

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 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 February, 2015 meeting minutes. Robert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

1st Reading - Ordinance 2016-3 – An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinances 3-8-2001-1 and 9-1972 and establishing updated restrictions for pet control.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-ready rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-4 – An Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2015 Edition and Declaring an Emergency. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion adopt Ordinance 2016-4 – An Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2015 Edition and Declaring an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

1st Reading – Ordinance 2016-05 – An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Main Street in the Village of Thurston, OH.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-ready rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-6 – An Ordinance Creating and Establishing the part-time position of Property Maintenance Supervisor and Declaring an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-6 – An Ordinance Creating and Establishing the part-time position of Property Maintenance Supervisor and Declaring an Emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Mary told Chief Hite that tires for a vehicle shouldn't be an emergency, their need should be caught on inspection and then approval received from Council. Jimmy made a motion to approve the emergency purchases of \$1,800 for Kreager Tire and \$1,500 for Heritage. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Chief Hite said he needed a “letter of understanding” from the Village in order to allow the Township to get a grant on our behalf. In order to get the grant, we have to do a 5% match. Mary said she was told there would be \$10,000 to have to come out of our budget. Jim said it was only \$5,000 (5%). He said questions should be answered at their March 17th meeting.

Robert made a motion to approve the Village of Thurston to be a part of a joint agreement with Walnut Twp to get a \$100,000 grant for fire equipment that would cost the village a max of \$15,000 matching funds. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

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 – Robert asked about the committee meetings being moved to Tuesdays. Council discussed. At the beginning of the year, Council approved moving Council Meetings to Tuesdays (the 2nd Tuesday of each month), but kept the committee meetings on Wednesday (the 1st Wednesday of each month). Council discussed and agreed that was confusing. Robert made a motion to change committee meetings to be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said the auditors came to get the paperwork for the last 2 years. The audit has started.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy