

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 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
Rita Leiendecker - present
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

There were no visitors.

Mike Betts from GGC Engineer was present. Mike said the Water Tower Recoating Project was complete except for some electrical work. Hope to have that completed on Friday. The OSHA-approved safety climb cable was installed at an additional cost of \$1471.50. The shut-off valve that was requested will cost over \$10,000 and that would blow the budget, so we'll forego that for now. Mike asked for pre-approval for the final payment for the contractors. Jimmy made a motion to approve the final payment to the contract for the work on the Water Tower Recoating Project. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mike said the Street Improvements Project is about complete. He hasn't received pay application from Spires Paving yet. He said we should do a punch-out list. He and Garry agreed to do it tomorrow. Mike is asking for pre-approval for 92% of the payment to Spires Paving.

Garry made a motion to approve 92% of payment to the contract for the work on the Street Improvement Project since they've reached substantial completion. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mike said they are looking for approval from Council to proceed with the design of the Millersport-Thurston Water Transmission Line. The Village has already received notification that its design loan was approved by the OWDA. Initial talks with Millersport have been successful, but we need to get moving on the design phase.

Garry made a motion to allow GGC Engineers to proceed with the design of the Millersport-Thurston Water Transmission Line. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy asked about the status of the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. Mike said the county will procure a Grant Coordinator and an Engineer for us. The Grant Coordinator will work with Council to drive the schedule and completion of the projects. All projects have to be done within two years. They will probably start in the spring of 2011.

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

Garry made a motion to approve the October 6, 2010 special meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the Council pay for the October 6, 2010 special Council meeting which lasted 2 minutes. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO and Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-33 – 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 2010-33 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was not present, Jamie Carroll went over the report; see attached report. Jimmy made a motion to allow Elijah Waller, Ben Brown, Shane Niemet & Jeremiah Creighton to join the Thurston-Walnut Township Fire Department. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Service Committee – Met October 6th at 7pm. Garry said that Greg Gust has been sent the third violation letter regarding the junk vehicles on his property and on the street. The next step is to get a motion from a judge to allow the Village to remove the vehicles. Aaron said all documentation has been done according to the Village's Junk Vehicle Ordinance Council passed in 2010. Garry made a motion to proceed with legal proceedings once the current 10-day violation period has passed and if the vehicles have not been removed from the Village. Robert seconded. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES, with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

The Village office has received complaints from neighbors of Josh Whittington at 2105 Main St about their dog being let free off-leash to run around the yard, and the yards of the neighbors. Garry made a motion to Aaron to send a nuisance letter to Mr. Whittington along with a copy of the dog-leash ordinance. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve all three of the changes that were made for the Street Improvements Project. This includes the extra grinding of sections of High St., the widening and fixes on Third St., and the decision to pave Fourth St. instead of the alley. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said Jerry and Barb Mock (Micro) want to rezone their land and put in a debris dump. It's not going to be buried, but it's going to be stacked. Robert said there was some issue of looking into how it will affect the underground water. The Township Trustees have the final say.

Old Business – None

New Business – Mary announced that Trick-Or-Treat for Thurston will be on October 28, 2010 from 6 – 7:30pm.

Mary said the Records Committee needs to have a meeting in November. The tentative dates of November 4th or 11th are good, but Aaron will check with the Solicitor to see if he is available.

Lowell said he has a list of meter manufacturers he feels the service committee should talk to, since we talked to two already. Mary said we only talked to them because they called us. We were not reaching out to get any vendors. The meter replacement project will have to be put out for bid. Lowell said he thought we ought to talk to others, too. Mary said she'd take his list and call them.

JoAnn said there is a huge piece of concrete in front of Dick Ruckman's property where they fixed the drain. She wants to know if the contractor is going to move it. Mary said she already has a call in to them.

Council discussed the three bids that were received for debris removal from behind the Municipal Building and in the cemetery. Quote from Downing Construction for \$23,900; quote from Seals Construction for \$3,500; and quote from C&C Lawncare for \$3,200. Council decided to go with C&C Lawncare, the lowest and most local bid. Council discussed how the project will be paid for. Garry made a motion to pay \$1,100 each out of Fund 2011 (Street Fund), Fund 2021 (State Highway Fund), and Fund 2101 (MVLTA Fund). Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Chief Jim Hite came into the meeting at 7:46pm. He told Council the Walnut Township Trustees don't know what they're going to do about the budget for Thurston yet. Council discussed the budget issue. Council also discussed recent events, our relationship with Walnut Township and our current contract. Jimmy made a motion to have a meeting with Walnut Township Trustees to discuss recent events and our contract at the Safety Committee meeting on November 3rd at 8:00 p.m. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will contact their office to see if they can attend.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Seconded by Rita. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy