

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
December 08, 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

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. No one did.

Barb Anderson from GGC Engineer was present. Michael Carder and Mike Betts were not able to attend due to a scheduling conflict. They asked Barb to fill Council in on the issue of the Agricultural Security Area (ASA) brought up at last Council meeting. Barb said that they met with the Department of Agriculture regarding the ASA. They do not see why a water line could not go through the area as long as it goes through the right-of-way. The ODOT District 5 representative told them as long as there are no unknown utility conflicts, they don't see why a right-of-way permit couldn't be issued. GGC feels its okay to go along with the design plan. GGC has requested a written legal opinion from the Department of Agriculture on the issue. GGC is prepared to continue to move forward with the design phase. As part of the design phase, they will check for any conflicting utility issues in the planning area. Rita made a motion to allow GGC to continue with the design and planning on the project. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Barb said the Water Tower Recoating project is completely finished. The request for the final payment has been submitted to the county.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the November 2010 financial statement. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-38 – An Ordinance to create accounting codes for the Millersport-Thurston Water Transmission Line Project Planning Phase, 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 2010-38 – An Ordinance to create accounting codes for the Millersport-Thurston Water Transmission Line Project Planning Phase, to amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Aaron asked for a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the reading of two more ordinances. Garry made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the reading of Ordinances 2010-39 and 2010-40. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-39 – 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 2010-39 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2010-40 – 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 2010-40 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and went over the report; see attached report. Jimmy made a motion to approve the one-year leave-of-absence for Ben Brown. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Rita Leiendecker volunteered to be on the local board for the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Fund after Jim asked for a volunteer from Council.

Business from the Safety Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Service Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said they discussed that all road signs needed to be brought up to standards by 2018. He said the Regional Planning received a government grant allowing them to hire back some folks they previously had to lay off.

Old Business – Mary said that some of the residents who had unlicensed/inoperable/"junk vehicles" have been taking care of their issues.

New Business –

Mary said we should increase our fee for copies, including making copies of public records, due to the increasing costs of paper, toner, copier maintenance, etc. She suggests we raise it from 10 cents per page to 25 cents per page. Aaron said that is the same price the Village of Pleasantville and the Walnut Creek Sewer District charge for copies. Lowell and Jo-Ann argued against the increases. Jimmy made a motion to change the "Thurston Fee Schedule" for making copies and copies of public records to 25 cents per page. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES with Lowell and Jo-Ann voting no. Motion carried.

Aaron brought up an issue with a rental property in town. There are four apartments in the building and one of the tenants has been complaining that since the other apartments have been occupied, their own water bill has increased. When Bob Pangborn was checking out the situation, he found that there was only one hot water heater in the basement, and that might be providing water for all the units. Aaron wondered if Council should get involved in any way. Council agreed that it is not Council's place to do anything about this. The renter should take up the issue with the landlord.

Aaron said that John Parker from Gardner-Parker Insurance Agency would like to quote on the Village's insurance. In order to do so, we would have to complete a form giving our current insurer (Public Entities Pool of Ohio) a 60-day notice that we are looking for other quotes. He said this commits us to nothing, simply allows us to look and consider other options. Council agreed they have no problem in just looking. Aaron will follow up with John Parker.

Aaron suggested we schedule the organizational meeting for January now. Garry made a motion to have an Organizational Meeting for Council on Wednesday, January 5th at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy