

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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

Debbie Alderdice was present and wished to discuss the proposed No Parking ordinance for Main Street. She said it would be a hardship for her and her husband to get from the driveway to their house due to health reasons. She said it was unfair to punish everyone for those few parking on the sidewalk. She's worried for the elderly. Council discuss the situation. Debbie said she feels there would be more people showing opposition to this ordinance if they knew about it. Aaron said it's in the minutes that are delivered to everyone's doorstep in the Advertiser. Heather offered to pass out flyers regarding the ordinance to everyone on Main St. Debbie also said there are issues with children in the park; lots of misbehaving late in the morning. Council advised her to call Sherriff.

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

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

2nd Reading - Ordinance 2016-3 – An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinances 3-8-2001-1 and 9-1972 and establishing updated restrictions for pet control.

2nd Reading – Ordinance 2016-05 – An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Main Street in the Village of Thurston, OH.

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 bet 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 – Robert made a motion to accept the bid for mosquito spraying from Sam's Pest Control for \$165 per spray starting in May, and then once monthly unless Council feels more is needed. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to hire Rusty Carroll as the Property Maintenance Supervisor effective 5/1/2016. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Heather and JoAnn abstaining. Motion carried.

Council discussed having a Spring Cleaning day and bringing in a dumpster for the Village residents to use. This will happen on the second weekend of May.

Jimmy made a motion to extend the contract for Sanitation Services from Local Waste Services for 1 year. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to allow the contractor for the valve & hydrant project to work within the right-of-way for the entirety of the project. 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 there was nothing that concerned the Village.

Business from Fire Chief - Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll was present and presented the Chief's report. Mary said that we will not be moving the volunteer pay processing to Walnut Township. Jamie said he doesn't know the details of the Chief's plans. Council gave their blessing to hire the 5 volunteers listed.

Robert made a motion to approve a PO for \$2,500 for the cost of the medical director for the department. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Gary made a motion to donate the old EMS Box to the Antique Tractor Club. Robert Second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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Old Business – None

New Business – Mary said that Needy Farms had dug up the water line and replaced it and trashed our meter while doing so. She told them they had to replace the meter. Bob has ordered a new one. Robert made a motion that Needy Farms needs to pay for the replacement of the meter. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said the Valve & Hydrant Project was okayed. Advertising for bids is going out Monday. Mary said the sign for the front door keeps falling off and that we need a better alternative.

Council discussed hiring the mayor in a part-time, short-term capacity to do the village secretary's duties until a replacement is hired. The village solicitor has given his blessing for this, just needs Council's approval. Garry made a motion to hire Mary Boring to do the Village Secretary job through May and pay at minimum wage. Robert second. Roll Call vote: Jimmy, Heather, Gary, JoAnn abstained. Robert voted YES, Lowell voted no. Motion NOT 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