

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2019

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

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Pat Nafzger of 8250 High St. was present to talk about her water bill. She had a water leak that put her over 65,000 gallons than normal. The leak was fixed. Aaron has requested sewer credit from the Walnut Creek Sewer District. After some discussion, Heather made a motion to allow Pat to pay \$165.00 and all late fees waived until the account is paid up. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Pat said she could handle that payment.

Scott made a motion to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Robert made a motion to approve the January 2019 financial statement. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-3 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2015-8 And Amending Sections 1(A)(Meter Rates), 1(B)(Minimum Charges/Minimum Schedule Of Rates), And 1(F)(Temporary Users) Of Ordinance 9-24-89. This ordinance will increase water rates by 2% and then annually each year by 2%.

**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, and with adjustments made. Also approving new vendors of Pickens Fence and Hugh White Honda. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council approved the pre-payment to Troy Construction of \$1,172 for the lighting project, since so much equipment had to be ordered. Aaron made it clear to the Chief that left about \$350 left on the PO for the labor.

Mary asked Chief if our department lost any service area. She overheard a couple of firefighters talking about it. She thought they were from Pleasant Twp, but not sure. They were talking in line at the Circle K, so she didn't catch all the conversation. Chief said we have not lost any service area coverage. Chief Hite said the Mayor of Pleasantville, Jason Henderson, wants Pleasant Twp Fire Dept to cover all of Pleasantville, instead of splitting with Thurston. Pleasant Twp had told Chief that they weren't interested in doing that.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Robert made a motion to increase the Fire Chief's purchasing authority to \$1,000 instead of \$100. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Heather abstaining. 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** – Scott asked Mary if she had looked into a complaint about garbage service. She said she called and they said they'd look into it. They are aware of the issue. There was also a question as to who is responsible for putting gravel down in front of people's homes. Council agreed it is the property owners' responsibility for putting in their own gravel.

**New Business** – Heather said she’s on the Baltimore Festival Parade Committee and wants to know if Thurston Fire is interested in putting a truck in the parade. Chief said yes.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy