

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present
JoAnn Hite – present
Rita Leiendecker - present
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. A resident of the Village was present to complain about the Village's contracted waste management company, Falcon Sanitation. She said about three months ago, human feces were found in the street in front of her house on trash day. It was her deduction that one of the workers of Falcon Sanitation left the feces. Today her mother came to her house before the trash vehicle arrived and did not notice any feces. She said the trash vehicle was there for a long period of time. Then once the trash vehicle left, she noticed there were feces on the street and used toilet paper strewn in the area. She took pictures of the feces. She contacted Falcon Sanitation regarding the situation and left a message. The owner called back later and left her a message. She said the message was not courtesy and seemed odd. She feels it was possibly the owner who left the feces.

Mayor Boring said the dispute is between Falcon Sanitation and the resident. Mary said we would keep this complaint in mind for the when the contract comes up for renewal. Council suggested she contact the Sherriff's office to file a report. The owner said her street had not been plowed at the recent snow. She was told it was because there is a basketball pole in the road and the trucks won't maneuver around it. She said she'll make sure that it's laid down next time.

John and Rhonda Parker were present from The Ohio Plan. He wanted to share the corrected price of his insurance policy since removing the police portion of the bill. He asked if anyone had any questions. They did not.

Rita made a motion to approve the January, 2011 regular meeting minutes with correction. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the January 2011 financial statement. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2011-5, An Ordinance to create Accounting Codes, to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-5, An Ordinance to create Accounting Codes, to Amend the 2011 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present and submitted his report.

Business from the Safety Committee – No Business to present.

Business from the Service Committee – Robert said he had a motion to present from the Service Committee regarding the liability insurance vendor, but it's amended due to recent discussion. Robert made a motion to accept the proposal from John Parker Insurance/The Ohio Plan for the village. Garry seconded. Roll Call vote: Jimmy abstained; Jo-Ann, Lowell & Rita voted NO; Robert & Garry voted YES. Motion not carried. The village will remain with PEP/Wells Fargo for insurance. Council briefly discussed after the vote. This decision was not just about saving about \$3,700, but it was about the good service we've gotten from Wells Fargo and April Valenti (a Vice President of Wells Fargo) over the last few years.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert couldn't make it to the meeting due to weather.

Old Business –

JoAnne made a motion to table the subject of "No Parking on Main St." until a grant coordinator is assigned by the County. Rita seconded. Roll Call vote: All YES, except Garry voting NO. Motion carried.

Aaron said the Service Committee will discuss the request for water line extension east of the Village at the next Service Committee meeting. Mr. Mooney was advised to attend with his neighbors for discussion. We have a preliminary cost estimate of \$103,000.

Mary said there is still an empty seat on the Walnut Creek Sewer District board of trustees. Jo-Ann said she is interested, but knows no one will put her on. Mary said that is because she can't vote on Village business to represent Thurston since she is a Councilperson.

New Business –

Mary said the fire hydrant in front of the Thurston United Methodist Church is still frozen. Robert Pangborn said we'll have to wait until it thaws to see if it needs repaired. Jim Hite suggested putting a tent around it and using a heater to help thaw it out. Jimmy made a motion to call around and get someone to thaw it out. Robert second. Roll Call vote: All YES. Motion carried. Jim said whoever does it should not use an electric welder or anything with a charge.

Aaron mentioned that Jason from Pleasantville Council called and said one of the meter pits at Lithchem is always flooded and takes the meter reader about 30-45 minutes to pump it out. The sump pump that was originally installed by the company had quit working several years ago. I told Jason this is the first we've heard of it. He said Garry had told Lowell for a long time. Lowell and Jo-Ann good said it's been going on for a long time. Aaron said that no one told us at the office. Connie called Lithchem on 2/3/2011 about it. They said they would take a look at it. If it's not fixed by the time we read again, Council will have to take further action.

Aaron said he received the titles back from the banks on the 2002 Spartan Fire Truck and 2006 International Truck. He'll change the title for the International to be put into the name of the Thurston-Walnut Township Fire Department and then put both titles in the lockbox at the bank with the others.

Aaron said the Walnut Twp Trustees last night voted to enter into a contract for EMS Billing with Med3000. It would probably be a good idea to show Thurston's support or non-support of this issue, too. Robert made a

motion to support the Walnut Twp Trustees initiative to bill for EMS transports. Jimmy second. Roll Call vote: All YES, except Jo-Ann voting NO, and Lowell abstaining. Motion carried.

Aaron explained to Council that the issue with Village residents not having their physical addresses recognized by most online services should be rectified over the next few weeks/months. Aaron finally found someone at the Post Office who knew how to handle the issue. The local Post Office called today and said she got all the addresses entered into the system. This problem had been keeping some people in need of free services from getting those services because their physical addresses couldn't be verified through the USPS address verification systems.

Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy