

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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. – present
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

No visitors were present.

Michael Betts from GGC Engineers was present to discuss projects. He had a form that Mary needed to sign to get funding for the water main project from the Ohio EPA. Mary signed it and returned it to Mike. He said the field survey is finished and they are working on base mapping. He hopes to have plans for Council to approve by the April meeting. He said we already have preliminary approval from ODOT, pending any physical obstacles. Mary told Mike that John Torres (Director of Farm Bureau, Fairfield County) wants to meet with her and the clerk on March 21st. Mike said he probably just wants to get some questions answered.

Mike talked about the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. He said John Cleek was selected by the County to be the grant coordinator. He has some the idea to possibly put the entire package together and get everything done in one year, and have one engineer. Mike will get a summary and plan together and bring it to the April meeting.

Rita made a motion to approve the February, 2011 regular meeting minute. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to approve the February 2011 financial statement. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

There was no legislation to discuss.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was not present due to illness. Jamie Carroll was present to submit the report. He said Mike knew the CD for the Fire Dept was up last month and he would like to use the money to buy a breathing air compressor for the station. Jimmy made a motion to have Aaron prepare the legislation to amend appropriations to allow the \$20,000 to be spent for the breathing air compressor. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to allow Edwin Guy and Timothy Benjamin to be hired to the fire department. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – didn't meet

Business from the Service Committee – No business to present

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said there was no meeting

Old Business –

Aaron said the updated cost estimate for the water line extension east of the Village is \$133,656. Mary asked if we should try to get a grant for this. Council discussed and agreed that we need to get grants for issues within the Village, like storm sewer repairs and construction. Council decided to tell the interested parties the cost of the project and have them try to come up with the funding.

Mary said we have a major problem with the catch basin at High St & 2nd St. A new line needs to be installed. It will cost between \$6,000 - \$8,000 to install new line from High/2nd to Maple/2nd. Lowell said we'll want a 10-inch pipe installed. Council discussed drainage issues in the Village. They agreed to review the drainage problem on the east side of the tracks and fix what they can on High/2nd for now. We'll see if we can use some of the revitalization grant money to repair.

Aaron said we received a proposal from PA's Landscaping for lawn service in the Village. Rita made a motion to keep the Village's lawn service needs with CC Lawncare, who we have used for several years and are very happy with their service. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All Yes, with JoAnn abstaining and Lowell voting NO. Motion passed.

Jimmy said he would like to get a "Slow – Children at Play" sign for Holt St. Garry said he would check to see if there is one in the street building.

Council discussed the use of personal cell phones for Village business by the Mayor and Clerk. Both say they use their phones substantially for Village business and would like just a small reimbursement for the cost. Garry made a motion to reimburse the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer for 25% of their monthly cell phone bill due to use for Village business. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All yes, with Jimmy abstaining and JoAnn voting NO. Motion passed.

Aaron said he cashed out some CD's last month and wondered if Council wished to re-invest or just hold off to see if rates get any better. Council would like to see some rates. Aaron will gather the information and bring to next meeting.

New Business –

Aaron brought up the issue of 8121 High St. having the demolished trailer debris blowing all over the neighborhood. Council agreed to tell Fox Reality (the managing realtor) that if it's not fixed soon, we will begin taking the steps to clean it ourselves and assess to the taxes. Council is concerned with the insulation and possible asbestos blowing around the Village.

JoAnn said the property at 8111 Maple Street has three trees that need trimmed or removed because they are blocking the view of others trying to get onto the road. Council agreed to send a nuisance letter asking that the trees be trimmed or removed.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except Jimmy voting NO. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy