

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2014

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

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present      JoAnn Hite – present      Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present  
Garry Boring – present      Lowell Hite – present      1 OPEN COUNCIL SEAT  
Mary Boring, Mayor – present      Aaron Reedy, Clerk-Treasurer – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. John Hilliard of 2305 Midway Blvd, Lancaster was present. Jim Ammon was with him. He is a representative from the Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club. They provide emergency communications in times of crisis. Their agency would like to install an antenna on our water tank on Ruffner Rd. at their cost (except the electricity) as a receiver site for emergency operation.

Council agreed we would have to check with our insurance company and solicitor. He said they would just need a letter from us giving permission and that they can use their equipment. Barb Anderson of GGC was present and said we are putting more equipment on the town because of the water plant installation. They should really wait until after the project is done, if we're going to do it.

Cynthia Meachum from 8268 High St. was present about her water bill. She said it's been jumping up and down. Mary told her the bill had been estimated due to some bad readings. She should talk to the secretary about getting details; we don't have any details while we're conducting business as council.

Barb Anderson from GGC was present. She went over the status of the water plant project. Project is coming along nicely. The raw water line is in. She said there is some permit hoop-jumping going on, but it's under control. October 18<sup>th</sup> is the tentative ship date for the plant building. We might have a generator being donated to us; she is still researching the possibility.

Jimmy made a motion to approve the deduct order from Rock River for \$10,513. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to withdraw the USDA loan application from processing. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Barb said we should have water by the end of October.

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

Garry made a motion to approve the August 21, 2014 special meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the August 2014 financial statement. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive Council pay for the August 21, 2014 special meeting. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining and Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2014-15 – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-15 – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2014-16 – A Resolution Authorizing The Thurston Village Council To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan Assistance / Credit Enhancement Program(s) And To Execute Contracts As Required and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-16 – A Resolution Authorizing The Thurston Village Council To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan Assistance / Credit Enhancement Program(s) And To Execute Contracts As Required and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present. Chief Hite presented the report. He discussed wanting to get a loan to buy equipment. Council reviewed finances and agreed that we wouldn't have to borrow the money, the Fire Fund has enough available. However, Chief Hite will need to check with the Walnut Twp Trustees to see if they will approve increasing appropriations.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – no business

**Business from the Service Committee** – Lancaster Public Transit was asking for a donation from the Village. In the past, they have been unable to report to us how many of our residents used the service. We also have a lot of expenses going on because of the water plant project. Therefore, Jimmy made a motion to NOT donate any money to the Lancaster Public Transit this year. 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 nothing that concerned the Village.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – Council reviewed a new draft for the Thurston Water Department's "Deposit and Agreement for Water/Sewer Services". The solicitor has already reviewed it. After review, Robert made a motion to approve the working and approve the new form for use. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council reviewed and discussed the waste bids that were received last week. Council agreed to table the issue for now and continue the review at the October service committee meeting.

Aaron announced that the folks from RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) would be in the office on October 7<sup>th</sup> for the subpoena program.

Mary presented a proposal from Micro to remove the tree and rubbish and grind stumps on the water plant property for \$2,200. Jimmy made a motion to accept the bid from Micro for \$2,200 and pay it from the General Fund. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jimmy made a motion to adjourn. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy