

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
December 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 – absent

No visitors were present.

Barb Anderson from GGC was present. She went over the status of the water plant project. She said training is happening soon. Valve at booster station didn't work. There was no way to isolate the water from Baltimore. They broke the valve and will fix it. \$1,836.00 to fix it. Also discussed issue with sewer lift station at the Fire Department.

Jimmy – motion to take a break. 2nd – Joanne. All yeah. Came back from break. Discussed valve issue again.

Jimmy made a motion to fix the pump at the firehouse with funds from the fire fund. JoAnn second. Roll Call vote: Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Should finish start of the week. Discussed status of finishing start-up, chlorinating, and moving forward. Need internet into water plant. Will allow people who do the programming to connect to the plant. Discussed options. Barb will call Frontier for an option. Address for the water treatment plant is 8445 High St.

Barb said once we turn the water on, people are going to see discolored water for a brief period of time as the flow of water is reversed in the system. Council discussed possibly marking/staking property for warning farmers where the lines are buried and how to manage that process.

Jimmy made a motion to repeal the motion from the October 8, 2014 meeting accepting the bid from CMI for waste disposal. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to accept the bid from Local Waste Services for waste hauling in the village effective January 1, 2014. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed the status of CMI's business and that Local Waste Services is covering them for this month. Trash day for Thurston would be Wednesday until further notice.

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

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2014-20 – A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-20 – A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-21 – A resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to execute an agreement with Local Waste Services, LTD and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-21 – A resolution authorizing the mayor and clerk-treasurer to execute an agreement with Local Waste Services, LTD and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Chief Jim Hite was not present. Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll presented the report. Mary asked where chief was since he had to sign the form authorizing the volunteer pay. Mary said he would need to get with her. Jamie said need blessing for 5 new hires; Joe Nickoloff, Tim Grove, Ken Kiouda, Jeremy Lust, Cody Adam. Council gave blessing. Mary asked if we have to buy new turn out gear each time there is a new hire. Jamie said they try to use what they have.

Jamie said there was a 50-cent per hour pay raise starting the first payroll 2015 (12-28-14). Mary asked who authorized the increase. Jamie said he didn't know. Council said that needs to be authorized by council and township trustees.

Chief Jim Hite then came into the meeting. Chief Hite said he wasn't notified about the boil alert, even though the fire department was notified. Jim said the 50-cent raise per hour was approved by the township trustees. Robert made a motion to approve the 50-cent per hour raise for paid fire employees. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed the pump issue at the fire house. Jim said they had to break the brackets a year or two ago when they had to do some work. There is \$2,800 it's going to cost to fix it and do it right. Jim said there is money to do it. Jim also discussed how Govdeals.com works. Discussed water pressure and current boil alert. Mary said we ordered the knox boxes, but aren't here yet.

Business from the Safety Committee – no business

Business from the Service Committee – no business

Business from the Finance Committee – didn't meet

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

Old Business – Jimmy said the plow truck is in the street building. He said the doors need to be replaced on the building. We'll need to look at doing that soon. They repaired the side door. Electric is actually on in the building. It was just turned off on the breaker panel. They need to get the light bar installed.

New Business – Garry made a motion to retain GGC services for 2015 for \$350. 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 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy