

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2017

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

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Stephen Gravely was present to discuss his water service. It had been shut off due to none-payment. However, Mr. Gravely had made the payment online on the day before shutoff, but failed to notify us by calling the office as is required and states on the website. The bill is now paid except for the most recent bill. He asked for an exception to have it turned on since he didn't realize he had to call in to the office. Mary reminded him that if he waits until the day before the scheduled shut off to make a payment, and then pays online, he MUST call the office with the confirmation number so the secretary can log in and verify a payment was received. He understands that now. Heather made a motion to make the exception and turn his water back on, but he must still pay the \$50 fee. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert Jackson from 8140 Elm St. Lot 18 was present to discuss his water service. He has never been able to get the water in his name because the people who had the property before and the property owner (Chris Whightsel) have never kept the payments up and it was shut off due to non-payment. He's been living there for several weeks now with 2 kids and no water and is asking to be put on a payment plan to get things caught up. After much discussion, Garry made a motion to have Mr. Johnson pay the \$200 deposit to get the service put in his name by Friday, turn the water service on now, the monthly bill must be paid in full with an additional \$150 payment and Mr. Jackson has until May 14<sup>th</sup> to get the account paid in full. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

Final Reading for Resolution 2017-2 – A Resolution to Increase the rate of pay for the Village Secretary. Garry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-2. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2017-3 – An Ordinance Amending Section 1 Of Ordinance 2016-5 (No Parking On Main Street), Creating Handicapped Parking Spaces At 2097 Main Street, And Declaring An Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Heather made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-3 – An Ordinance Amending Section 1 Of Ordinance 2016-5 (No Parking On Main Street), Creating Handicapped Parking Spaces At 2097 Main Street, And Declaring An Emergency. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** - Chief Jim Hite was not present. Asst. Chief Jamie Carroll presented the Chief's Report.

Jamie said Chief needs the checking account routing and checking # for an AFG grant. He also needs another copy of the fire contract between the Village and Walnut Twp. Trustees. Aaron said he would get this information to the Chief. Jamie discussed how Council wanted emergency situations to be handled as they came up. After some discussion, Garry made a motion that when emergency situations such as flat tires, fueling, towing occur, they can be taken care of as necessary. For anything else, the Mayor should be contacted for guidance and approval. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

\*\*\*At this point, Heather Baker had to leave the meeting.

Garry made a motion to declare that the old station car is surplus inventory and the Chief can dispose of it however he sees fit for a minimum of \$500. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jamie said Lynn Kraner from the township had mistakenly paid the Village for Kitchen funds that should have been paid to the Firefighter's Association. Aaron had already deposited it. He will cut a check for that amount to the Firefighter's Association.

Robert made a motion that the fire department can use Fire Craft Safety Products as a new vendor. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the list of Purchase Orders that the Chief had presented, and in addition, \$550 for KEWAPA for cleaning supplies and \$150 to State Ohio Pharmacy Board for drug license. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council reviewed and discussed the details of some of the communications that the Chief had documented in his Chief's Report.

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

**Business from the Service Committee** – Didn't meet.

**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 she will be meeting with the Millersport Police Chief in May to discuss possibly using their services in the Village.

**New Business** – none

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 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy