

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2008  
\*\*\* SPECIAL MEETING \*\*\*

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Mary Barber. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Ed Vanek – Absent  
Warren Simpson – Present  
Vickie Carroll - Present  
Detria Hiles – Present  
Ray Robinson - Present  
Jo-Ann Hite – Present  
Mary Barber – Present  
Aaron Reedy – Present

Mary announced that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and accept a bid for lawn care for the Village, to have an exit interview with Julian & Grube, and discuss the Village Administrator position.

Council reviewed the three bids received for lawn care services for the Village. The following bid prices are per mowing event:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Munic. Bldg</u>	<u>Firehouse</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
C&C Lawn Care & Services	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$80.00
Fairfield Lawn Care	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$60.00
The Yard Sharks	\$29.50	\$29.50	\$75.50

A representative from Yard Sharks and C&C Lawn Care were present. The representative said he didn't want to take any business away from local vendors. Council discussed the bids. Aaron reminded Council they didn't have to automatically take the lowest bid, but could take the most responsible bid.

Detria made a motion to accept the bid from C&C Lawn Care. Ray second. Ray and Detria voted yes. Warren voted no, Jo-Ann and Vickie abstained because they said they were related to the owner of C&C Lawn Care.

Warren made a motion to accept the bid from Fairfield Lawn Care. No further action was taken on that motion.

(Upon later review with the Village Solicitor, he stated that the motion for C&C Lawn Care was passed as the two abstentions go with the majority vote. He stated that their bid has legally been accepted by Council.)

Vicki made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the audit results with Ray Musser from Julian & Grube, and that Aaron Reedy and Jim Hite were to remain in the session. Ray second. All yea. The time is 7:50 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., Jo-Ann made a motion to come out of executive session. Warren second. All yea.

Council discussed the Village Administrator position and its future. Some are concerned the current administrator does not have the experience currently needed to move us through some issues. Michelle Shumaker, current Village Administrator, was present and said she understood the issues, and has no problem giving up that position. She passed her resignation around to council which partially read "Due to the changing needs of the Village and the increasing role of

administrator from its original inception, I fear that it will require more time and expertise than I am able to provide. I believe that this can be considered an opportunity for the Village by opening a door for someone experienced in the areas we need help with and it will allow me to focus more attention on the basic tasks required within the office.” Michelle also said she plans on keeping her current position as Village Secretary. Council agreed that her status in that position was never in question; they want her to continue that position.

Discussion was had as to how they want to proceed next.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. Ray second. All yea.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk