

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 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 - absent
 Garry Boring – present Lowell Hite – present Heather Baker - present
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present

Tom Garry of Millersport OH was present to inform Council that he resigned from his position on Thurston-Walnut Fire Dept. as of Wednesday October 7. He said it was due to numerous underlying issues; life-safety issues within the department, operational and department issues, communications and inter-departmental communications, accountability and responsibility issues, unfair and unequal treatment for all members, department is not being fostered for development, there is no open-door policy, and micro-management and mismanagement throughout the department. He said he's been on the department since Spring/Summer of 2012. He's been a very active and loyal volunteer. Started as a volunteer, then went to volunteer part-time. He feels the department is split. Others are afraid of retaliation. Some try to just stay quiet.

Robert made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues to investigate charges and/or complaints against an official or group of officials. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. The time is 7:06.

At 8:10pm, Garry made a motion to come out of executive session. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the September 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 2015-22 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2010-10 (Village of Thurston Income Tax Ordinance) and the Declaration Of An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-22 – An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2010-10 (Village of Thurston Income Tax Ordinance) and the Declaration of an Emergency. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was not present, and no report was left.

Business from the Safety Committee – Didn't meet.

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 – Mary said Walnut Twp Trustees are putting together a contract for plowing & salt.

New Business – Mary said she’s been working with the Solicitor on situations with wells and backflow prevention. She’s sending an e-mail to EPA to get their blessing.

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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy