

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 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

Holly Mattei from Fairfield County Regional Planning was present to give a presentation on Fair Housing and related subjects. This normally has to be done when an entity is getting funding. She is presenting it to us because Walnut Creek Sewer District is getting funding this year. Holly presented all of Council and those in attendance copies of the brochures entitled “Landlord-Tenants Rights & Responsibilities under Ohio Law”, “Fair Housing Rights for Persons with Disabilities”, “Fair Housing and Familial Status”, and “Fair Housing Informational Brochure”. All extras will be left in the Municipal Building lobby and made available to visitors. Besides Council, Clerk, and Mayor, others present for the presentation were John Layton, Jim Hite, Jamie Carroll and Heather Baker. Council thanked Holly for the information.

Jim Amerine from Holt St was present to discuss an agreement with the Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club. He said he had no new information and was hoping a colleague of his would be attending with him, but couldn't make it. He's wondering if anything had been done. Aaron said the solicitor reviewed it and said a true legal agreement document should be drawn up. Then legislation passed to adopt it. The agreement given at last meeting wasn't good enough. Aaron said we've already spent about \$50 in legal fees reviewing it. We'll have electric costs on-going that we'll need reimbursed for. There will be more money in it if we continue with an agreement, and have the solicitor review it and draw up the legislation. Aaron said at the last service committee meeting, it was discussed that we shouldn't do it. Jimmy made a motion to table the discussion to the next service committee meeting. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron presented the tentative 2016 budget for the Village. Council discussed. Robert made a motion to accept the 2016 budget as presented. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2015-11 - A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk-Treasurer To Enter Into A County-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement For Fire Protection And Emergency Medical Service Protection And Declaring An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-11 - A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk-Treasurer To Enter Into A County-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement For Fire Protection And Emergency Medical Service Protection And Declaring An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance # 2015-12, An Ordinance to amend the 2015 Appropriations Ordinance declaring an emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 2015-12, An Ordinance to amend the 2015 Appropriations Ordinance declaring an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance # 2015-13, An Ordinance Accepting The Annexation Of ±7.389 Acres Of Land From Walnut Township To The Village Of Thurston And Declaring An Emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 2015-13, An Ordinance Accepting The Annexation Of ±7.389 Acres Of Land From Walnut Township To The Village Of Thurston And Declaring An Emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance 2015-14 – An Ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor (This will increase the mayor's salary by \$100 per month when the new mayoral term begins.)

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance # 2015-15, An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk-Treasurer To Execute A Water Service Agreement With The Village Of Pleasantville, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 2015-15, An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And Clerk-Treasurer To Execute A Water Service Agreement With The Village Of Pleasantville, Ohio And Declaring An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

#### **Business from Fire Chief -**

Chief Jim Hite was present and submitted his report. Council was okay with putting Jason Smith on the fire department as a medic. Jimmy made a motion to table the approval for Doug Fleahman being put on the department as a medic until next meeting to look into some things. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary asked if it was in the budget to allow the fire department to buy a new mower (\$5,500) and get grant writing help (\$1,250). Jim said it was in the budget. John Layton said they are trying to get new radios that are P25 compliant. That project is going to cost \$125,000. They have a better chance of getting the grant if they get this assistance. If they get the grant, the cost of the assistance will be reimbursed. Council was okay with spending the money on both of these items.

#### **Business from the Safety Committee – none**

**Business from the Service Committee** – none. Mary asked about switching banks. Aaron said that he was asked to look into Peoples Bank in Baltimore. Waiting on information from them.

#### **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** – Mary got a quote from Heiberger Paving for work on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. There were 2 options given, one for \$1,764 and another for \$6,766. Aaron checked available funds. Lowell made a motion to accept the option for \$1,764 from Heiberger Paving for work on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to be taken out of the Street Fund. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**New Business** – Aaron brought an account to Council’s attention that had filed bankruptcy back in 2012. There is still an outstanding balance of \$245.89 that we’ll never get reimbursed for. Jimmy made a motion to write off Acct # 999-229 in the amount of \$245.89. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting no. Motion carried.

Aaron brought to Council’s attention that there was a water customer who went to ODJFS for assistance with water. ODJFS said they would give us a voucher for \$182.00 and the customer will pay \$94.98. We would not get reimbursed for the voucher for 30 – 45 days. Council discussed that was longer than we’ve ever given anyone. If an entity like the food bank or the VA gives us notice, they normally get the money to us within a week. Council discussed further and decided this would continue to put the customer in a state of always being behind in their bill. Garry made a motion to NOT accept a voucher from ODJFS that would take 30-45 day to be paid on because that was too long. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron suggested that Council consider raising the water deposit fee from \$75 to \$100 - \$150. This is due to the increase in rates and \$75 would no longer cover 2 or more months’ worth of water payments. They will discuss at service committee meeting.

Chief Hite asked about supplying bulk water to residents. He said we haven’t done it in years, but has been asked a few times about it recently. Garry said we don’t have a rate for it, or a way to measure. Mary suggested the service committee discuss the topic.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Lowell second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy