

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 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 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 September 12, 2016. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 12, 2016 as written. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Zane Long (Tech) was present to observe.

Bartlett Tree Experts: Mr. Perrott introduced Ben Hartranft, an arborist from Bartlett Tree Experts. Mr. Hartranft, who had inspected dead ash trees in the borough with Mr. Perrott, discussed a proactive approach to tree maintenance that involved prioritizing and assessing trees in the community. Council thanked Mr. Hartranft for his consulting work on the dead ash trees.

Medical Marijuana - Steve Monteverde (owner of Green Mountain Industries) introduced two potential tenants, Tim Maziarz and Jo Hartoyo who are interested in applying for a state license to grow medical marijuana. Mr. Maziarz and Mr. Hartoyo described the application process and indicated that they would like the support of the borough, as it would make their application stronger. A discussion was held addressing council concerns regarding the odors from the processing technique, growth cycles, the number of employees, and security. Council will review the provided materials and discuss at the November meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Sewer laterals: Solicitor Means summarized the proposed ordinance requiring an inspection of sewer laterals on sale of a property, which would be done in addition to the dye test. The ordinance will be sent to Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli for his review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Rockslide update: The revised proposal is out for bid.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report. There was one alarm call, one fraud call, two medical calls with transport, and one service call.

Police contract: Mayor Mackin will talk to Crafton about the renewal for the police contract.

Radar sign: The portable radar speed sign should arrive soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the September Disbursement Report. Mr. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements, seconded by Mr. Perrott. It was unanimously approved.

Garbage bids: Ms. Falk presented the results of the garbage bids. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept the bid for a three year contract by Waste Management, the low bidder. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Draft budget: Ms. Falk presented a draft budget for 2017. A discussion followed. Council was asked to review the proposed budget and prepare to discuss it at the November meeting.

Use of facilities: Ms. Falk presented three requests for use of borough facilities. One request was for a fire circle at the Conservation Park. Mayor Mackin will let the fire department know about the event. The yoga and Pilates classes were approved provided the borough be indemnified and listed as an additional insure.

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): No report.

Land Conservation/Resources (Mr. Caliguire): Mr. Caliguire reported that only one resident attended the tree meeting and has removed the dead tree from his property. The borough will begin taking steps to remove the others.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.