

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 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. – absent  
Garry Boring – present  
Lowell Hite – present  
Mary Boring – present  
Aaron Reedy – present

Visitor Frank Anderson of Moline Drive was present to discuss water issues. He just moved into the village from Michigan about a month ago. He wanted to know who gave us the authority to do some of the things we do. Wants to know why there is a minimum set on water. Who sets the figure, is it arbitrary? Mary said the Council sets the rates. He doesn't think that is right. Wants to know where his money goes. Mary said it goes into the water fund. He said he feels like we're taking his money, and that of other residents, for other reasons. What are we doing with the money? Mr. Anderson went on to complain and question about issues he didn't really seem to understand or have any knowledge about. Mary said it would be best to have this conversation at a Service Committee meeting where Council wasn't conducting business and would have time to talk with him.

Jim Barber was present to tell Council that he wants to put a concrete slab down in front of his property where Mike Barber lives. Was concerned how this would affect the sidewalk going through. Mike was also concerned about putting a sidewalk through his driveway where he has heavy trucks drive through often. Council discussed.

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

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

Robert made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2011-17, A Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement program and to execute contracts as required and the Declaration of an Emergency. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-17, A Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement program and to execute contracts as required and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2011-18, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-18, A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was not present. Jamie Carroll submitted the chief’s report. Robert made a motion to hire Tyler Barber, Adam Ruff, Zach Taylor, Ben May and Clay Doles to the fire department. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Didn’t meet.

**Business from the Service Committee** – Robert made a motion to accept waste hauling contract with CMI. Lowell was concerned that not all of the bids included free service to the Village municipal building and fire department, including a 96 gallon tote for the fire department. Bob rescinded his motion for further discussion. Council wants to give bidders chance to –restate their bids with the services listed above. They said it was okay if Connie called and the bidders faxed their bid in, just want it in writing.

**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** –

JoAnne said Butch Miller on 1<sup>st</sup> Street wants the lawn mess cleaned up around the firehouse. Jamie Carroll said he would haul it away.

**New Business** –

Aaron said the office has received some complaints about dogs barking too much in the block between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Aaron said he has witnessed this issue a lot himself. Garry made a motion to have a nuisance letter sent to the dog owners in that area; James Murphy and Timothy Dye. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said Eric Valentine from the County Farm Bureau has setup a meeting between our council and the Council from the Village of Baltimore for September 21, 2011 at 6:30 pm at their office on College Ave in Lancaster. Eric wants \$500 from Thurston to help provide the mediator. Garry made a motion to NOT pay any money towards a mediator at this time. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Lowell seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy