

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
June 08, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:04 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

No visitors were present and wished to speak.

Michael Betts from GGC Engineers was present to discuss projects. He said some surveying has been done for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant projects. Some work agreements will have to be put in place with property owners due to sidewalks being out of the village's right-of-way on some parts of Main St. GGC will take care of that. He asked Council about water meters. Council agreed to put out as competitive bids between Census & Badger.

Mike then discussed the Millersport Water Main project. ODOT has some minor revisions on the plans. GGC is waiting to hear from some utilities on their requirements. GGC will look at easement requests (about 5 of them) and will let property owners along that stretch know what is going on. GGC will prepare an informational mailing for all those property owners.

Council held a budget hearing on the 2012 Budget for the Village. Garry made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Garry made a motion to approve the May 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 2011-12 – An Ordinance to keep down grasses, weeds, noxious weeds, and other vegetation/trim trees and shrubbery and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: Rita, Robert & Garry voted YES. Lowell and JoAnn voted NO. Motion not carried. Aaron said to consider this the first reading of this Ordinance.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present to submit the report. See attached. Robert made a motion to hire Douglas Fleahman to the department. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary thanked Jim for getting the flags up around the village.

Business from the Safety Committee – no business

Business from the Service Committee – no business

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 there has been no response from Lansing Trade Group regarding the road destruction on Oak St. Council instructed Aaron to send the letter again certified.

Aaron said there has been no response from Larry Kahle regarding the nuisance on his 8053 Broad St. property. Council instructed Aaron to send the letter again certified.

Water Acct #1 had disputed number of gallons used over the last few weeks. The meter was repaired correctly on 6/1/2011. Service committee had discussed it. Robert made a motion to adjust the billing for Acct #1 to change the usage for May and June to 5500 gallons each month. Over the next six (6) months, we will collect usage data and then revisit May and June to see if those months need to be adjusted, according to the 6-month average. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Aaron brought up the issue of the fines not paid for junk vehicle nuisances being addressed from November to current. Aaron asked Council what they would like to do about them. Garry made a motion to waive the ordinance fines ONLY IF the property owners pay for the certified postage costs we incurred to notify them of their nuisances. This is for Vickers, Funkhouser, Stoneburner, and Robison properties. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

New Business –

Aaron brought up water acct # 64, who had complained about a high reading last month. After taking several readings, there is nothing to indicate the meter is wrong. Council didn't take any actions.

JoAnn asked if we had heard any response to our letter responding to their offer to continue to supply Thurston with water. Aaron said we have received nothing, and that council pretty much shut the door on any negotiations when they replied that they would only discuss rates.

Aaron said the Consumer Confidence Report for 2010 is ready to be mailed and asked Council if there was anything else they wanted to include in the mailing. It was decided to let people know about flushing hydrants on July 5th and 6th and the Mayor would like to include a memo.

Robert said that the nuisance car on the east side of the tracks near the Shirley's property is not on the Shirley's property, but is on railroad property. Shirley's say to tow it, as far as they are concerned.

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.

Garry made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy