

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018

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
 Scott Whited – present Lowell Hite – present Heather Baker - present
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Shawn Krouskoupf from 8297 High St. was present to discuss a small section of land that is not owned by himself or his neighbor. According to the county and the recorder's office, this 20' x 170' strip of land belongs to the Village. The Village was unaware of it. Shawn would like to take ownership of it. Council discussed and agreed that Shawn was willing to pay for all the costs associated in passing that strop off to him, they would allow it. It makes sense as it would square out his property, and he would be responsible for maintenance. Shawn agreed. Heather made a motion that the Village would give Mr. Krouskoupf the strip of land as long as he paid for all costs associated with the transfer of ownership. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the March 2018 meeting minutes. Scott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-13 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-13 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Second Reading - Ordinance 2018-10 – An Ordinance, Following A Vacancy In The Office Of Village Clerk-Treasurer, To Combine The Duties Of Village Clerk And Village Treasurer Into The Appointed Office Of Village Fiscal Officer.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-14 – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 181 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of Thurston Regarding Municipal Income Tax To Adopt Sections 718.80 Through 718.95 Of The Ohio Revised Code And Declaring An Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except Heather voting NO. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-14 – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 181 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The Village Of Thurston Regarding Municipal Income Tax To Adopt Sections 718.80 Through 718.95 Of The Ohio Revised Code And Declaring An Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, except Heather voting NO. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Robert made a motion to approve PO's requested in the Chief's reports and supplemental report. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Jimmy made a motion to approve the new vendor, Fire Catt. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary asked Chief Hite about the status of the report about the woman who caused the damage in the firehouse. She had requested it several weeks ago. Jim said he would get it for her. Council discussed the department Standard Operating Procedures and Employee Guidelines. Mary was confused as to the small booklet given to her. She wasn't sure if it was the entire thing, or just updates. Chief Hite said it was just updates. The current booklet is 4 inches thick and contains a lot of repetition. Mary is still reviewing, as is the Township Trustees.

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

Business from the Service Committee – Mary said we received a quote from Bennet Masonry to do masonry repair work to the back of the Municipal Building. Jimmy made a motion to accept the proposal for \$6,800. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said we received a quote from Tim's Tree Service to remove all the trees from the new property next door. Jimmy made a motion to accept the proposal for \$5,500. Robert seconded. 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.

Old Business – Aaron said the change orders approved last month caused an overage of \$727.31 that the Village would need to pay. It would be in our best interest to pay this out of our funds without gaining financing for it. Robert made a motion to pay the \$727.31 out of the Street Fund. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed the presentation from the service committee meeting about creating a utility right-of-way program. After several minutes, Jimmy made a motion to table the matter for further discussion. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

New Business – Aaron said the Village's insurance company is offering a 3-year rate freeze if we stay with them. Scott made a motion to accept the 3-year rate freeze deal. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnne made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy