

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 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 members Fino Caliguire (2017), 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.**

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

Mr. Szmul made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of March 14, 2016. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 14, 2016 as written. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Resident Judy Kimblin (Tech) was present to observe.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for April. There was one alarm, one DUI, one forgery call, one fraud due to identity theft, one auto break in, one suspicious person call, one incident of road rage, a child seen lying on Baldwin Rd., four thefts (from auto), one theft (jewelry taken from home), one theft (stolen cell phone in industrial park), and one motor vehicle theft with missing firearms.

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

Emily Mueller from GRB reported for Chuck Means.

Dead trees: Solicitor Mueller advised council to make sure that the property owners know they have the right to object to the borough's request for tree removal and that they can request a hearing. They need to be notified in writing and the appeal period starts with this notification. Thirty days is adequate for an appeal hearing. The borough can remove a tree if it is in imminent danger of falling. Mr. Caliguire will provide a draft of the letter that is being sent to homeowners for Solicitor Mueller to review. Eighteen dead trees have been identified on nine properties. The letter will be sent in approximately two weeks, suggesting a meeting in mid May. Mr. Runyon and Mr. Perrott offered to assist.

### **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 April. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Falk will confer with GRB regarding recouping costs associated with the zoning hearing for the Mitchell garage.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Road paving update: Borough engineer Ray Antonelli was not present but submitted the bid information and recommendation for the road paving project. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council award the contract to the low bidder East Coast Paving & Sealcoating in the amount of \$34,191.68. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Falk will contact Mr. Antonelli regarding the estimates he was going to obtain for the rockslide repair.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga): Mr. Varga met with public works director Rob Murphy to discuss work that needed to be completed for Crafton Children's Corner to get their license. A discussion of playground equipment followed. Council declined to approve any work until the rockslide work is completed.

A discussion was held regarding the removal of the wall in the basement of the community building. This work will likely be done by the summer crew.

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Hamilton Road update: A discussion was held regarding the work that was to be completed by Jim Mitchell as a result of his unauthorized landscaping. Mayor Mackin will talk to Mr. Mitchell.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dog letter: Mayor Mackin summarized an email sent by borough resident Lorraine Runyon regarding dog incidents at the conservation park. Council member Mr. Runyon abstained from the discussion. Mayor Mackin suggested that one of the dogs be required to be on a leash. Council concurred. Mr. Perrott will draft a letter to that effect.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Caliguire. The motion was unanimously approved.