

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 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. Construction bids were opened yesterday. She provided a bid tabulation to Council. Council reviewed the bids and Barb explained how they came up with the numbers.

Robert made a motion to tentatively award the raw water line and wellfield electrical work bid to Rock River Construction pending loan approval from the OWDA. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to tentatively award the clearwell bid to Mid Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc. pending loan approval from the OWDA. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to tentatively award the water treatment plant bid to Engineered Fluid, Inc. pending loan approval from the OWDA. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

Garry made a motion to approve the February 28, 2014 special meeting minutes. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive council pay for the February 28, 2014 special meeting. No further motions were made. Motion failed.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-3, An Ordinance to adopt “Cemetery Rules and Regulations” and the declaration of an emergency. Gary second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-3, An Ordinance to adopt “Cemetery Rules and Regulations” and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell voting NO. Motion carried. (\*\*NOTE: After the meeting, it was noted that this motion did not carry a 3/4<sup>th</sup>'s majority, so this legislative reading is considered as 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the legislation was not actually passed as of this meeting.)

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-4, An Ordinance to amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll Call vote: all YES with JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-4, An Ordinance to amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-5, An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2006-11, abolishing the position of Village Administrator and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-5, An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 2006-11, abolishing the position of Village Administrator and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried. (\*\*\*)NOTE: After the meeting, it was noted that this motion did not carry a 3/4<sup>th</sup>'s majority, so this legislative reading is considered as 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the legislation was not actually passed as of this meeting.)

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-6, An Ordinance to amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-6, An Ordinance to amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-7, An Ordinance authorizing cooperative agreement for planning of Thurston Wellfield and water plant project between the Village of Thurston and the Ohio Water Development Authority and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-7, An Ordinance authorizing cooperative agreement for planning of Thurston Wellfield and water plant project between the Village of Thurston and the Ohio Water Development Authority and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to take a 5 minute recess. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite and Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll were present. Jamie presented the report. The burn date for the old Max Miller house is April 12, 2014. Old Millersport Rd will be closed during that burn.

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

**Business from the Service Committee** – Jimmy made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the owners of 2412 Wilson Ave due to bags of trash needing removed from the property. Jimmy said to give them 7 business days or we will clean it, and assess the property. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry said he'd like to see CMI Waste invited to the next committee meeting. Aaron said he would invite them.

Several years ago, a residence was built on to the garage which was behind 8125 Long St and they tapped into the meter pit that had not been used in several years. The person living in that garage/residence was also the owner and died earlier this year. The owner's spouse asked that the water be turned off due to a leak. In a previous visit a couple of years ago, the owner/resident told Village Officials that he had connected the garage/residence to his home at 8125 Long St. While trying to shut off the water at the spouse's request, it was

found that the garage/residence had tapped into the pit meter at 8115 Long St. The spouse pointed out where the owner had connected his garage/residence to the old meter at 8115 Long St. Since the trailer had been removed from 8115 Long St. several years ago, there had been no meter reading done, and no usage charged for several years. However, it is now assumed that there should have been usage recorded and billed for that tap ever since the garage was made into a residence. No evidence can be found at the Village office or at the Walnut Creek Sewer District office as to when the trailer was removed, nor the last time the meter at 8115 Long St. had been read. There is documentation, however, showing that the meter had not been read nor billed for since January of 2009.

Therefore, Garry made a motion to send the owners of the 8115 Long St. property a bill for water/sewer usage for the periods of 1/01/2009 through current for unpaid water bill using a tap that was recorded as closed. Also, the minimum bill should continue to be charged until such time as the owner's sign a Tap Abandonment form to abandon the tap at 8115 Long St. The garage/residence is actually at an address of 8104 Elm St., and will need to have a tap installed appropriately for future service to that parcel. David second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried. Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to send the bill and notice.

Council discussed pot holes that needed filled in the Village.

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

**Business from the Regional Planning Representative** – Robert said nothing that concerned the Village.

**Old Business** – Mary said she got a letter from Mr. Holloway stating that he lived in the building at 2231 Main St. from the Spring of 1991 through the Summer of 1993. This documentation will assist in getting funds to demolish the old school building.

**New Business** – Mary said we got a call from Elaine Schwartz, daughter of Hazel Smith, who wanted \$75.00 refunded to the family since they no longer own the old farm property. Council reviewed the document faxed and discussed. Jimmy made a motion to not pay the \$75.00 requested, and send a letter stating that the \$75 membership fee is non-refundable. David 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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy