

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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 – absent
Scott Whited – present	Lowell Hite – present	Heather Baker - present
Mary Boring, Mayor – present	Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer – present	

No visitors were present.

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

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

Robert made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-27 – An Ordinance to amend the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. This is to appropriate more money for municipal income tax collection fees. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-27 – 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 wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2018-23 – A Resolution establishing Fire Dept inspection fees and declaring an emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-23 – A Resolution establishing Fire Dept inspection fees and declaring an emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2018-26 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Execute An Agreement with Walnut Township Trustees to provide Salt and Declaring An Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-26 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Execute an Agreement with Walnut Township Trustees to provide Salt and Declaring an Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2018-28 – A Resolution of Authorization and Declaring An Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to wave the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2018-28 – A Resolution of Authorization and Declaring An Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

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 – Robert made a motion to approve the Cemetery Rules and Guidelines as presented by the Mayor. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott asked about the status of the Fred Funkhouser property. A warning letter about the condition of the property was sent several months ago, and only a gutter has been re-attached to the house. There are still vines growing everywhere, windows busted out, and the house is in overall bad shape. Robert said he talked to Fred, but Fred didn't want to talk about it. Scott said we've given him more than enough time to get things done. Scott made a motion to have the Village clean up the vines and assess his property taxes for the cost. Council discussed that we need to check with the Solicitor about the next steps. Chief Hite is going to check out the property for any safety concerns and/or fire hazards. Another concern is the amount of rodents that could be living in/under the house.

Mary said she hasn't heard anything more about the cleanup of the moldy corn.

New Business – Aaron said the Records Committee needs to meet in November. They will meet on November 7th at 7:00pm, just before the Service and Safety Committee meetings.

Aaron presented Council with the Delinquent Municipal Income Tax Collection Project documentation and sample letter that will be sent out. Scott made a motion to approve the Project and the wording of the letter. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said she spoke with Max Miller about his property and discussed the proposed deal with him that was discussed at the Service Committee meeting. Max agreed to sign the Tap Abandonment Form as long as Council waived the outstanding balance on the account. This balance was for minimum for several months, as no water had been used. Lowell and Jo-Ann disagreed with the proposal. They felt it's not right to make an exception and waive his bill, when we don't do that for anyone else. Council discussed. Mary said she feels betrayed since she left the Service Committee meeting with the understanding that Council would waive the account balance if he signed the form. No one had any objections or oppositions to the deal at the time. Now that she's made the deal, she feels that Council is back peddling and making her look bad. Council refused to agree to the deal. No motions were made, and the account will be left as-is. Mary said she's done with the issue. Aaron said he would send a letter to Max Miller about the issues. Mary also said that as long as there is a tap there, and the house is connected, the well couldn't be used. That is an Ohio EPA rule.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer