

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – absent      JoAnn Hite – present      Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present  
          Garry Boring – present      Lowell Hite – present      Dave Carpenter – present  
          Mary Boring – present      Aaron Reedy – present

Mary announced that David Carpenter of 8140 Elm St., Lot 29, was appointed by her to the open Council seat and sworn in on March 15, 2013.

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Jeremy Mummey from 8140 Elm St. said he wants to see a neighborhood watch be developed in the Village. He said the minutes in the Towne Crier gave him credit for something he did not say in the minutes from the last meeting. Lowell and JoAnn said they agree the paper was wrong. Mary said our official minutes do not state that Jeremy made a comment about having a police department with almost a 'zero budget' (Nick Garner made the comment). Someone else made that statement. Mary said that we aren't responsible for what the paper publishes incorrectly.

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

Jimmy made a motion to approve the April 3, 2013 special meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive council pay for the April 3, 2013 special meeting. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES, with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the March 2013 financial statement with a correction that will be posted and shown in the April financial statement. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present and submitted the report. He asked if Council had any issues with our firefighters using Thurston gear when running on Millersport runs (when they are working at that station). No one had any issues with that. Chief Hite said he is in the process of looking for a mower. He said it would be cheaper for the guys to mow themselves while on duty than paying to have it done. Chief Hite would like to flush hydrants one day between May 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed. Aaron will post on the next water bills and publish in paper.

Chief Hite asked if the hydrants along Rt 256 East of Baltimore were active. No one knows, the Village hasn't been told anything. Chief Hite said he called and asked Baltimore Village Administrator Scott Brown, and he said to call the county. Chief Hite is concerned because they are not bagged, but has not received a request to inspect them, or test them (being in the Thurston-Walnut Twp Fire Dept Service area).

**Business from the Safety Committee** – No business to discuss.

**Business from the Service Committee** –

Garry made a motion to sell the old water meters for \$5.00 a piece to United Meter Buyers. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry presented a list of potholes in the village that needed repaired. Garry made a motion to have Heimbürger Paving fill/repair the potholes. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Lowell asked if we could have Heimbürger seal the crack all along High St. No one had an issue with that.

**Business from the Finance Committee** – Didn't meet.

**Business from the Regional Planning Representative** – Robert was not present.

**Old Business** – Mary announced that the property at 8050 High St. has been cleaned up. Also the property at 8349 High St. has been taken care of. Donna Foxmore from Fairfield County Community Action is working on getting a search warrant so that we will be able to take picture of the old school property (2231 Main St.) because it's condemned and needs to be torn down. The Village is trying to get state monies to have it torn down.

**New Business** –

Aaron announced that the heads of each department, board, commission shall file with the mayor 45 days before the budget must be adopted (May 15, 2013) an estimate of contemplated revenues and expenditures for the ensuing year. If nothing is received, the same numbers from 2013 will be used for 2014.

Aaron said there have been several requests from property owners/landlords who rent their properties for a delinquent water list that can be sent to them before the renter/non-owner's bill gets too high, and the property owner is stuck with the bill. Aaron said the billing software doesn't have that feature, but he's developed a report using the software's database that will do the job. Aaron is asking permission from Council to start sending that report out to property owners. Jimmy made a motion to send a Property Owner Delinquency Report when normal delinquency notices are mailed out. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said he got a quote for an exterior bulletin board with a plexiglass front to be installed on the front of the Municipal Building. It's for \$700. No one seemed interested in pursuing.

Jimmy made a motion to accept a bid from Sam's Pest Control for mosquito spraying the Village this year for \$150 per spray, to be done once a month, and other times upon request. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary announced that the CDBG Grant application goes in on Friday. Engineers gave some options to consider. Garry made a motion to apply for a CDBG Grant that will replace 2" water line on Third St, West of High St.; replace 2" water line on Maple St between Second & Third Streets, replace all 2" water line on Second St.; and install 4 new hydrants with valves on all 4 corners. Roll call vote: all YES, with Lowell voting NO. Motion carried.

At 7:43 pm, Jimmy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss current litigation. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

At 7:56 pm, Garry made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2013-5, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. This is to

increase the amount of money available for legal counsel from the water fund. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-5, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jimmy 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy