

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor 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

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Kelly Cleek of 2098 First St. wished to address Council regarding cat nuisance at 8049 High St. She said Mr. Funkhouser is feeding about 30 cats that hang around on his property. She said they leave feces in her flower beds and yard. Her tulip bulbs have been torn up. Aaron said his water is off, so he's not living there. Kelly said he is living there. Aaron checked the account and it shows the water being off. He will have the service verified. Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to Fred Funkhouser at 8049 High St. regarding the cat problem. He will have 30 days to take care of the problem. If he intends to keep the cats, he must keep them indoors. Otherwise, he must get them out of the village. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Steve Carpenter of 8140 Elm St. #25 also added comments about the cat problem within the Village.

Michael Carder and Barb Anderson were present from GGC regarding the proposed Thurston Well Field and Water Plant Project. Michael said Council has legislation in their hands that needs to be passed tonight so applications can get in on time for funding. Barb said she received 3 quotes from drillers in order to test drill a property for water. Worthman Drilling, HD Water Services, and Reynolds. GGC recommends the Village select the Worthman Drilling bid. They can have it done as soon as 3/19/2012. Barb said appropriate information and forms have been submitted to the EPA for the project. She said the new contact at EPA is Carolyn O'Neal.

Rita made a motion to approve the February 2012 meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the February 13, 2012 special meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the February 20, 2012 special meeting minutes. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the March 10, 2012 special meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the March 12, 2012 special meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive Council pay for the February 13, 2012 meeting. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive Council pay for the February 20, 2012 meeting. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive Council pay for the March 10, 2012 meeting. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Mary asked for a motion to waive Council pay for the March 12, 2012 meeting. No motion made.

Garry made a motion to approve the February 2012 financial statement. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2012-5, A Resolution for the Village of Thurston to adopt the 2011 Fairfield County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-5, A Resolution for the Village of Thurston to adopt the 2011 Fairfield County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-6, A Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement for Planning of the Thurston Well Field & Water Treatment Plant Project between the Village of Thurston and the Ohio Water Development Authority. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-7, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with GGC Engineers for Professional Civil Engineering design services for the Thurston Well Field & Water Treatment Plant Project. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2012-8, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute a participation agreement, on behalf of the village, with the Ohio Municipal Joint Self-Insurance Pool and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-8, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute a participation agreement, on behalf of the village, with the Ohio Municipal Joint Self-Insurance Pool and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to accept the well drilling bid from Worthman Drilling. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to take a 10-minute recess so forms can be signed. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell voting NO. Motion carried. Time is 7:40p.m.

Council came back from recess at 7:51 p.m.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and submitted his report. Council discussed how the EMS billing was going. Aaron said as of 2/29/2012, Walnut Twp has received about \$10,000 on Thurston’s behalf. Jimmy made a motion to hire Cameron Sluder to the Thurston-Walnut Twp Fire dept. Robert Second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – Jimmy said the external security alarm is now installed. The automatic door-closers are installed as required. The ramp has been removed from the back stairs.

Business from the Service Committee – No business to submit.

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 affected the Village.

Old Business –

Mary said she had someone check out the Cherry St. problem. There is no water leak under the road, just need to re-patch across the road. Lowell said some potholes down by the churches need filled, too.

Lowell made a motion to have Mary have all the work done at a price not to exceed \$1,000. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

New Business –

Aaron said that back on May 11, 2011, Council agreed that utility deposits could not be swapped from one person to another. Aaron asked about deposits for a person moving from one service location to another. Jimmy made the motion that a person’s deposit could be moved from one account (service address) to another only if both of the accounts were paid in full and up-to-date. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said Lowell Hite had brought up a billing issue at the property at 8032 High St. concerning multi-family dwellings on the same tap line. This was brought up in a discussion after the last special meeting on March 12, 2012. Lowell had said they should be charged for 4 “minimum charges” since there are 4 units. Jimmy said there are only three. Tonight, Aaron has a letter from the owner of the property that states there are only 3 “units”. Lowell said he now doesn’t want to take any action since there’s nothing in the rates ordinance that states anything about that. Aaron asked if he wanted to take any action regarding that. Lowell said no. Aaron said he would take the issue up to the Walnut Creek Sewer District board about the property being charged for 4 sewer maintenance fees, when there are only 3 units there.

Jamie Carroll of CC Lawn Care said he would do the mowing again for the village at the same rate as he charged last year (which is the same as the last 5 years). He just asks that if the village ever installs a fence around the cemetery, he be allowed to re-bid that due to the increase in work that would bring. Rita made a motion to hire CC Lawn Care to provide mowing services for the Village at the same rates as last year. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Mary said there's been some vandalism at the back basement door. Someone has knocked down the bricks from the stairwell down into the stairwell, doing some damage to the door. Garry will call the security company and get prices for installing a camera on the rear of the building. Garry made a motion to have Jamie clean up the mess from the stairwell. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Lowell asked Jamie if he had hauled all the stuff from behind the Street Building. Jamie said most of it. Lowell said there is more rubbish to be hauled from behind the Municipal building. Garry said we'd wait until we gathered more rubbish from another project before having Jamie haul it off.

Jimmy made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy