

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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 some ODOT permit forms he needed Mary to sign. She did so. These are to be sent in with the formal application that GGC will be submitting next week to ODOT. Mike said once we have the draft permit from ODOT, we can move forward with the Millersport-Thurston Water Transmission Line project. He's got the plans on his desk now, just a few things to finish up. We need to get EPA approval of the plan by June 15, 2011.

Mike talked about the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. He spoke to John Cleek and has been reviewing the plans. Council discussed the \$30,000 matching funds required. When Council originally agreed to the matching funds amount, it was to be spread over 2 years. Now the desire is to get it all done in one year. Aaron said that would put the Village in a tight position financially. Council discussed the numbers and some possible ways of making it work in one year. Council agreed to discuss the issue at the next service committee meeting.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the March, 2011 regular meeting minute. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Rita made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2011-6 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-6 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2011-7 – A Resolution for the Village of Thurston, OH to adopt the 2011 Fairfield County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and the declaration of an emergency. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-7 – A Resolution for the Village of Thurston, OH to adopt the 2011 Fairfield County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present to submit the report. See attached. Jim discussed the EMS Billing status for the Township. Jim said they want to start billing effective May 1, 2011. Jim discussed the additional charges we'll have since we're billing such as not getting drugs reimbursed by the hospital. We'll have to buy those ourselves now. Council discussed fire department finances.

Jimmy made a motion to confirm the hiring of Chad Smith and Joshua Payne to the fire department. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business to present

Business from the Service Committee – Robert said the Service Committee is recommending to Council to enter into an agreement with Official Payments to begin using credit cards for the water department customers. Robert made the motion; Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will have the legislation prepared for next meeting.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert didn't attend due to illness.

Old Business –

At the last meeting, Council wanted a letter to be sent to the property owner of 8111 Maple St. to ask them to cut back their trees so the road could be seen by people pulling out of Doug Hite's driveway. Aaron checked and the property is now in foreclosure by a bank in another state. Aaron asked if Council still wanted to pursue. Mary said it didn't look like a problem. Aaron said the trees are back a few feet from the road and agreed it didn't look like a problem. JoAnn said you can't see up the road because of the trees. Lowell said there are similar problems across the Village. Jimmy made a motion to table the issue until we can look at it a bit closer. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council reviewed CD rates available from several local banks ranging from .65 % to 1.19 %. Council decided not to reinvest at this time.

Aaron said there is only one property left on the west side of town with vehicle nuisances. Council agreed it was okay to send a third notice to the property owners at 2252 Fourth St. The next step is to take the issue to the Fairfield County Court for action.

Mary said she received a very good resume from Joanie Hines for the open seat on the Walnut Creek Sewer District. Garry made a motion to appoint Joanie Hines to the open seat on the Board of the Walnut Creek Sewer District. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will notify the board.

Mary said she had gotten some quotes for catch basin repairs, however, in light of the need for matching funds for the revitalization grant; she is putting those on hold.

New Business –

Jimmy said Oak St. was just repaved last year and it is already being destroyed by the number of semi trucks that are going back to that business (Lansing Trade Group, 8045 Oak St.). Jimmy made a motion to send a letter to the business to ask them to do repairs on the road and install concrete slabs and supports to keep their trucks from destroying the road. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron announced that the Records Committee must meet in May. Everyone agreed on Monday May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Mary announced that a representative will be at the next meeting to discuss the historical parks levy.

Mary said she'd like to thank Aaron Reedy for all the hard work he does for the Village. She said he does a lot he shouldn't have to and attends a lot of meetings for us.

Mary said Marsha Hall from the Village of Baltimore had contacted us a few days ago and wanted to meet to discuss the possibility of Baltimore continuing to supply Thurston with water. They met last Monday evening and discussed some possibilities. Today Marsha faxed over some suggestions that Baltimore Council made. Thurston Council reviewed these suggestions for a water contract proposal. After brief review, Jimmy made a motion to reply to Baltimore Council that their second and third bullet points were not negotiable items; Thurston just wants to purchase water, and if we can't just purchase water, we don't wish to negotiate any further. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will send a response letter.

These points included that Baltimore desires to serve any customers from SR256 to SR37 and properties with frontage on the east side of SR37. They proposed moving the master meter to the east side of SR37. They proposed purchasing the current waterline along SR256 Baltimore and the new master meter site using the formula in the current water contract.

Chief Hite asked about the proposed hydrants along the length of the new Millersport Transmission line. He suggests that there should be a hydrant every 500 feet and each one should have a "stortz" fitting. Council agreed and directed Aaron to inform the Engineer of that request.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy