

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:01 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. Nancy Wright was present. She said the dust is flying on the road back by the grain storage place near the railroad. Can we ask them to put down some tar. Mary said she'd refer it to the Service Committee. Nancy then asked if there was any way to get the railroad to fix the crossing at St. Rt. 256. Mary said she's been trying for years, and they won't do anything. Nancy thanked council and said she just wanted to voice her opinion.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the May 2, 2012 special meeting minutes. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive Council pay for the May 2, 2012 meeting. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2012-10 An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2010-14 and Establishing updated Guidelines and Procedures for the billing and collection of water and sewer fees and declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion for emergency not carried. Aaron said this is then the first reading of Ordinance 2012-10.

First Reading of 2012-11 – A resolution to limit the time within all Village issued checks must be cashed.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was present, and submitted his report. Jim asked about the fire department putting up flags. Mary will check on their status. Jim said they will be flushing hydrants during the first week of June. Aaron will get it in the paper and put on the water bills at the end of May.

Jim said he will get the required information about driver's licenses for the insurance company. He said he would get an electronic version of the employee handbook to Aaron for the insurance company.

Jim brought up the subject of possibly having the Village take over paying the part-time employees instead of the Township due to pay rules. The service committee will discuss the possibility.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Jimmy made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 2231 Main St. due to high grass. This will give 10 days to cut the grass before the Village does so and assesses their taxes. This will be the only warning for the year. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 8349 High St. due to high grass. This will give 10 days to cut the grass before the Village does so and assesses their taxes. This will be the only warning for the year. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Service Committee** – There was no business to discuss.

**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 the Village.

**Old Business** –

Aaron said he sent a letter to Klamfoth as directed by Council last month. There has been no reply.

Mary said she got a quote from Spires paving to have paving repair work done in various places throughout the Village. The quote is for \$9,536. Lowell said we should get more quotes. Mary said she will try to get more.

**New Business** –

Aaron said utility acct # 44 was discussed at the Service Committee meeting and it was discussed that the meter had been read wrong. The account holder is asking for some credit. Jimmy made a motion to credit the account \$18.21 due to incorrect reading. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron presented the 2013 budget to Council. Only Chief Hite had submitted figures for the budget.

Mary announced that she's having drainage work done on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Mary announced that the Village Secretary, Connie Saffle, has given a 60-day notice due to her family moving to Florida. Mary has decided to hire Susan Turner to replace Connie. Mary asked Council for approval of funding to pay both ladies as Susan is getting trained. Robert made a motion to approve any necessary funding to allow both ladies to be paid as Village Secretary during the training period. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy