

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016

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 Heather Baker - present
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

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

Robert made a motion to approve the January 6, 2016 organizational meeting minutes. Garry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary asked for a motion to waive the council pay for the January 6 meeting. None was made.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 2016 financial statement. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Chief Hite said the medic got stuck in the ditch today and had to be towed out. Chief Hite said that the new pay system would be to pay the volunteers monthly, but no system or process has been established yet. He wants to get with other departments to see what they do. Aaron asked Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll about the new payment process as that Chief Hite told us to ask him about it last month. Jamie had no idea how it was going to work.

Mary asked if Chief was able to get information from Worker's Comp regarding the issues raised last meeting. He said he was not. Mary asked him to send us the contact information so we can get the information on what the rep told Chief Hite we were doing wrong.

Mary asked for a motion to limit the Fire Chief's spending limit to \$1,200. Anything more must be approved by Council. The fire Chief has an emergency spending limit of \$2,500 in cases of emergency. Any amount above that must be approved by Council. Jimmy made this motion. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Aaron asked the Chief if he understood these limitations. Chief Hite said he did.

Business from the Safety Committee – No business to bring forward.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry said the Committee discussed hiring a Property Maintenance Supervisor to enforce the Property Maintenance Codes Council is planning on putting in place soon. Rusty Carroll said he was interested in the position. They discussed paying \$300 per month, which will be reviewed every 3 months to reduce that amount depending on how much activity there is enforcing the code. Aaron said the code and legislation had been sent to the Solicitor for review. Also the creation of the position and pay rate would have to be set by legislation.

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 presented information to Council regarding the revenue impact to the water department in regards to losing customers along State Route 256 to Baltimore.

Aaron said a nuisance letter was sent to Carl Hoover as requested regarding semi parking.

Mary said the insurance company for the residents of the house that burned at 8171 Maple St. asked if they could put a camper on the property for the residents to leave in until the house repairs are done. They said it would be a minimum of 5 months. Jimmy made a motion to allow the camper to be put on this property for no longer than 6 months; that it must be kept up and not look trashy. Robert 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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy