

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2008

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 - Absent  
Jo-Ann Hite – Present  
Mary Barber – Present  
Aaron Reedy – Present

Lori Gischel from Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) was present to propose their services to the Village. She spoke to Council regarding how their entity could handle all aspects of the income tax services for the Village for a small percentage. She passed out information for Council to review.

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. None did.

Vickie made a motion to approve the April 2008 minutes. Detria second. All yea.

Vickie made a motion to approve the April 2008 financial statement. Detria second. All yea, with Warren abstaining.

Detria made a motion to approve the April 21, 2008 special meeting minutes. Vickie second. All yea, with Warren opposed and Jo-Ann abstaining.

Aaron presented Ordinance 2008-8, An ordinance to create an account code, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Council asked what the election charges were for, and after review, Aaron said he would need to follow up with the County Auditors office and get back with Council. The ordinance was tabled.

**Report from Fire Chief** – Jim Hite was present and presented his report. See attached. Also, Jim mentioned that ORC 743.09 prohibited fire departments from charging for water used putting out a fire. He said the question was raised at the last meeting. Jo-Ann said she only raised the question because she was asked.

Detria asked how much the fire department was charging to fill pools. Mike said they are looking at \$60 - \$75. There is an increase due to gas prices increasing.

Detria made a motion to approve adding the Chief's selection of Jason Zorns to the roster. Vickie second. All yea.

**Report from the Service Committee:** Didn't meet.

**Report from the Safety Committee:** Minutes attached. Vickie said they did get together on May 7<sup>th</sup> and did some inspections. They will make a list of what needs done. Detria said some things need done right away. Discussion was had as to whether or not the fire escape on the municipal building could be blocked.

Detria said a letter would be needed to let Pickerington know if we're interested in the playground equipment from Victory Park. It's only 5 years. Jim Hite said the requests were

already to have been submitted, but thought it may not be too late to send a letter. Discussion was had regarding the equipment. The equipment is very big and it's cemented in. Aaron asked if we would really do it if they agreed to give it to us; we didn't take the equipment from Pleasantville that was offered to us for the same problem. No further action was taken.

**Report from the Finance Committee:** Didn't meet.

**Report from the Rules Committee:** Didn't meet.

**Report from Regional Planning Representative:** Robert Ortman said the Agricultural Zone was passed on 1171 acres between Thurston and Millersport.

**Old Business –** The Solicitor had reviewed the contract from Walnut Township they submitted for pothole repair in the Village. Council reviewed his comments. Detria said to send the contract back to the Trustees. Warren said they are doing pothole repairs already even though we haven't approved it. Jo-Ann said on the street where Mike Weidner house was, there was a deep rut in the road; also on 8091 Maple Street. Both locations could damage wheels on a car. Mary referred the issue to the Safety Committee.

Detria said everything on the contract looks okay to her except the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Council instructed Aaron to let them know – they must have their own liability on their employees' actions.

Aaron called Council's attention to the latest memo from the Solicitor regarding Ray Robinson's position on the fire department and as a Council member. Ray cannot accept pay from the fire department while he is on Council.

Aaron called Council's attention to the latest memo from the Solicitor regarding Ray's question from last month about liability of injuries on Jo-Ann Hite while she's reading meters with Lowell. Aaron was instructed to check with our insurance company to determine whether it covers Jo-Ann if she's injured while accompanying Lowell.

Aaron asked if Council wished to make a counter-proposal to the Village of Baltimore regarding the water contract. Detria made a motion to instruct the Village Solicitor to draft a completely new contract with the Village of Baltimore to supply water to Thurston that would charge us their bulk rate, minus twenty percent (20%), since they have no maintenance costs for us as a customer. Vickie second. All yea.

**New Business –**

Aaron brought attention to the memo he sent Council and Mayor on April 26. He is concerned that there will not be enough money to appropriate for legal expenses for all the projects Council has the Village Solicitor working on. Most of the charges thus far have been earmarked from the General Fund, but there's only \$3,000 left to appropriate from the General Fund. Aaron is thinking we're going to have about \$9,000 - \$12,000 of expenses from the Solicitor's office due to everything going on.

Council discussed and decided to have Aaron create the legislation to begin taking legal fees out of the Street, Water, and Fire funds for legal issues, as these are the funds future legal projects will probably be for.

Council reviewed the proposal from Sam's Termite & Pest Control for mosquito spraying for the Village. Aaron asked if Council wanted to get any more proposals. Vickie made a motion to accept the proposal from Sam's Termite & Pest Control for \$125 per spraying. Detria second.

Vickie and Detria voted yes; Warren and Jo-Ann voted no. Mayor Mary Barber broke the tie by voting yes.

Vickie asked about the status of the Village Administrator position. Mary said we failed to look ahead before we jumped. Mary said this is a conversation for service committee. Vickie is concerned about not having the money for a Village Administrator. Aaron said the VA's salary would come out of the water and street funds; enough for a part-time or contracted VA.

Detria said the repair to the chimney on the Municipal Building has not been approved yet. Jamie Carroll said eaves are falling off the back of the Municipal Building, and our warranty from the Window Man is almost up. Aaron will ask Michelle to contact them.

Detria asked if anyone had a problem with her painting some playground equipment. No one did.

Detria said the Thurston Community Yard Sale will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. This will coincide with the Thurston United Methodist Church yard sale.

Detria said we need a flag in front of the Municipal Building. Discussion was had and everyone agreed that a flagpole should be installed on the building.

Michelle Shoemaker left a memo for Council asking how much we should mark-up water meters when we sell them to customers. Detria made a motion to put a twenty percent (20%) mark-up on sales of new meters to customers. Vickie second. All yea.

Jamie Carroll said some fill dirt needs to be put in the cemetery to fill a couple of holes. Vickie asked if we can give Jamie permission to get what he needs to fill the holes. Jamie said it's probably something prisoners can do when they come to do some work.

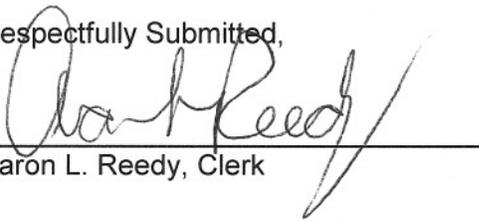
Detria said there are broken headstones in the cemetery. Can we send letters to family members to let them know they need repaired? Aaron said records are old and not in good condition. It would be difficult to contact anyone, if anyone is even still alive. Aaron said Detria is welcome to look through the suitcase that holds the records. They were given to the Village in bad shape.

Jim Hite said he would like to get flags up the first of next week. He said the station car will be going to Columbus tomorrow because he has to drop off paperwork at a couple of offices. He said he needs Jo-Ann Hite to complete the 700 training so we can apply for Homeland Security Grant. He said new classes will be coming out soon. Jim said a letter should be sent to the owner of the building next to the Municipal Building. Windows are broken out, and kids are getting in. It's in bad shape. Council directed Aaron to send a letter to the owner of the property to cut the weeds, cut the grass, remove the car, remove the trash, and secure the building entrances and windows.

Lowell said GGC is going to start smoke-testing the sewer lines on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Warren made a motion to adjourn. Vickie second. All yea. The time is 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

# THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF REPORT

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May 2008

## PERSONAL

**Jason Zorns**          New Hire          240 FF, Basic EMT

**Officers test**          May 7 & 12, 2008

## MAINTANCE

**ISI Camera** in shop, charging cable is broken

**Gas Monitor** is in shop, the battery case is broken

**On Spot Chain** is on order for **R-621**

**R-621 --Foam cable** is broken and is on order

**On Spot Chain** has been placed on **Tank -621**

## FYI

**BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE, Saturday, May 17, 2008**

**FLASHOVER TRAILER TRAINING** was **April 18-19, 2008**, at Thurston Fire House  
Twenty (20) personal participated in the training.

**TRAINING FIRE-** May 31, 2008, at 7210 Lancaster-Newark Rd., Baltimore.



# Thurston - Walnut Township Fire Department

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## April 2008 Run Totals

Total number of EMS runs=22

### Mutual Aid Received from:

Basil Joint Fire District:	2
Millersport Fire Department:	0
Pleasant Township Fire Department:	1
Thornville-Thorn Township:	0

### Mutual Aid to:

Basil Joint Fire District:	2
Millersport Fire Department:	1
Pleasant Township Fire Department:	0
Thornville-Thorn Township Fire Department:	0
Greenfield Township Fire Department	1

Total number of Fire runs= 13

### Mutual Aid Received from:

Basil Joint Fire District:	2
Millersport Fire Department:	2
Lancaster Fire Department	0
Pleasant Township Fire Department:	1
Thornville-Thorn Township:	0

### Mutual Aid to:

Basil Joint Fire District:	3
Millersport Fire Department:	2
Pleasant Township Fire Department:	1
Greenfield Township Fire Department	0
Thornville-Thorn Township Fire Department:	2
Buckeye Lake Fire Department	1
Richland Township Fire Department	1

The May 5<sup>th</sup> 2008 Safety meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairperson Vickie Carroll. In attendance were: Committee members Debra Hiles and Warren Simpson. Mayor Barber, Chief Hite, Lt Carroll Lt Barber and Township Trustee Sonny Dupler.

The safety committee will get together May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM to inspect the playground and the municipal building. If we want to show interest in playground equipment from Pickerington we need to act now with letter of interest.

- ① Thermal imager - in for repair
- ② 1 gas <sup>monitor</sup> ~~detector~~ in shop for repair
- ③ 911 printer being installed
- ④ fire chains are back on tanker
- ⑤ foam cables on rescue broke - keep sending wrong sizes
- House burn on 31 is being finalized set to burn Sat May 31<sup>st</sup>

Met with Millersport fire to go over run cards. Millersport not happy with our current set up!

Chief Wite said adjustment to <sup>the</sup> budget is needed due to the high cost of fuel + the water bills.

They will be filling swimming pools again this year - should the price change due to fuel prices?

Warren said that he has been getting complaints about a blue semi parking on High Street. Can we justify it hazardous to the movement of traffic?

meeting adjourned 8:55  
Vickie Carroll