

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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	

Ron DiPaolo of 415 Canal Rd was present to talk about the water bill for his property on 450 Baltimore-Somerset Rd. He's been paying the assessments on taxes and doesn't believe the amounts are correct that have been credited to his account. He was told to come to Council meeting to discuss. Aaron said no one knew he was going to be coming, so no investigation has been done into his account. He would like the water turned on, and is happy to pay what is truly owed, but does not agree with the amounts. Jo-Ann made a motion to turn on the water for account 1-280 while we get the account investigated. Lowell second. Roll call vote: Garry, Lowell and Jo-Ann all YES. Robert voted No. Heather abstained. Motion carried.

Dennis DiPaolo of 585 Baltimore-Somerset Rd was present about his water bill. The electronic reader didn't read any usage from January until June, then it caught up in July & August with a huge amount. So there was 6 months' worth of minimum reads that need to be credited accordingly to the account. He also said his meter pit lid is missing, and it's always been sitting too high. Garry made a motion to have him pay \$300 on the account and we will not shut off the water until after we can get his correct number calculated. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Heather abstained. Motion carried.

James Litton and his wife of 8125 High St. was present to discuss their water bill. They were given a graph that showed their water usage and there was a spike on a specific day. Aaron said he talked to the secretary, Linda, about that. She had given them the wrong graph. After a 10-minute recess, Aaron presented them with the corrected graph that showed they have a potential leak for several months. Aaron advised them to look into that. The Litton's also asked about the status of police in the Village. He said the Fairfield County Sheriff won't help us; won't do anything when they come to town. Mary said she's looking into possibilities of contracting help from the Village of Millersport. Council discussed some examples of how the Sheriff's office is not helping in the community, and has told village residents that we are an "unprotected Village". They've even been shown video examples of crimes, but still won't do anything.

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

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

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-11 – An Ordinance to Amend The 2016 Appropriations Ordinance And The Declaration Of An Emergency. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-11 – An Ordinance To Amend The 2016 Appropriations Ordinance And The Declaration Of An Emergency. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

1st Reading – Ordinance 2016-12 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to Execute a Pole Attachment Agreement with Ohio Power Company.

1st Reading – Ordinance 2016-13 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to Execute an Unmetered Service Agreement with Ohio Power Company.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite presented his report. Robert made a motion to approve a PO for up to \$15,000 for repairs to the fire station due to damages from the old HVAC system. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES.

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

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to have the solicitor draw up legislation that would allow for a 5% yearly increase in water fees. Robert second. Council discussed – some thought 3.5% was better. Discussion continued. Aaron suggested having the solicitor leave the actual percent blank and council and service committee could continue discussion. Garry then made a motion to have the solicitor draw up legislation that would allow for a “X%” yearly increase in water fees, with the final percent being determined later. Robert second. Roll call vote: Garry and Robert YES; with Lowell, JoAnn and Heather voting NO. Motion not passed.

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 said that Pleasantville would like us to pay for half of the cost for purchasing a new metal detector for water utility usage. Bob made a motion to approve us paying for half of the cost of the purchase. Council discussed its usage. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES with Heather voting NO. Motion carried.

Aaron said the lease for the old copier is up. Service committee had discussed buying one instead of doing another lease. It would be cheaper in the long run. Heather made a motion to buy replacement copier from Donnellon McCarthy Enterprises for \$6,063.60 out of General Fund. Jo-Ann second. Roll call vote: all YES.

Mary thanked Susan Hite for the donation of 8 new American flags for the Village to use.

Mary thanked Jamie Carroll for doing a great job of taking out the trees and stumps in front of the Municipal Building.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy