

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2020

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                      Garry Boring - present  
                 Mary Boring, Mayor – present                      Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Gary and Katlyn Yost of 8140 Elm St, Lot 21 were present to discuss their water bill. They have been having an issue with a leak. They found it and fixed it on August 19. They proposed that they would make a payment of \$289.00 next Wednesday (Sept 16<sup>th</sup>), then \$200 two weeks later (September 30<sup>th</sup>) and then catch it all up 2 weeks later (October 14<sup>th</sup>). Council discussed. Scott made a motion to accept the proposed payment plan. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes with corrections. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the August 2020 financial statement. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Final Reading – Resolution 2020-8 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Execute a Personal Service Agreement for Legal Services with Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teeter, LLC. Scott made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-8. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2020-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2020 Appropriations Ordinance and Declaring An Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-10 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2020 Appropriations Ordinance and Declaring An Emergency. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Resolution 2020-11 – A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor and Declaring An Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11 – A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor and Declaring An Emergency.. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2020-12 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2020 Appropriations Ordinance and Declaring An Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-12 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2020 Appropriations Ordinance and Declaring An Emergency. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Fire Chief** – Chief Bob Price was not present.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – None

**Business from the Service Committee** – Scott made a motion to accept the bid from Spires paving for \$10,476 to pave the alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Robert 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** – Garry made a motion to begin discussions regarding the possible transfer of ownership of the Thurston-Walnut Twp Fire Department to Walnut Township. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary would like to hold 3 public hearings to let the public know that the discussion is being held and give them a chance to give their input. Council agreed to have the hearings on the following dates:

Saturday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at noon

Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at noon

Mary said she took pictures of the Funkhouser property and contacted the county health department. It could be considered abandoned.

**New Business** – Garry made a motion to take the 2-year extension option with Local Waste for the Village's trash service. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES.

Garry made a motion that the utility office should send out letters each October to warn customers about the danger of freezing meters and their responsibility thereof. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES.

Garry made a motion to present Chris Whightsel with a "letter of understanding" regarding his ability to shut off water service in the trailer court of which he owns. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES.

Garry made a motion to create a Water Project sub-committee under Service committee with duties to analyze and expedite water system projects. The members will be Scott Whited, Garry Boring, John Wood, Chase Wood, Mary Boring and Aaron Reedy. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES.

Lowell suggested getting remote shut-off meters to be used at Archie Robinson's property instead of putting the buildings on one master meter. Aaron will look at the cost and availability of the meters from Buckeye State Pipe.

Lowell said that the Village Fire Fund paid \$10,000 to Max Miller for the firehouse property. Max did not give the property freely.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnne made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy