

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 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 - absent  
                  Mary Boring, Mayor – present                      Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer – present

The Fiscal 2020 Budget Hearing was had. Council reviewed the budget as presented by Aaron. No one had any questions. Aaron will submit the budget to the County.

Britney Lambert and Joseph Fisher from 8140 Elm St. , Lot 19 was present to discuss their water bill. They are constantly having spikes of high usage throughout the month. They have found no leaks, and no wet spots around the trailer that would be a sign of leaks. She said they have had a relative, who is a licensed plumber; check things out and found no problems. Aaron said they have random spikes of 1000 – 4000 gallons in a small space of time throughout the month, and has been random like that for a few months. Britney said they are unable to pay the bills in full. Council discussed. Scott made a motion to allow the customers to make \$100 per month payments for water. We will have the meter changed out, and review over the next few months to see if there are any changes in usage. We'll then invite them back to discuss the situation. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Lowell said we should swap out the meter the day after the meters get read.

Scott made a motion to approve the May 2019 meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Robert made a motion to approve the June 4, 2019 special meeting minutes. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Scott made a motion to approve the May 2019 financial statement. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

There were a couple of ordinances to be passed as emergency, but since two council members were not present, that could not be done. Tabled for next meeting.

**Business from Fire Chief - Chief** Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Scott made a motion to approve Teleflex.com as a new vendor. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Scott made a motion to approve the PO's as requested in the Chief's reports. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Robert made a motion to rescind the motion from last month's meeting about allowing the Fire Chief to hire/fire and promote/demote fire department personnel. This is because it was discovered that the municipal entities alone should have that power. Scott 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** – Aaron wanted to officially notify Council, through the documentation of the minutes of the meeting, that his mother, Claudia Dent, has been the temporary secretary over the last couple of year whenever the current secretary, Linda Strawser, took time off. The Mayor and several council members have already

known that fact all this time. However, due to recent events involving the previous Township Clerk, Aaron wanted it publicly documented that this was the case, as to leave no trace of malice. No one on Council had any problem with the situation.

**New Business** - Aaron informed Council about a recent situation in which a parcel of land exists with 4 water accounts on it (a house and 3 apartments). Three of the accounts had recently been assessed to the County Auditor due to several months past due. The owner came in and paid 1 of the accounts current so it could be turned on and rented. Aaron asked if this situation was okay, or if all the assessments should be paid before any water is turned back on. Council discussed and agreed that all accounts on a parcel should be made current, and assessments paid, before any account on that parcel can be turned back on. Scott made a motion that any and all accounts on a parcel of land that have been shut off, and/or assessed to property taxes, must be paid in full, including assessments, before any of the accounts can be turned back on. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron asked Lowell about the Wagner property on Ruffner Road, as to whether it had a 2" meter or 3" meter. Bob Pangborn reported it as a 3" meter. Lowell said it was only a 2" meter. He said we have never had anything larger than 2" throughout the system. Aaron said he would have Bob check it again and possibly have him get with Lowell at the site to confirm.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy