

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

**Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

**Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library

**Attendance:** President Sigo Falk (2017) was absent. Council member Fino Caliguire (2017) was absent. Council members Vinnie Coppola (2017), Mark Perrott (2017), Sam Runyon (2019), Tony Szmul (2017), and Ron Varga (2017) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2017) was present. Solicitor Emily Mueller from GRB was present.

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Vice President Vinnie Coppola chaired the meeting in the absence of President Falk

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

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of January 4, 2016. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 4, 2016 as written. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Resident Judy Kimblin was present to observe. She asked if a public notice board could be installed in the garden at the intersection of Harvard and Tech in upper Thornburg. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrot will construct a sign similar to the one at the conservation park to install at that location.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for January and February. There were six alarms (all false with the exception of a car fire in the industrial park), one traffic accident, three medical calls (two with transport), three service calls, one drug possession in the industrial park, one theft from an unlocked car and one unknown male knocking on doors (who was gone when police arrived.)

There was an incident the previous night of a dirt bike riding in the conservation park. Mayor Mackin got a picture of the license plate of a truck that appeared to be refueling the bike and will follow up with the police. Mr. Perrot will photograph the damage done in the park.

Mayor Mackin spoke with a resident on Harvard regarding the presence of a business sign in his yard. The resident was cooperative and agreed to remove the sign.

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

DCNR letter: Solicitor Mueller summarized a letter from the DCNR and reminded council that the land in the Conservation Park was obtained with a grant that puts restrictions on the use of the land.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Falk presented council with a list of deposits made since the last council meeting.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the monthly Disbursement Report. Mr. Perrot made a motion to approve the disbursements for February. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Road plan 2016: A discussion was held regarding the report provided by the engineer about three proposed sections of road for repaving. The 2016 budget will cover the estimates for all three sections. Mr. Perrot made a motion to advertise for bids for the proposed repaving. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Cornell proposals: Council reviewed the two proposals that were received for the repair/replacement of a section of storm sewer on Cornell: Pittsburgh Drain Services (\$4,100) and Gary Mancini Construction (\$5,985). A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept the proposal from Pittsburgh Drain Services. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration** (Mr. Szmul): Mr. Szmul spoke with Steve George of Rosslyn Farms at the COG meeting about the possibility of joint bids, which might result in lower prices for mill and pave projects.

**Budget and Finance** (Mr. Falk, Mr. Runyon): No report.

**Public Works/Sewers** (Mr. Coppola): Several street lights are out. Public Work director Rob Murphy has been attempting to contact Duquesne Light to replace them.

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga): No report.

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Caliguire): No report.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.