

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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. – absent
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Shirley Dennis and Vicki Starner were present to discuss a situation with the past-due water account at 2600 Baltimore-Somerset Road. Both ladies were upset about multiple items regarding this account; too many to list, and much of what didn't make sense to the author of these minutes to be able to document them accordingly. Basically, Shirley didn't agree she should have been charged any charges because no one lived in the house for the past several months because it had caught fire. The account was disconnected due to non-payment back in March 2012 and the taxes had been assessed in June. The house was then sold to the Starners in July, who don't feel they should have to pay anything, either. Nonetheless, after 30 minutes of discussion and consternation, Rita made a motion to waive the \$50 disconnect fee and the \$50 Assessment Fee, but not to do anything about the minimum monthly water charges. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to table discussion about the minimum monthly water charges for a later time. Robert second. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.

GGC was not present. Mary said she is waiting to hear back from Barb about the next steps to purchase the property for the water plant.

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

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

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2012-12, An Ordinance to Amend the 2012 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-12, An Ordinance to Amend the 2012 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present, and submitted the report. Garry made a motion to allow the hiring of Chad Mathas, Steve Wernert, Micharl Miller, Breanna Gibson, Robert Blanton, and Evan Martin. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed moving the payroll responsibilities for part-time employees from the township to the village. Mary said she is waiting on a list of responsibilities from Walnut Township.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business to present.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to send a letter to Archie Robinson about his apartments at 1960 Main St. All the plastic valves must be removed and replaced with metal valves since they are outside the building. Plastic valves are for inside use. Also the privacy fence that was erected must be moved because it is on the Village cemetery property. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter regarding high weeds behind the house at 2412 Wilson Ave. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter regarding high weeds at 2205 Main St. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a warning letter to Terry Prather to warn him that all vehicles on his property are to be licensed and have current tags. Rita 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 they announced that the Village of Pleasantville has won a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant.

Old Business – none

New Business –

Robert made a motion that the Clerk-Treasurer of the Village should post assessments to properties every 90 days for past-due utility accounts. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES, except JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Aaron said he attended the annual Fairfield County Budget Hearing on behalf of the Village on Monday, August 6th. As normal, the Village will be getting less money than the previous year.

Mary read a letter from a Neatsie Barber. She said she is working with others in the neighborhood to help spay and neuter cats in the village. She is willing to take cats from anyone and get them altered. If anyone is interested, contact Neatsie at 740-862-0236. The cost is anywhere from \$25 - \$40. Appointments are the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy