

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present JoAnn Hite – present Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
 Garry Boring – present Lowell Hite – present 1 OPEN COUNCIL SEAT
 Mary Boring – present Aaron Reedy – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Betsy Alt from the Liberty Township Community Chest wished to speak. Occasionally, her organization will pay a utility bill for a Thurston customer. She says there are times when they plan on paying a bill for one of our customers, but can't get the check to us exactly on time to avoid shut-off. She is asking Council to consider that when her organization calls and says they will be making the payment for the customer, that we remove the customer from the shut-off list. Jimmy made a motion that when the Liberty Twp Community Chest contacts us and informs us that they will be paying for a customer, that the customer be removed from the shut-off list at that time, knowing the check will be coming. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Betsy thanked Council and said that it would either be herself or Kristy Kennedy making the call to us.

Barb was present from GGC to discuss the status of the Water Plant project. She said natural gas is available in the area for backup generator and heaters in the building. Discussion was had regarding easements for water and forced main from the building back into the Village. Discussion was had regarding connecting the Fire Department's waste line to the new line for the plant. Barb said we would no longer need the pump house on route 256.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 2013 meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 15, 2013 special meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the January 19, 2013 special meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 2013 financial statement. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2013-4, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-4, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Chief Jim Hite was present and submitted the report. He said Walnut Township has been discussing the issue of Baltimore annexing out to St. Rt. 256/37. He said if Baltimore does that, the Township stands to lose money and that will affect our Fire Department. Jim said he would like to fix up part of the street building to store some material there. No one on Council had a problem with that. Robert made a

motion to allow \$1,000 from the Street Fund to assist in the repairs the fire department will do to the street building. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – Jimmy said they discussed the possibility of the Village using its own resources to plow our streets in the winter. Garry got the old pickup truck running. Jimmy made a motion to purchase a used salt box from Randy Kemmer for \$2,500 to be paid from the street fund. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES, except Lowell voting NO. Motion carried.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to have a letter sent to Phil Eichorn regarding his property at Rt 37/256 where a water connection exists to inform him that he has to pay the minimum water bill (also send a copy of the new ordinance), unless he abandons the tap. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the Brown property on High street regarding junk vehicles on the property. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to pay L&S Pest Control annually instead of monthly. This will save postage costs and printing costs for low-level bills. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said there was no meeting.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Garry made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. The time is 8:00 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m., Jimmy made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy