

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2013

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
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – absent	Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present	1OPEN council seat
Mary Boring – present	Aaron Reedy – present

No one was present who would be interested in the open Council seat.

Robert made a motion to open nominations for Council president. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to nominate Robert Ortman for Council President. Lowell second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. There were no other nominations.

Garry made a motion to close nominations for Council president. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to appoint Robert Ortman as Council president. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt 2009 Rules of Council until any new rules are completed. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to abolish the Rules Committee. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Committee Assignments as presented by the mayor. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed meeting schedules. JoAnn made a motion to keep them as they presently are. Council will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Safety and Service committees will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Finance and Records Committees will meet as necessary. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council reviewed and discussed the year-end financial numbers for 2012 as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer, Aaron Reedy. Council then reviewed and discussed the planned appropriations for 2012. Aaron used the budgeted numbers given in 2012 for the Fire Fund.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2013-1, An Ordinance Establishing an Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013, establishing a new accounting fund, and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-1, An Ordinance Establishing an Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013, establishing a new accounting fund, and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2013-2, A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Lowell said someone asked him about the minimum water amount when the meter has been pulled. He thought that didn't take effect until the February bills. Aaron went to the office and pulled the ordinance and showed him where it went into effect with the January bills.

Lowell asked if the minimum charge had been charged to the Eichorn property. Aaron said not yet, because he wanted to bring that property to the Service Committee for discussion. Lowell said there is a tap there, and they should be charged. Aaron repeated that he wanted to bring it to the Service Committee for discussion, but we haven't had a Service Committee meeting yet since it went into effect. Lowell asked if we are charging the Street Building the minimum water fee. Aaron went to the office and checked the computer and said that is an account he missed, but he would add the water fee and back-charge for the \$20 for January.

Lowell said he didn't think it was right that the clerk-treasurer could receive an in-term salary increase (his salary was recently increased by \$40 per month). Aaron said that issue was settled years ago, and there are OAG opinions stating that since the clerk-treasurer isn't a "voting position", that position could receive in-term increases. Lowell said he didn't think that was right and wanted an opinion from the Solicitor about it. Aaron said he would ask the Solicitor for it.

JoAnn said the sign for this organizational meeting was posted before her and Lowell were called. She thinks that's not right – council should be notified first. Aaron said he would handle it. JoAnn feels Susan (the Village Secretary) isn't doing her job. Aaron said it may not have been Susan's fault. JoAnn said she didn't think it was right. She kept repeating herself and Aaron asked if she wanted to make a motion about it to take action or have her written up or something. She said no, she just didn't think it was right. After JoAnn kept repeating herself and not wanting to take any action, Aaron said we should probably move on with the meeting as there are more important issues to take care of.

Lowell said he noticed the money raised from the sales of the old street signs has gone into the general fund. He feels it should go into the Street Fund. Lowell made a motion that money from the sale of old street signs should go into the street fund. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron said he would prepare a resolution to have the money transferred. The total amount received for this has been \$323.00.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-2, A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mayor Boring addressed procedural request. She said it should be the same as always; questions on finances should be asked before the meetings, etc. (A perfect example of this are the questions raised by Lowell above that should have been asked before the meeting so Aaron didn't have to keep going to the office to get information.) Aaron is available for questions/corrections anytime BEFORE meetings.

Aaron asked if council members wanted to maintain their Village e-mail addresses which most don't use. Robert, Garry, Lowell and JoAnn said no. Aaron will check with Jimmy later.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy