

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 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. Jimmy made a motion to change the Agenda and allow Barb from GGC to address Council. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Barb said drawings will be ready shortly to submit to the EPA for the new village water treatment plant. The updated estimate for the project is \$2,695,100. She said we need to move forward with acquiring the properties for the project. They had already gone out for bid, and no other bids were received. Council discussed the financials of the project.

Robert made a motion to approve the purchase of the Miller property and easement for \$78,420. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Garry made a motion to purchase the Parson's property for \$160,000, pending getting loan money from the OWDA. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to approve the November 2012 meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn voting no. Motion carried.

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

Garry made a motion to approve the November 28, 2012 special meeting minutes. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary asked for a motion to waive council pay for the November 28, 2012 meeting. No motion was made.

Final 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. If passed, Ordinance would be effective in January 2013. Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-18. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn and Lowell voting no. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for reading and emergency passage of Resolution 2012-21. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2012-21, A Resolution authorizing cooperative agreement for planning of the Thurston Wellfield & Water treatment plant project between the Village of Thurston and the Ohio Water Development Authority and Declaring an Emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-21, A Resolution authorizing cooperative agreement for planning of the Thurston Wellfield & Water treatment plant project between the Village of Thurston and the Ohio Water Development Authority and Declaring an Emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – No business to present. However Jimmy wanted to know if we needed a motion for the Village to approve taking over processing part-time payroll processing from the township. Aaron said it would be nice to have an official motion to do so, if we desire to do that.

**Business from the Service Committee** – Garry said we need to fill the expiring seat on the board of trustees for the Walnut Creek Sewer District. Lowell Hite currently holds that position.

Jimmy made a motion to open nominations to fill the expiring seat on the WCSD board. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Rita made a motion to nominate Bev Reese to the position. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to close nominations to fill the expiring seat on the WCSD board. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to appoint Bev Reese to the expiring seat on the WCSD board effective January 1, 2013. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining. 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 he wasn't able to attend.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was not present. Jamie Carroll submitted the report. Jamie said he wasn't sure when/if the Village would be taking over part-time employee payroll processing. Mary said she wants the Village to purchase two street-number signs for the municipal building. They are \$10.00 each. Aaron will cut a check for \$20.00 made payable to the Thurston Firefighter's Association for the signs.

**Old Business** – Council looked over the detailed charges for snow plowing/ice removal from Walnut Township. Garry made a motion to accept the contract. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

**New Business** –

Aaron shared the updated water tap abandonment form with Council. Jimmy made a motion to approve the form and process for the Abandonment of Water Tap form. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining and Lowell voting NO. Motion carried.

Aaron said he got a retainer bill for \$350 from GGC for Village Engineer services. He wants to know if we want to continue to use GGC. Garry made a motion to retain GGC as our Village Engineers for 2013. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy