

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

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 - present
 Garry Boring – present Lowell Hite – present 1OPEN council seat
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Jim Ammon of 1925 Holt St. was present to discuss the request to put a radio antenna on top of the water tower. There has been previous discussion on this subject. He informed Council that their treasurer was out of town, but would be able to provide a certificate of insurance. Aaron said we would need a waiver of liability provided so we would not be responsible for any of their hardware. He said we would also not it spelled out in a document that their insurance would cover any damage their equipment might cause Village property. He said they would be bringing the information later.

Barb Anderson from GGC was present. She said the water valve connecting us to Baltimore was shut off on Monday. Regardless of our request, Baltimore said there was no way to lock the valve/meter pit. Barb recommends the valve be chained and both entities have keys. She said the pit is always full of nasty-smelling water that has to be pumped out.

Barb said the fence around the water treatment plant has been installed. Both wells are metered now. Generators have arrived, propane coming on 2/18/15. Testing will occur in the next couple of weeks. Punch list has been given to EFI and they are working on it. A high priority for the water operator right now is the cleaning up/clearing of the layout around the computer/work area. She said spare parts should be coming in soon. She said she is getting a quote from Rock River to install a 6” flushing hydrant at the location where Baltimore dead-ended our water line several years ago. This should happen sometime in July.

Barb discussed the remaining loan dollars of \$46,259.06. She said some pending items are:

- 1) Completion of driveway –
 - a. Rock River quote \$24,000 – and will do maintenance repairs
 - b. Micro quoted \$18,000 – will NOT do maintenance repairs because they didn’t lay foundation.
- 2) Clearing the trees/brush from land. Rock River underestimated the work to be done and is requesting an additional \$7,340 to cover their costs for this work.
- 3) Flushing hydrant installation at Baltimore dead-end. No quote yet, but will be under \$10,000.

Seeding & grading around the WTP property will be done when the weather gets warmer.

Mary asked GGC to submit application to CDBG for replacing hydrants and valves in the village along Rt 256. There are several non-operative valves that need replaced, and would like to add a couple new ones. The application is due in April.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 2015 meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 2015 financial statement. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2015-2, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 3-7-96-2, creating a new open burning restriction and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 3-7-96-2, creating a new open burning restriction and the declaration of an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. The full ordinance is available at the Municipal Building and on the Village Website.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2015-3, An Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 89-9-2 (Curfew for Juveniles) and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, An Ordinance Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 89-9-2 (Curfew for Juveniles) and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. This change now sets the curfew for all persons under the age of eighteen to 10pm – 6am. The full ordinance is available at the Municipal Building and on the Village Website.

Business from Fire Chief -

Jim was present and submitted his report. He said we need to re-issue a volunteer pay check because he had the volunteer's name wrong. Aaron will work on re-issuing. Also, he overlooked Nick Camaquin's volunteer pay last year which should be \$150. Aaron said it would have to come out of this year's appropriations. Jim said that was fine.

Jim said they need to look into replacing the station car sometime; it needs a lot of work. Also, they will be looking into replacing the station generator.

Jim mentioned the open burn ordinance that council just passed. He said the fire department cannot enforce it; they can only advise. The County Sheriff will have to enforce it.

Aaron asked about the BWC invoice that Jim asked him to hold off paying. Jim said to go ahead and pay it because they probably can't get something worked out this year.

Jim asked if the Village could remove the "F.D." from the side of the street truck because Village residents are calling the fire department with complaints on plowing.

Business from the Safety Committee – Jimmy said they are getting prices on replacing the doors at the street building. Jimmy brought up the pothole issues on Millersport Rd. They are getting worse and we need to do something.

Business from the Service Committee – no business

Business from the Finance Committee – didn't meet

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

Old Business – None

New Business – Aaron asked Council if they wanted to go out for bid on the Village's insurance coverage. Jimmy said that even if we stay with the same, we need to make sure we are adequately covered for the new water treatment plant and the full replacement value of the fire trucks. Mary and Jim Hite said they've been working with the insurance company and are convinced we are covered adequately. Council took no further action.

Aaron presented a couple bills to Council and asked from which fund they would like them paid. One was for annexation services, the other for installing a security light on the side of the municipal building. Council agreed they should be paid out of the General Fund.

Garry made a motion to submit an updated Water Service Agreement to the Village of Pleasantville for consideration. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary thanked Aaron for being there for her and helping her with the pressure with the water treatment plant project over the last few years. Aaron said we shared tears several times throughout the process.

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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy