

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:07 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 - absent
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer – present

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

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2019-8 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-8 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2019-9 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-9 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2019-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Chief Hite asked Council to go into Executive Session so they could discuss the demotion of a public employee. Scott made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible demotion of a public employee. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. The time is 8:20.

At 8:27pm, Jimmy made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. No business was brought forward from the Executive Session.

Jimmy made a motion to approve all PO's as requested in the Chief's reports. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee - Jimmy made the argument that all officers of the fire department should hold minimum qualifications in order to hold those offices. He also said officers should attend annual training for personal development in areas such as interpersonal communications and leadership. Council discussed.

Jimmy made a motion that all officers of the Thurston-Walnut Twp Fire Department will have minimum qualifications in order to obtain/retain their positions. Those requirements will be Fire 280 card (Firefighter II) and EMT-Basic. All current officers of the department will be required to obtain those qualifications within 1 year in order to retain their positions. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion that all officers of the Thurston-Walnut Twp Fire Department will be required attend personal development classes, at their leisure, annually in order to retain their positions. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Service Committee – Aaron asked for approval for the necessary purchase orders in order to begin the update process to the new water meter reading software. The current software goes end-of-life next year. Scott made a motion to all for purchase orders up to \$12,500 to Badger Meter and/or Buckeye Pipe for the necessary purchases. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

A resident of the Village owes back income taxes and cannot make the payments that were offered by Regional Income Tax Agency. He has written a letter to Council and is asking to pay \$50 per month until it's paid because his son has medical issues and requires special treatment. Council discussed and agreed. Jimmy made a motion to allow this taxpayer to make \$50 per month payments for municipal income tax due. Scott 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 shared the status of the delinquent income tax filers. Thirty-five of them were submitted for prosecution. A lot of them have already filed appropriately during this process. About 20 of them are scheduled for trial over the next few weeks.

New Business - Aaron informed Council that the next Subpoena program from RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) will be held in our office on November 14, 2019.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy