

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016**

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Location: Thornburg Community Building, Library

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Szmul made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of February 8, 2016. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 8, 2016 as written. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Judy Kimblin (Tech), Joan Britten (Columbia), and Lorraine Runyon (Princeton) were present to observe.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for March. There were two alarms (false), one disturbance call, one hazardous condition (rockslide), two medical calls with transport, one motor vehicle accident, and one suspicious person/vehicle.

Mr. Coppola asked about the status of the ATV incidents in the conservation park. Mayor Mackin will check with the police. Public works is keeping track of hours spent on repair work.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Consent Order Agreement: Solicitor Means informed council that the consent order agreement submitted by the borough had been rejected by the DEP. They would only accept the template that had been originally provided, which was signed and resubmitted by the February 29 deadline.

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

Ms. Falk requested the purchase of file cabinets for offsite use as files stored in the basement office smell moldy. A discussion followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Borough engineer Ray Antonelli from NIRA was present to update council on several issues.

Cornell storm sewer: Work will start this week.

Road paving update: Ads have been submitted to run this week and next. Bids will be evaluated and a recommendation will be made for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Varga asked about the possibility of installing speed humps on Harvard to slow cars. Mr. Antonelli indicated that these can be installed at any time and will forward information about commercially available options.

Rock slide: The situation will be evaluated after the freeze/thaw cycle ends. Two different approaches were presented. One option is to remove the loose debris and repair the fence. A more comprehensive option is to stabilize the hillside to prevent future slides. Cost estimates on both approaches will be provided to the borough at no cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): Mr. Szmul indicated that an informative Allegheny County Senior Resource guide is available. Mr. Perrott will mention it in the next issue of the Talk of the Town.

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

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

Community Facilities (Mr. Varga): No report.

Land Conservation/Resources (Mr. Caliguire):

Dangerous trees: Public Works director Rob Murphy has identified trees within the borough that he believes are in danger of falling. Nine of the trees are on private property, and all received a letter from the borough last year. A discussion followed. Mr. Caliguire will contact the residents to suggest a meeting to discuss a joint bid.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): Mr. Perrott informed council that he has completed the new bulletin board for installation in the garden on Tech. Mr. Murphy will install it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mitchell garage – zoning hearing: The garage was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Park: A donation of \$1,000 has been received for planting new trees in the park. President Falk has indicated that he will match the donation. Jeff Leithauser has asked that some of the rocks from the Cornell landslide be moved to the park after they are cleared.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Caliguire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Varga. The motion was unanimously approved.