

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:06 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. None did. Mary announced that we had 1 bid from Roger Parsons come in for potential well field for the village's water system.

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

Garry made a motion to approve the September 14, 2012 special meeting minutes. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the September 2012 financial statement with corrections. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive council pay for the September 2012 special meeting. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES except Lowell and JoAnn voting no. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-16 – An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2012-10 and establishing updated Guidelines and Procedures for the Billing and Collection of Water and Sewer Fees. Aaron asked if there were any changes requested. No one replied.

First Reading of Ordinance 2012-18 – An Ordinance to increase the salaries of the Mayor, All Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer. This would increase the Council pay from \$40 to \$60 per meeting; Mayor's pay from \$200 to \$275 per month, and the Clerk-Treasurer's pay from \$560 to \$600 per month. If the Ordinance passes, all new amounts, except the Clerk-Treasurer's, would be effective on the next election date for the councilperson's position, or if a new person is appointed to an empty position. Basically, Council cannot give themselves or Mayor an in-term raise. Back in 2009, Council lowered all the salaries by 25% due to budget shortfalls. Aaron asked if there were any changes requested. Lowell suggested taking the Clerk-Treasurer's salary completely out of the general fund. Council discussed and decided to take 40% from Street Fund, 20% from the Water Fund, and 40% from the General Fund. Second Reading will be held at the November council meeting. Third reading and vote will be held at the December council meeting. If passed, Ordinance would be effective in January 2013.

Business from Fire Chief – Chief Jim Hite was present, and submitted the report. Jim said he wants to remove 3 volunteers: Tyler Barber, Steve Wernert and Michael Miller. Council was okay with that. Jim said he would like to have a proclamation congratulating the two paramedics who worked on the current cardiac arrests. Aaron told him there was an error at the billing company regarding charge entry for EMS charges for Thurston,

but it would be fixed for the reports at the end of October. Jim said Bill Yates said that MED3000 is being bought by another company and is now trying to get out of their contract with Walnut Township, so he's taking that to the Township's solicitor. Aaron said that was not right. Aaron said MED3000 is in the process of being purchased by McKesson, and will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of McKesson, but will continue to be MED3000 and work with all current clients. Chief Hite says all he knows is what Bill Yates said. Aaron said that made no sense, MED3000 is working to GET more clients, not get rid of any. Aaron works in the IT department for MED3000, so he knows what he's talking about.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business to present.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to purchase signs for the corporation limits for Millersport Rd North and South stating “Mayor – Mary Boring” like what currently exist on Main St at the East and West signs. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

JoAnn made a motion to buy new address signs from the fire department for the Municipal Building. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to sell the old village street signs for \$3.00 each. We'll make a note on the water bills to let people know. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry said we are researching the possibility of selling our old water meters to Global. We have 17 direct reads and 239 remote reads. Garry made a motion that if they offer \$3500 or above, it's okay to sell. Robert seconded. 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 to concerned the Village.

Old Business – Aaron said the certified letter for the property nuisance at 2409 Wilson Ave came back undeliverable. Mary said the owner got her copy, and both properties are now clean.

New Business –

Aaron said the Records Committee should meet in November. Robert made a motion to not have the Records Committee meet until there is business to discuss. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron shared an e-mail from the worker's compensation contact that said we need to have a representative take safety training.

Aaron said Lowell's position on the Walnut Creek Sewer district ends December 31, 2012. JoAnn said to post the opening. Any interested parties should attend the December Service Committee meeting on December 5.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:44p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy