

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mary Boring.

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

No visitors were present.

Barb Anderson was present from GGC Engineers. She discussed the status of the Thurston Water Project with Council. Wells have been finished and everything is looking good. Because of the test results, we'll be able to treat the water differently and with less cost. She's working with the EPA on this. She said we're ready to move to the bidding process. She discussed financing with council. Garry made a motion to begin the bidding process for the water plant project. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Bids will be open at 10:30am on 3/11/2014.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 2014 meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 2014 organizational meeting minutes. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

David made a motion to approve the January 2014 financial statement. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 20, 2014 special meeting minutes. David second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive Council pay for the January 20, 2014 special meeting. David second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and Jo Ann voting NO and Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present, and presented his report. Chief Hite got a bill from Hina for additional asbestos testing/sampling reporting for the house on the Miller property the Village just purchased. Jimmy made a motion to pay the \$1,842 bill out of the General Fund. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Chief Hite said the copier that the Village just gave the Fire Department broke and is not fixable, according to the maintenance company. He said they need something reliable for copies, faxing and printing. Jimmy made a motion to allow the Fire Department to buy a copier. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Chief Hite said he needed a council member to service on the VFDF board. Jimmy Barber volunteered.

Council discussed that the EMS money & contract money from Walnut Township is not all accounted for. Aaron said he has made several attempts to contact the Walnut Township Fiscal Officer, but has been unsuccessful. He said this was strange because he normally has a very good working relationship with her. Mary said she would contact the Township Trustees about it.

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

**Business from the Service Committee** – Garry made a motion to do away with the Village Administrator position and reinstate the Board of Public Affairs effective immediately. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy and JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried. Aaron will have the solicitor prepare the legislation.

Garry made a motion to get the material necessary to re-seal the playground equipment; not to exceed \$200. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry wanted to adopt rules for the cemetery. Aaron said he would prepare legislation to do so.

Garry made a motion to remove the meter from the pit at 8115 Long St. due to illegal use and non-payment. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Council directed Aaron to investigate unauthorized usage over the last few years.

Jimmy said the new truck is wired and working great. The plow is on and he's hooking up the salt spreader. He said we'll need to turn on the power at the Street Building at some point to provide heat for the truck.

Garry said he got a quote from Scott Thomas to provide and install a 100,000 BTU Heil furnace for the council chambers and the hall (which will be controlled by dampers). The price is \$3,900 installed. Council debated the expense. JoAnn said it would be a waste of money. Jimmy and Garry said it is necessary and good for the walls and windows in the building.

Garry made a motion to accept the quote for \$3,900 from Scott Thomas and have the furnace installed. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES; with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried

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

**Business from the Regional Planning Representative** – Robert said he didn't attend the meeting.

**Old Business** – Mary presented a counter-offer for a short period of water service from the Village of Baltimore while we finish our water plant. Council reviewed. Robert made a motion to approve the counter-offer and to submit it to Baltimore for consideration. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried

Aaron said we received a response from Baltimore regarding the missing Annex User Credit. They said they moved that user to their water main line several years ago, but have been giving us this credit by mistake. Bob Pangborn did verify that there is a new curb box out there on the Keck property. Lowell said this spring we should remove our curb box & tap from the Keck property.

**New Business** – Mary said we received 1 bid for the old street truck; from Ronald Morris for \$850.00. JoAnn made a motion to accept the bid from Ronald Morris for \$850.00. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Jimmy said a section of the roof is leaking in the Street Building in the old bay. Mark Congrove's company had done the work a few years ago. Mary will contact Mark about it.

David asked if anyone has heard complaints of rats coming out of the grain elevator. No one had heard any.

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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy