current contract ends in March of 2014. This gives us more reason to search for a source of water elsewhere.

Mary shared with Council an estimate from Sureshot for two drainage projects that need done. One project is to install a new catch basin at Main & Maple (\$1,700). The other project is to fix the drainage around an existing catch basin on Third St. (\$1,975). Council discussed. As we have several projects coming up, we need to be careful we maintain enough money for matching funds. JoAnn asked about a catch basin at Dick Ruckman's property. Mary will follow up with Sureshot for that quote.

Jimmy made a motion to accept the bid for the \$1,700 catch basin job at Main & Maple and to hold off on the other one for now. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: Rita abstained; Robert voted NO; all others voted YES. Motion carried.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Jimmy. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy