

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 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. – late (arrived at 7:30pm)  
Garry Boring – present  
Lowell Hite – present  
Mary Boring – present  
Aaron Reedy – present

Bobby Lee, Trailer Court Lot 1 was present regarding his water bill. He feels the usage at 11,000 gallons is too high. The meter on his trailer as been giving the Village bad readings for several months, and the account was estimated at 2000 gallons each month. The meter, reader, and wire were finally replaced in March. Current readings show the account will be almost just as high this month. He had been advised to check for leaks, but says he found none. Lowell suggested a different method for investigating the problem. He told Bobby to check the spinning dial on the meter after shutting off his main to see if he has a leak. Then come to service committee meeting next month.

Michael Betts from GGC Engineers was present to discuss projects. He said the new Millersport water line project plans has been submitted to ODOT for approval. Looks like we'll need about 6 easements (outside the Agricultural Security Area). He looked at the booster station and decided we can probably use it for pressure reduction. The plans will then go to the Ohio EPA for approval. In early June, Mike will probably be bringing some questions to Council.

Mike asked about the draft agreement for water with Millersport. He asked Council to review and plan to meet with Millersport in early June. Lowell asked about adding more fire hydrants to the water main line (every 500'). Michael said it would add an additional \$160,000 to the project to do so. The current plan is just to install at intersections. The current design calls for Stortz fittings.

Michael introduced John Cleek to the Council. He will be the project manager for our Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. John said he and the County were glad to be able to assist with the grant. The county will sign all contracts and all the funds will be paid from the county, and not through the Village. He asked if the Village was going to provide their own on-site inspector or have the engineer provide that service. Council agreed we would try to do what we can, and then contract with the engineer to provide that service as needed. That cost was estimated at \$16,000, and the Council feels we can do most of it ourselves.

John said it was imperative that we identify the 200 water meters that we want to replace in the project. Current cost projections were for 100 inside and 100 outside meters. Council discussed. We'll come up with some plans. John said the earliest the work would start would be August.

Rita made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer to execute an agreement to hire GGC Engineers for professional services for the revitalization grant. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

James Mako was present from Fairfield County Regional Planning. He provided information regarding Fair Housing because we got the grant. He also discussed Landlord/Tenant Rights. He said if there were any issues, please contact Regional Planning.

Rosemary Hajoust and David Fey were present to share information with council about the levy on this fall's ballot for Fairfield County Historical Parks.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the April 2011 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 Resolution 2011-8 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to execute an electronic transaction processing agreement with Official Payments Corporation and the declaration of an emergency. This will allow the Village to accept credit card payments from customers at no cost to the Village. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-8 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to execute an electronic transaction processing agreement with Official Payments Corporation and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2011-9 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-9 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2011-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 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 2011-11 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-treasurer to execute a Personal Service Agreement for Legal Services with Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner LPA and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-11 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-treasurer to execute a Personal Service Agreement for Legal Services with Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner LPA and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was present to submit the report. See attached. Mary asked if Jim could get the guys to install the flags. He said he would. Jim asked about hydrant flushing. Council said they would like for him to do it in early summer. Jim will let Aaron know exactly when so he can put it in the paper.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Aaron said there has been no reported activity on cleaning up the car /tire nuisance at 2252 Fourth St. Garry made a motion to have the Village Solicitor proceed with the legal process to get these nuisances taken care of. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will let the solicitor know.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the Fire Department’s 5-year budget plan as presented. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron will send it to the township as they requested.

**Business from the Service Committee** – SAS Title sent in a request for a minor lot “split” that would correct an encroachment issue at 8110 Elm St. Garry made a motion to approve the lot split to correct the encroachment issue at 8110 Elm St. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Jimmy and Joanne abstaining. 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 there was nothing that concerned us.

**Old Business** –

Aaron said the Records Committee must meet in May. Due to scheduling conflicts, everyone agreed they will meet on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Aaron announced that heads of each department, board and commissions shall file their 2012 budget with the mayor or himself by May 15, 2011, or the same figures from last year will be used.

Aaron announced that a copy of the insurance policy was left at the Township Building on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, as they requested.

Jimmy made a motion to accept the contract from Sam’s Pest Control for mosquito spraying within the Village, at 1time per month, unless approved by Council. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**New Business** –

Aaron brought up an accounting audit process we’re currently doing for utility bills. Council decided to leave the process as-is.

Aaron asked if Council would consider allowing utility deposits to be transferred from one individual to another in certain cases. Council agreed to leave the process as it is.

Jimmy made a motion to allow in the case of abandoned/foreclosed properties, where the water has been turned off for non-payment, and the Realtor is trying to inspect the house’s water system, that the Village will allow the water to be turned on for inspection at a cost of \$50. The money must be paid up-front, and the time scheduled with the Village Secretary/Water Operator. The water must be turned on and off on the same day. Robert seconded. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary brought up the property next door (the old school building). The county made an agreement to allow the owners to make payments for their back taxes.

Mary said there is a property nuisance at 8059 Broad St. The yard needs cleaned up. Robert made a motion to have a nuisance letter sent to the property owner, Larry Kahle. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy