

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – absent	JoAnn Hite – present	Jimmy Barber JR - absent
Garry Boring – present	Lowell Hite – present	1OPEN council seat
Mary Boring, Mayor – present	Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present	

Heather Baker of 2212 Main St. was present and would like to be appointed to the open seat on Council. The Mayor had previously checked Heather's prerequisites for the position. She is a registered voter, and has lived in the Village for at least a year. Garry made a motion to appoint Heather Baker to the open council seat. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Mary administered the oath of office to her. There were no other visitors.

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

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

Garry made a motion to approve the August 25, 2015 special meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES, with Heather abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2015-20 – 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, with Heather abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-20 – 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. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES, with Heather abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2015-21 – A Resolution Authorizing The Village Of Thurston, Ohio To Prepare And Submit An Application To Participate In The Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program And To Execute Contracts As Required And The Declaration Of An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES, with Heather abstaining. Motion carried.

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**Business from Fire Chief -**

Chief Jim Hite was not present. Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll was present and present the report. Garry made a motion to approve the hiring of Chris Gookin, Aaron Berkley, and Zach Zinkon to the department. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

**Business from the Service Committee** – Council discussed raising the water security deposit due to the increased rates. Current deposit wouldn't cover much past due. Council considered raising from \$75 to between \$125 and \$200. After discussion, Garry made a motion to raise the water security deposit from \$75 to \$125 effective October 1, 2015. 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 they discussed the land bank. If a property isn't purchased after 2 sheriff's sales, the property reverts to the state. The program is funded by a 5% rate increase on delinquent taxes. Robert said people have even just donated properties to the land bank.

**Old Business** – Mary thanked Garry Boring and Jim Hite for putting up the Knox boxes at the Municipal building and water plant.

Mary said at the new hydrant we had installed on Rt. 256 they had to cut pavement to get across the road. We need to fix it. Robert made a motion to accept an offer for the work from Rock River for \$1,026.24, to be taken out of State Highway or General Fund. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**New Business** – Mary said Trick-or-Treat in Thurston will be Thursday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30p.m. She urges all residents to be safe.

Robert made a motion to accept the proposal from GGC Engineers as contractor for the valve and hydrant replacement project for \$17,230. That amount is in the loan application. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said the flags can come down throughout the Village any day now. Jamie was asked to pass the word to Chief Hite.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy