

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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 Dave Carpenter – present
 Mary Boring – present Aaron Reedy – absent

No visitors were present.

Barb Anderson was present from GGC Engineers. She discussed the status of the Thurston Water Project with Council.

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

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

Robert made a motion to waive the three-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2013-19, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an emergency. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-19, An Ordinance to Amend the 2013 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an emergency. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Chief Jim Hite was present, and presented his report. Discussed fire department finances and possible re-organization of financial processes between the Village and Walnut Twp Trustees. There seems to be an issue with the Walnut Twp holding money that should be paid to the Village to fund the Thurston-Walnut Twp. Fire Dept.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business to present to Council.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to accept a bid from the Window and Siding Company for \$3,845.00 to buy and install replacement windows in the north-west corner of the Municipal Building. Dave seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to put the truck in the newspaper for bid for no less than \$600. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 8049 High St. for a junk vehicle sitting on the property. It also has tarps and tall weeds around the house that need to be taken care of. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 2098 First St. for the broken concrete, bricks, concrete blocks and logs that need cleaned up. Robert 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 nothing that concerned us.

Old Business – No old business

New Business –

Garry made a motion to accept the Snow Removal Contract with Walnut Township. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said Aaron's term is up on the Walnut Creek Sewer District Board as of 12/31/13. Robert made a motion to re-appoint Aaron to the expiring term. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to accept a contract from Civil & Environmental Consultants for \$5,000 to assist in mapping and annexing the properties we've recently purchased, and others into the Village corporation limit. Dave second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Council agreed the cost should come out of the General Fund.

Mary brought an issue up with utility account # 241. Latest bill reading was for 100,100 gallons which made the bill \$1,564.41. Bob Pangborn said that is almost impossible, as that all faucets would have to be running wide open for a long time. More current readings from that time look normal. No one has been staying at this location for several months. There is no indication from the Baltimore water bill showing excessive usage. Mary checked with the sewer district to see if there was any high usage. John Kinder said things have been normal. All indications seem like this was a bad reading. Council decided to replace the meter and only charge the minimum amount and no current penalty for right now. If new meter proves the old meter was not faulty, then Council will decide what to do about the charges.

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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy