

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2015**

**Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library

**Attendance:** Council president Sigo Falk (2017) was present. Council members Fino Caliguire (2015), Vinnie Coppola (2017), Mike Dwyer (2015), Mark Perrott (2017), and Tony Szmul (2017) were present. Council member Scott Quinn (2015) was absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2017) was present. Solicitor Chuck Means from GRB was present.

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council entered executive session for legal review with the solicitor at 6:56 PM. Council ended executive session and went on record at 7:39 PM.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM.**

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of September 14, 2015. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 14, 2015 as written. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Resident Robb Alarcon (Dartmouth) was present. President Falk summarized the points raised in a letter addressed to the borough engineers NIRA by Mr. Alarcon and his wife Meg regarding the construction of the garage at 1143 Dartmouth. President Falk addressed council's role regarding each issue that was raised. Solicitor Means will follow up with a detailed letter to the Alarcons regarding each point.

Resident Gina Caliguire (Harvard) was present. She questioned the permitting process and the actions of the previous building inspector. Council indicated that a new ordinance was passed and that a new building inspector was hired to address these concerns.

Resident Judy Kimblin (Tech) informed council that a car has been parking near the corner of Harvard/Tech/Baldwin that makes it difficult to see. Mayor Mackin will have Director of Public Works Rob Murphy look into it.

Resident Lorraine Runyon (Princeton) was present.

A discussion was held regarding the three seats that are up for election. No names will appear on the ballot as no one has officially filed. All votes must be write-ins. Mr. Perrot will send something

via the weekly e-mails from the community club to let residents know that seats are available if they are interested in serving on council.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin read the police report for September. There were two alarm calls (false), one animal call, one disturbance (verbal family altercation), two dangerous situations (leaning electric pole corrected by Duquesne Light, log on Baldwin), two medical calls with transport, one suspicious circumstance (computer hacked), one found item (wallet), and one traffic call (truck parked illegally).

Stanford: Mayor Mackin reported that the water situation was corrected.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Ratification of Mine Subsidence – Right of Entry Waiver: A waiver was required to allow the state to do remediation for mine subsidence on the Franklin property on Tech. Mr. Dwyer made a motion that council ratify the waiver, which was seconded by Mr. Perrott. It passed unanimously.

Sewer line on Hamilton extension. A discussion was held on the water flowing through the sewer lines on the Hamilton extension. Mayor Mackin will ask Rob to do a dye test. He will also call NIRA to have them look at it.

Appointment of a zoning officer: No candidates have yet been identified. Council will continue to search for candidates who will be reviewed at a continuation of this meeting next Tuesday.

Update on Mitchell garage: President Falk reported that he met with Jim Mitchell, who has agreed to dig the soil out from around the trees, pay for a split rail fence to prevent cars from parking on the dumped soil, plant grass, and work with Rob to ensure the work is done satisfactorily. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council accept the agreed upon remediation, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously. Solicitor Means will put together a summary of the agreed upon remediation in a letter to Mr. Mitchell.

Harvard garage: The demolition has been performed to the borough's satisfaction.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Falk presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Mr. Perrot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

#### Check Disbursements:

Mr. Perrot made a motion to approve the disbursements for September. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

#### Garbage contract:

Ms Falk informed council that the current contract expires 12/31/2015. Mr. Coppola made a motion that the borough advertise for bids. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### 2016 draft budget:

Ms. Falk presented a draft budget for 2016. A discussion followed, which will be continued at the November meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration** (Mr. Szmul): No report.

**Budget and Finance** (Mr. Quinn & Mr. Falk): No report.

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Caliguire):

Mr. Caliguire reported that Carrozza Brothers has removed 35 trees a cost of \$195 per tree.

President Falk provided a summary of the work at the levee performed by the Corps of Engineers.

**Sewers/Public Works** (Mr. Coppola): No report.

**Community Building** (Mr. Dwyer): No report.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott):

Mr. Perrott reported that the web site is ready and will now be maintained by Ms. Falk, with significant alterations to be handled by Lorraine Holt on an as needed basis.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Falk reported that he has been contacted by the Crafton VFD, who would like the borough to resume making voluntary contributions. There was no enthusiasm on council to make such contributions.

**CONTINUATION:**

Mr. Perrott made a motion to continue the meeting until Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Coppola seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The continued meeting was not held on October 20, 2015 but was called to order by President Falk at 6:59 PM on November 9, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Perrot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.