

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Heather Baker. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present	JoAnn Hite – present	Jimmy Barber JR – present
Scott Whited – present	Lowell Hite – present	Heather Baker - present
Mary Boring, Mayor – absent	Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present	

Heather asked if any visitors wished to speak. None did.

Robert made a motion to approve the January, 2018 meeting minutes. Jimmy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 2018 financial statement. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the January 19, 2018 special meeting minutes. Heather seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Heather asked for a motion to waive council pay for the January 19, 2018 meeting. No motion made.

Heather made a motion to approve the December 2017 financial statement. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Scott abstaining. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2018-8 - A Resolution Accepting And Acquiring, By Donation From The Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation, Parcel Numbers 0490260110 And 0520368009 And Declaring An Emergency. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-8 - A Resolution Accepting And Acquiring, By Donation From The Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation, Parcel Numbers 0490260110 And 0520368009 And Declaring An Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and passed out his report. Jimmy made a motion to approve PO's requested in the Chief's report. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Kent Leitnaker was present. He has been trying to get on the Thurston –Walnut Twp Fire Dept. Heather asked him why he's not on the Millersport FD anymore. He didn't know. Heather asked him if he quit or was fired. He didn't know. HE said he doesn't know why he's not on the Millersport FD anymore. He then said he didn't quit, and wasn't fired, he just hasn't had any time to do any runs. He was a volunteer. Heather asked for a motion for the results of Kent Leitnaker's agility test and any other test he was given for consideration to be hired to the Fire Dept to be submitted to Council for review. This is to include questions and answers. Also, any records and/or information that is not in his personnel file that Council should take into consideration for possible employment at the Fire Department. Robert made the motion, Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed current testing procedures with the Chief.

Business from the Safety Committee – Jimmy made a motion to move all Fire Dept employees and payroll-related duties (including volunteers) to Walnut Township effective March 1, 2018. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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 – Aaron said there were 3 change orders from Downing regarding the Thurston Valve & Hydrant Replacement Project that need to be passed so we can finalize the project.

Robert made a motion to approve Change Order #1. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Robert made a motion to approve Change Order #2. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Jimmy made a motion to approve Change Order #3. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said there was a car nuisance at 2170 Main St. that Council had already given 10 days for them to take care of. Mayor Boring had given an additional 30 days. The cars are still not moved. Robert made a motion to have them towed. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

New Business – Aaron said the trash contract is up this year. He will send out requests for proposals. Also the water operator contract is up with Pleasantville in June, he's reached out to them about renewing it.

Aaron said that Bob Pangborn (water operator) was notified by the EPA that blackflow prevention devices are required for all non-residential water customers. Aaron said we have 21 properties that meet this criteria. Council will need to decide how to move forward with the project.

Aaron said the property at 2121 Main St. is now owned by Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). They only accept e-mailed invoices, and nothing mailed. Aaron said that we can't automatically e-mail the invoice, would have to be a manual process. Council agreed we don't provide an e-mail billing option.

Aaron said we got a bill for \$600 from the Audit People for the water line crossing from years ago. Bill used to be around \$40 a year. In the past 5 years, it has gotten considerably higher due to RR handing the process off to a 3rd party. We paid \$7,100 in 2014 to cross when the new water system was installed. Council would like to look into getting with the RR (Norfolk Southern) and paying a one-time fee to save money in the long run.

Jimmy made a motion to allow for the amendment of the Fire Contract with Walnut Twp to allow Thurston to be the only entity responsible for insurance on Fire Department-related items/liability so that Walnut Twp doesn't have to duplicate coverage. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jimmy made a motion to adjourn. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy