

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2011

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. – absent
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. John and Rhonda Parker were present from The Ohio Plan. He wanted to introduce himself to Council. They will be presenting a quote for insurance for the Village at the next Service/Safety Committee meeting. He just wanted to put a face with the name.

Tom Mooney of 3410 Baltimore-Somerset Rd was present to ask Council if there was any way Thurston could extend water lines out State Rt. 256 farther east to his property and surrounding properties. He stated their wells aren't very good out that way. He was wondering if it was feasible. Mary referred the situation to the Service Committee for investigation. She said we would get with him after looking into it.

Donna Fox-Moore was present from Community Action. She announced that the grant under the CHIPS program was approved for Thurston residents. Aaron gave Donna mailing labels for them to use. She presented a letter to Council that will be sent out to all village residents. She briefly went over the four programs that were available in this project. Community Action will be administering the program. She asked that we make the information available to the community. We will keep copies of the letters in our office to hand out as necessary.

Rita made a motion to approve the December, 2010 regular meeting minutes with correction. The rental property mentioned on page 2 should say 3 rentals in the building, not 4. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 5, 2011 organizational meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive Council pay for the January 5, 2011 special meeting. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and Jo-Ann voting NO. Motion carried.

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

Garry made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2011-4 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a retainer agreement with GGC Engineers for surveying, civil and environmental engineering, planning and grant writing/economic development and other personal services of a specialized nature and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-4 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into a retainer agreement with GGC Engineers for surveying, civil and environmental engineering, planning and grant writing/economic development and other personal services of a specialized nature and the declaration of an emergency. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and submitted his report with a 5-year run history.

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 – None

Old Business –

Garry said we're going to be putting in new sidewalks along Main St. as a part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. There won't be room for parking along the streets anymore. Mary referred the issue to the Safety Committee to review where the "no parking" areas should be. Then we'll notify residents along that stretch to invite them to discuss with the committee and/or Council.

Mary said that Carrie Woody from Fairfield County Public Transit contacted her to ask that Thurston become part of the program. They received a grant last week and can get 100% if they get 100% participation from the County municipalities. Thurston and another have not joined. Carrie said Thurston could join for \$500 for the year. Council discussed and agreed to try it out for \$500. Aaron will prepare the appropriations legislation for the next meeting.

New Business –

Aaron brought up a water account that had unusually high readings several months ago. The meter was replaced over six months ago and the average readings have fallen to 6400 gallons per month. Aaron asked Council if they would consider crediting water for those 3 months when the customer had high readings. Rita made a motion to credit water back to Acct 54; credit 5300 gallons for March; 11,400 gallons for April; and 11,200 for May. Robert second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried. Aaron will bring it up to Walnut Creek Sewer District to get permission to credit sewer.

Mary said the water committee will meet with Millersport BOPA on January 20th at 6pm. This will be the first in-person meeting to discuss the Thurston-Millersport Water Transmission Line with Millersport.

Mary said we will have a special meeting on January 25th at 7pm at the Walnut Twp Trustees office to discuss EMS Billing.

Mary said she would like to thank Jimmy Barber and Garry Boring for fixing the stop sign on Broad St. that was plowed over. She would also like to thank Garry Boring for replacing a deadbolt and re-working furnace ducts to increase efficiency in the Municipal Building.

Jim Hite said he would like to thank Township Trustee Sonny Dupler for the Fire Department's vehicles getting paid off last month and this month.

Jamie Carroll said Randy Kemmerer was complaining that a tree in Tammy Huffers yard needed trimmed because he couldn't see around it before going into traffic. Also there are some movable basketball poles left up in different areas around town that make it difficult to plow around. Council took no action and decided if residents can't move their poles, they will have to put up with not having snow removed.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy