

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013

***** SPECIAL MEETING *****

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the Walnut Township Trustees at the Walnut Township Trustees meeting hall in Millersport, OH. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Since Thurston Council was invited to this meeting by the Township Trustees, no official calls were taken.

Present: Robert Ortman – present JoAnn Hite – present
 Garry Boring – present Lowell Hite – present
 Mary Boring – present Aaron Reedy – present

This special meeting was called to discuss the possibility of the passage of an addendum to the Millersport Fire Department Contract with Walnut Township Trustees and how it would impact the Thurston Fire Department.

After preliminary actions by the Township Trustees, discussion regarding the fire contract began at 7:05p.m. Trustee Bill Yates made a motion to extend the fire contract with Millersport in the form of an addendum. Several folks in the room, including residents, trustees, chiefs, and Council gave their opinions regarding the action.

At 7:16 p.m., the discussion was put on hold so that the Township Trustees could have a conversation with a lawyer regarding a different topic.

At 8:16 p.m., the discussion regarding the fire departments was started again. Mary Barber spoke and said that the Village of Thurston’s Council was against the continuing contract because it took away our ability to negotiate periodically for additional funding. By making it an “ongoing” contract, there will never be any given point to force the discussion about financial need, it will always just be Millersport gets 65% and Thurston gets 35%.

Further discussion was held by everyone present.

The Township Trustees then voted to extend the contract with Millersport. Bill Yates & Terry Horne voted yes; Sonny Dupler voted no. The motion was passed by the trustees.

No action was taken by the Thurston Council.

As that the Township Trustees needed to continue with their regular meeting, Thurston Council adjourned from the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy