

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 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. None did.

Mary made a presentation of plaques in appreciation to 2 Thurston-Walnut Township paramedics who recently saved lives. They were Doug Fleahman and Mike Carpenter.

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

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

Final 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. Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-16. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES, except Lowell voting No. Motion carried.

Second 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.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance # 2012-19, An Ordinance to Amend the 2012 Appropriations Ordinance, and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 2012-19, An Ordinance to Amend the 2012 Appropriations Ordinance, and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – No business to present. They have sent the ice/snow removal contract back to Walnut Township for clarification.

**Business from the Service Committee** – No business to present.

**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.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present, and submitted the report. Jim said the township solicitor checked and verified the 1500 hour rule that states part-time firefighters/EMT's must stop working or pay full-time benefits. They are allowed to work 1500 hours per calendar year. Jim also said that any time over 106 hours in a 14-day pay cycle must be paid as overtime.

Jim said we won't be getting any EMS money from the township until they get their appropriations approved by the County. They only budgeted for \$150,000 total for the year. Receipts have been better than they expected. Jim said the training fire on Saturday went well. Jim thanked Council for recognizing the two paramedics earlier.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** –

Aaron shared the new water tap abandonment form with Council. Council suggested having the lawyer clarify the section regarding water wells on the property so that it states they can have wells for watering gardens and lawns, just not for housing and/or business use.

Lowell asked if anybody ordered blue flags yet to mark our water line on Rt. 256. No one knew why. Lowell said because Baltimore is starting their work to install their sewer line. We had been told by the Village Secretary that we did not get an OUPS ticket for the Baltimore sewer line extension on Rt. 256. Aaron will confirm by checking the e-mail. Aaron said he would order 50 blue marker flags and have them expedited to us for placement.

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 7:24p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy