

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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

Visitor Cheryl Kirkpatrick from Moline Drive was present to complain about the lack of a secretary in the office the last couple of days because they were told someone's water on Moline Dr. was going to be turned off if they didn't get their name on the service. She works for Larry Kahle in managing his properties on Moline Drive. Aaron explained that the service she was referring to was not scheduled to be shut off this week, but that was a ploy that Larry Kahle uses to get new renters to put the water in their name. He's done this before. The Village secretary was sick and out of the office on Tuesday and Wednesday, and will probably be out on Thursday, too. That is going to happen from time-to-time, and the Village can't afford to hire a second person to be in the office, too. Cheryl said she didn't understand it that way and was told differently. She understands the situation now.

Laura Clark of Maple St. was present to complain about the abandoned property at 8111 Maple St. She said the hot tub is full of water and it stinks; she's added bleach to help. Trash is piled up behind the property. There are now problems with rats. She has tried calling the managing mortgage company, Real Homes, but has gotten nowhere. Rita made a motion to declare the property a nuisance and to have Aaron send a certified letter stating that it must be cleaned up within 20 days or we will clean it and assess the property taxes. Garry second. A Garry made a motion to approve the June, 2011 regular meeting minute. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mike Betts was present from GGC Engineers to go over projects. Revitalization Grant – Council and he worked on some details regarding the sidewalks just prior to the meeting. Mike asked about a few signs that might need replaced throughout the Village. Mike said the fence around the cemetery will be a 4-foot, black-plastic coated chain link fence, open on the east side by the church. Mike said the playground would have a big new wooden feature. Pictures were passed around. He said there would also be repairs made to the monkey bars and merry-go-round. There will be new benches, too.

Mike said we will have enough money to replace all the water meters in the system. Lowell informed him that there were some 2" meters in some places. Mike said we will have to tell them where that is. Lowell will identify them.

Mike will be finalizing the plans and getting the information to John Cleek within 3-4 weeks so it can be put out to bid. The work will start in the fall.

Watermain project – Mike said the plans have been sent to John Wood at Millersport for his approval. Then they will be sent to ODOT for final approval. Mike said he would be drawing up some improvement plans for the booster station.

Garry made a motion to approve the July 2011 meeting minutes. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Rita made a motion to approve the July 28, 2011 special meeting minutes. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnne voting no. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive council pay for the July 28, 2011 special meeting. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnne and Lowell voting no. Motion carried.

Final reading for Ordinance 2011-12 – An Ordinance to keep down grasses, weeds, noxious weeds, and other vegetation/trim trees and shrubbery. Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-12. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnne and Lowell voting no. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2011-16, An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-16, An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present to submit the report. See attached. There was no business to discuss.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business

Business from the Service Committee – Robert made a motion to allow the water service at 8349 High St to be turned on due to the fact the Veteran's Administration office has promised to catch the account up and the owner has just gotten a new job. The balance is to be paid up by the end of the month. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. 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 of interest to the Village.

Old Business –

Jamie Carroll submitted a quote for cold-patching the alley behind the Methodist Church. Garry made a motion to accept the bid of \$300 from Jamie Carroll to fix the pot holes in the alley behind the Methodist Church. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said there was an issue with a house on 2403 Wilson Ave. The water service is connected to the house on 2409 Wilson Ave. Several years ago, Tiny Aubery had a water tap that ran to his house. He put in a "Y" to connect to his garage, too. In the late 90's, Tiny fixed that garage up into a house. The "Y" was supposed to be replaced with a new water tap to the main on the road, but never was. Mary has already spoken with the current

owner, but would like council's approval on allowing them to tap in to the main now for the price they would have paid back in 1990's when they were supposed to. Garry made a motion to notify the Aubery's that they need to install a new line from the main to the house on 2403 Wilson Ave. They must install a 6" saddle, 3/4" curbstop, 3/4" corporation stop and a curb box. This all must be done within 60 days by their own contractor, and to be inspected by our water operator. The price of the tap fee will be \$250. JoAnne second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

New Business –

Aaron said that Butch Miller mowed and cut down weeds at the street building on First St. Council directed Aaron to send a thank-you note. This needs to be done regularly. Rita made a motion to have C&C Lawncare mow and weed the Street Building every 2 weeks for \$15 per time. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

There has been a complaint about junk vehicles in the trailer court. Garry and Aaron will check it out.

Garry said he got an estimate for the roof repair due to high wind damage on the Municipal Building. It's from Superior Exteriors for \$27,000. The Village has a \$1,000 deductible. Robert made a motion to send it to the insurance company for consideration. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said the Secretary got a complaint from Water Acct # 302 that her bill was too high – double what it normally is. Aaron said the meter has been re-read and there is no sign of it being incorrect. The outside meter reading matches the inside meter reading. Council discussed the issue and decided there was not an issue. There may have been higher-than-normal readings due to company staying. The reading is only a little higher than what it was this time last year. If there is a leak, it's somewhere on their side of the line. Council took no action.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy