

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2008

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

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

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

The agenda included time to speak with Terry McGrath about the Village Administrator position. He was not present.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the May 2008 meeting minutes. Detria brought up the issue about the flag being on the building. She said she'd rather have it on the telephone pole in the middle of the parking lot instead of on the building. She asked if anyone had a problem with that. Discussion was had regarding the issue. Some said we need to check with the utility company to see if we can put it on the pole. Some said the pole is not on the village property, but the neighbors. Some discussed purchasing and installing a flag pole to be installed in the ground in front of the Municipal Building. Jamie Carroll volunteered to check around on prices for poles. Detria said she's got the flag.

Detria said page 2, paragraph 5 should be changed from "Detria made a motion to instruct the Village Solicitor to draft a completely new contract with the Village of Baltimore..." to "Detria instructed the clerk to send a letter to the Village of Baltimore..."

Warren made a motion to approve the May 2008 minutes with the preceding change. Ed second. All yea.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the May 2008 financial statement. Detria asked what the line at the bottom of the General Fund means that states "Post Bank Reconciliation". Aaron pointed out that he wasn't sure, but it's been there in previous reports, and has no entry with it to adjust the funds one way or another. He thinks it's just part of the UAN accounting system, but he will check.

Detria made a motion to approve the May 2008 financial statement. Vickie second. All yea.

Mary asked for a motion to approve the June 2008 financial statement. Detria asked if we kept time cards of Michelle Shumaker's hours (Village Secretary). Aaron said we did. Detria asked to see the time sheets. Aaron went to make copies. Detria said she's gotten four complaints about Michelle not being in the office during posted hours. Mayor Boring explained that the first 10 – 15 minutes of Michelle's day is spent stopping at the post office and picking up the Village mail. Detria said she would like to see Michelle's timesheet tracked differently or have the published office hours changed. After some discussion, Mayor Boring instructed the clerk to have the message on the machine changed, and any published hours for the Village office changed to be 9:30am – 1:00 pm. She said Michelle will still be paid from 9:00 am.

Jo-Ann asked why we needed a new computer. Aaron explained the old one was hit by a power surge, and was no longer functioning. The old one was over 6 years old.

Ed made a motion to approve the June 2008 financial statement. Warren second. All yea, except Jo-Ann voting no.

Aaron presented Ordinance 2008-8, An ordinance to create an account code, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. This was previously presented in May. This is to cover costs of election for 2 Council seats, Clerk, and Mayor that ended last year.

Jo-Ann made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule, and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2008-8, An Ordinance to create an account code, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Ed second. All yea.

Ed made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-8, An Ordinance to create an account code, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Warren second. All yea.

Aaron presented Ordinance 2008-9, An Ordinance to create account codes, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance, and declare an emergency. Detria said she wanted to see all the invoices for the solicitor. Aaron made copies for Council. After review and discussion, Detria made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2008-9, An Ordinance to create account codes, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Vickie second. All yea.

Warren made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-9, An Ordinance to create account codes, amend the 2008 appropriations ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Vickie second. All yea, with Jo-Ann voting no.

Detria made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2008-10, An Ordinance adopting a public records policy and the declaration of an emergency. Vickie second. All yea.

Warren made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-10, An Ordinance adopting a public records policy and the declaration of an emergency. Ed second. All yea.

Report from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and presented his report. See attached. Also, Jim mentioned that he gave the new FEMA rules to Mayor Boring. They tell us what certification is needed for each position/level in Village administration.

Ed asked how many people were on the roster. Jim said thirty seven (37).

Ed made a motion to allow Jim to hire Brad Hill and Chris Cook to the fire department. Warrend second. All yea.

Report from the Service Committee: Didn't meet.

Report from the Safety Committee: Minutes for July attached. Safety did not meet in June. Vickie said they checked the stop signs and street signs and asked Council what they wanted to do next – some need replaced. They decided to check what inventory is in the Street Building and order what is still needed. Vickie said the new regulations are coming in 2012, and must be completed by 2015. She asked if Council wanted to use what we have in the Street Building that may not be up to the new code, or order all new now?

Council discussed who would be doing the labor? Would it be contracted out? Ed said he doesn't mind doing it, but maybe not all of it. Council discussed. Jim Hite said the height for signs is 5-foot for non-parking zones and 7-foot for parking zones. Detria said she thinks we should check to see what we have now and use it. Ed said we should work with the Township and see if we can order signs and equipment at the same time to possibly get a better price. Council decided to pick a work date later.

Report from the Finance Committee: Didn't meet.

Report from the Rules Committee: Didn't meet. Detria asked Warren about the legislation regarding Junk Vehicles. He said he hasn't seen anything. She said she saw it and Aaron said he put a copy of what was received from the solicitor in Warren's box several weeks ago. Detria asked Aaron to make Warren another copy.

Report from Regional Planning Representative: Robert Ortman said there was no meeting.

Old Business –

Detria asked about the lift station out by Route 37. Mayor Boring said Walnut Creek Sewer District is waiting to hear something. They have to contact LithChem's attorney regarding the issue – they can't talk to LithChem directly. Mayor Boring also said WCSD's solicitor is writing to the Ohio EPA we want the area of Rt 256/Rt 37 back for our 208 plan.

Detria brought up the issue of having to get Council approval to contact the solicitor. She said it was discussed, but not put in the contract. She doesn't believe one person should be able to run up the bill.

Aaron asked if council wanted anything more done regarding the nuisance next door. The car has been removed, and the grass has been cut, but the junk is still there, and the weeds are high. Mayor Boring said she had called the owner and asked about having the property donated to the Village. She said she'd have to check with her partner. Detria suggested giving the owners a mowing schedule of when we would cut the grass if they didn't, giving them a chance to mow it themselves.

Aaron said he misunderstood council's intentions for contact regarding the water contract with the Village of Baltimore, so that letter was just sent earlier this week. Detria said when we get a reply from Baltimore, let Council know to see if they want to call a special meeting to discuss their response.

Detria asked about the status of the Walnut Creek Sewer District contract. Aaron said it was in the solicitor's lap.

Detria asked about the status of the Village income tax. Aaron said the Solicitor is waiting to hear from the representative from RITA.

Council reviewed the contract from the Walnut Township Trustees for pothole repair. Detria made a motion to accept the contract from Walnut Township Trustees for pothole repair. Ed second. All yea, with Warren voting no.

Detria instructed Aaron to contact the railroad by phone regarding the rain damage by the tracks on High St. We had it repaired, but it is still washing out, and they may be responsible for repair. Council discussed the problem and agreed it needs to be fixed right.

Michelle had left a memo regarding the storm sewer line in front of Butch Miller's house – it's still a problem. Ed said it needs to get fixed. Vickie mentioned the one in front of Leiendecker's

needs fixed, too. Council discussed the drainage problems around the Village. Mary mentioned that we need to come up with a "wish list" for OPWC Issue 1 funding by September 5th. She said maybe storm sewer needs to be on top. Mary said she is going to get some estimates for fixing some catch basins. Council continued discussing the drainage problems around the Village.

Vickie asked about the quote given by Bob Black to get the chimney's repaired on the roof. Ed made a motion to approve the work to be done for \$475. Detria second. All yea.

Council discussed the lack of council action to get things done around the Village. Vickie said things need to get done. What's the point of meeting if we don't?

New Business –

Vickie asked if we should suspend committee meetings for the summer due to lack of participation. Mayor Boring said we don't have to have the meetings if there is nothing to talk about, but it would be courteous to call if you can't show up, so the cancellation can be posted.

A note from some of the children from the Village was received by council requesting a skate park be installed in the Village. Jo-Ann suggested having them skate behind the school building – and back in that alley. No further action was taken.

Michelle Shumaker had mentioned that it's probably time for the water tower to be painted. Council decided it would be best to get quotes.

Detria made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Vickie second. All yea. The time is 10:00 p.m.

At 10:20, Jo-Ann made a motion to come out of executive session. Warren second. All yea. Ed Vanek had left the meeting.

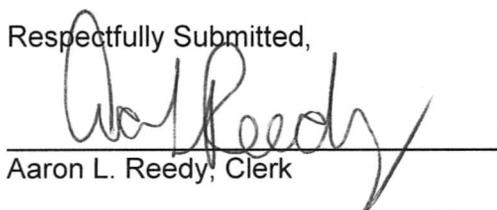
Mayor Boring said that Council wants Terry McGrath to be the Village Administrator for Thurston. Based on that fact, she gives her recommendation to Council to hire Terry McGrath as Village Administrator.

Detria made a motion to appoint Terry McGrath as Village Administrator effective immediately with a six-month probationary period. Vickie second. All yea – roll call vote:

Vickie – yes
Warren – yes
Detria – yes
Jo-Ann – yes
Ed – absent
Ray – absent

Warren made a motion to adjourn. Jo-Ann second. All yea. The time is 10:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Aaron L. Reedy, Clerk

Safety meeting 7-7-08

7:30 pm Municipal Building
in Attendance Vicki Carroll

Netua Hiles + Chief Nite. ^{is}
report from Chief Nite Attached

The Village has to have
a plan in order for the replacement
of stop signs by new government
regulations by 2012 - and
have all new signs by 2015

Netua discussed the possibility
of hiring someone to do work ^{on signs} ^{and} ^{etc}
as needed and handed in

a resume of interest. We'll
bring the idea to Council.
meeting ended 8:35 pm

Vicki Carroll

THURSTON WALNUT FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF REPORT

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June/July 2008

PERSONAL

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Brad Hill | New Hire | 240 FF, Basic EMT |
| Chris Cook | New Hire | 240 FF, Medic |

MAINTANCE

New Medic 621- 40 days out

Rescue 621- Need two front tire, foam cable been replace

Medic 621- was down on 6/11-2008, due to bad tire, was replaced, back in service at 20:45 that night. Fairfield County need not place the Medic back inservice in the computer. The EMS run on lake Rd the next day.

Gas Monitor- will cost \$600 to fix, new one cost \$300. with trade in and a two year warranty

ISI Camera in service

Flushed hydrants 6/12/2008 in the village

FYI

BREAKFAST AT THURSTON FIRE HOUSE, Saturday, June 28, July 19, 2008

TRAINING FIRE June 21,2008 at 7210 Lancaster-Newark Rd. Baltimore.

STATE EMS GRANT- YEAR 2007-2008 \$6500.
YEAR 2008-2009 \$5000.

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740/862-6542
FIRE CHIEF JAMES HITE**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 APPLICANT | CHRIS COOK |
| 2 INTERVIEW | YES |
| 3 CERTIFIED | 240 FF, MEDIC |
| 4 BCI CHECK | YES |
| 5 DMV CHECK | YES |
| 6 PHYSICAN EXAMINTION | YES |
| 7 FULL TIME JOB | MOUNT CARMEL EAST ER |
| 8 HIRE DATE | 7/10/2008 |
| 9 VOLUNTEER | YES |
| 10 PART TIME | YES |
| 11 TAX PAPER | YES |

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 APPLICANT | BRAD HILL |
| 2 INTERVIEW | YES |
| 3 CERTIFIED | 240 FF, EMT |
| 4 BCI CHECK | YES |
| 5 DMV CHECK | YES |
| 6 PHYSICAN EXAMINTION | YES |
| 7 FULL TIME JOB | MONROE TWP FIRE |
| 8 HIRE DATE | 7/10/2008 |
| 9 VOLUNTEER | YES |
| 10 PART TIME | YES |
| 11 TAX PAPER | YES |



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EMS RUN TOTALS JUNE 2008

37
THURSTON 15
PLEASANTVILL 9
WALNUT TWP 13
OUT TWP 1

FIRERUN TOTAL JUNE 2008

13
THURSTON 3
PLEASANTVILL 0
WALNUT TWP 8
OUT TWP 2

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

MILLERSPORT 1
PLEASANTVILL 1
BUCKEYE LAKE 0
RICHLAND 2

MILLERSPORT 4
PLEASANTVILL 0
BUCKEYE LAKE 1
RICHLAND 1

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

MILLERSPORT 1
BASIL 2
PLEASANTVILL 1

MILLERSPORT 3
BASIL 4
PLEASANTVILL 1