

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2018
**** SPECIAL MEETING ****

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

This special meeting is called to discuss Pleasantville’s recent decision to end their licensed water operator contract with the Village.

Council discussed the brief, 2-sentence letter from Pleasantville Mayor, Jack Weidner. The letter stated “I regret to inform you that at the May Council Meeting, the council has decided to dissolve the water contract with Thurston. Reviewing the account we are spending more money than we are making.”

Council discussed the fact that there was no way this happened at their May meeting, as it was dated April 17, 2018. Council also discussed the fact that the two villages have shared an amazingly good relationship over the past several years and that this letter appears to be a door slammed in Thurston’s face. There was no option given to continue discussions on possible contract rate increases or other alternative.

Aaron said he spoke with Pleasantville Mayor Jack Weidner last week who said that maybe Thurston should send a letter back to Pleasantville offering more money. Aaron had already told Jack in previous conversations that an increase was not off the table, and also this letter didn’t leave the door open for any alternatives. It just appeared that Pleasantville was done.

Council discussed options. Bob Pangborn had let it be known that he is interested in performing the duties for Thurston. He is currently the licensed water operator who is currently contracted through Pleasantville to provide service. He knows the system very well and would be a good choice. Aaron said that the Walnut Creek Sewer District contractor, John Kinder, is also a licensed water operator who would be interested.

Council decided to pursue conversation with Bob Pangborn, and has asked that he be present at the next Service Committee Meeting to discuss possibilities. The current Pleasantville contract ends in June.

Heather made a motion to adjourn. Scott second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy