

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2016**

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
- Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library
- Attendance:** President Sigo Falk (2017) was present. Council members Fino Caliguire and Tony Szmul (2017) were absent. Council members Vinnie Coppola (2017), Mark Perrott (2017), Sam Runyon (2019), 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. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of May 9, 2016. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Perrott made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 9, 2016 as amended. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There were two alarm calls (both false) and one call for a vehicle that ran several stop signs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Rockslide – The requested changes were made to the contract with Garvin Boward Beitko Engineering, and work is underway.

Allegheny Conservation District – Memorandum of Understanding: Solicitor Means reviewed the memorandum with council. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon moved that council resolve to accept the memorandum incorporating the engineer's recommendation regarding erosion and sedimentation control. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

HMT Zoning Proposal – Building inspector Bruce Graff has been temporarily serving as the borough zoning officer. Council reviewed the proposal submitted by HMT for zoning services. Mayor Mackin will contact Mr. Graff to see if he is willing to continue as zoning officer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Joan Britten (Columbia) and Zane Long (Tech) were present to observe.

Resident Ken Grada (Harvard) summarized the pickleball demonstration, which was attended by about 20 people. The surface of the basketball court is unsuitable; painters tape on the far tennis court would be a viable alternative. A discussion followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

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. Coppola made a motion to approve the disbursements for May. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Salt – Cargill has offered to amend the current salt contract to extend the purchase deadline from June 30 to December 31, 2016. Thornburg has not met its minimum purchase under the current contract. Mr. Perrott moved that council accept the extension and amend the contract. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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 Judy Albenze from Crafton Children's Corner and borough public works director Rob Murphy to discuss playground safety requirements. A discussion followed. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Varga will work with the inspector to address the minimum mulch requirement.

Robinson EMS has donated a first aid kit to the borough.

Land Conservation/Resources (Mr. Caliguire): President Falk reported that the grass on the levee has not grown well.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Facilities request: Ms. Falk reported that a resident has requested use of the park pavilion for a company picnic. A discussion followed. Council requested a security deposit of \$100 which will be returned if the premises are left in satisfactory condition following the event.

Chickens: Ms. Falk received an inquiry about chickens being permitted in the borough. Zoning ordinances do not prohibit it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.