

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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

Chuck Coey of 8237 High St was present to discuss the issue of parking on High St. Letters had gone out to all residents north of the tracks stating they should not park on the sidewalk. Charles has a Ford F350 that can't fit in the carport, so he parks in front of the house. He's stating that there's no place for him to park in his yard or in front of his house and would like to know what he's supposed to do. Mary suggested referring the issue to the Service Committee and having council members look over the situation.

Vicki Houck of 8336 High St. was present and was interested in the parking situation, too. She also asked about when the potholes in the alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets were going to be filled. Mary said some have been done, but waiting on cold patch from the Township. She will call the Township and ask the status.

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

At its final reading, Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-12 – An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 2012-16 and Establishing Updated Guidelines and Procedures for the Billing and Collection of Water and Sewer Fees. Lowell seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report.

**Business from the Safety Committee** - None

**Business from the Service Committee** – None

**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 feels Council has to do something about the property at 8078 High St. There have been ample complaints from other residents, and there are some very hazardous issues that have to be addressed. There are multiple issues; among them being old tires (on rim and off), junk vehicles, broken glass, auto fluids leaking into the ground, and other hazardous safety issues. Scott made a motion that the Village should submit a formal complaint to the Fairfield County Health Department. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Scott knows others have complained to the County Health Department and Ohio EPA.

Mary said she's been checking on the prices of lifts to rent for installing and removing ornaments and flags on street electric poles. They've been between \$600-\$650 per day. Everyone feels that too high. Heather said she knows someone who does it for Baltimore. She's going to check pricing with them.

**New Business** – Aaron said municipal income tax prosecutions have been going well and coming near an end. There are currently six taxpayers who have had bench warrants issued due to failure to appear. In addition, the trial for the last taxpayer is scheduled this Friday. The subpoena program for the next year starts next month.

Aaron said he's also been in contact with Badger Meter regarding the setup of the new meter reading software, Beacon. It's going to be worked on and rolled out over the next few months.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy