

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 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 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. Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli from NIRA was present.

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

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

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of October 10, 2016. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Perrott made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 10, 2016 as written. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Joan Britten (Columbia) and Judy Kimblin (Tech) were present to observe.

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

Cornell rockslide repair: Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli reviewed the bid proposals for the rockslide repair and recommended that council accept the low bid of \$118,968 submitted by J5 Construction. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council award the contract to J5 Construction in the amount of \$118,968. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Work may begin immediately.

Sewer cleaning and CCTV bids: Mr. Antonelli reviewed the bid proposals received for the sewer cleaning and CCTV and recommended that council accept the low bid of \$6,324.25 submitted by State Pipe Services. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council award the contract to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$6,324.25. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Sewer laterals: Mr. Antonelli made recommendations regarding the proposed sewer lateral ordinance. A discussion followed. Council requested that the proposed ordinance be modified to allow for partial repairs rather than requiring replacement of the entire lateral. Solicitor Means will incorporate this change and the proposed ordinance will be discussed again at the December meeting. Council reaffirmed that residents are responsible for maintaining the entire length of the lateral until it connects to the main sewer line.

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

Solicitor Means had nothing additional to report. He left the meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for October. There were three medical calls (two w/transport, one false), one suspicious person, and one traffic incident with property damage (tractor trailer getting stuck). A discussion was held regarding proper signage to prevent trucks from driving through the borough. Mayor Mackin will discuss it with Chief Sumpter.

Police contract: Mayor Mackin spoke with Crafton Borough Manager Anne Scott regarding the police contract renewal. A tentative annual increase schedule of 2%, 2%, 2.5% and 2.5% was proposed for the next four years. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept the proposed contract. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

## **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. Runyon made a motion that council approve the disbursements for November. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Draft budget: Ms. Falk presented the draft budget for 2017. A discussion followed, and adjustments were made. Mr. Perrot made a motion that council advertise the draft 2017 budget for adoption at the December meeting. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to advertise the 2017 real estate tax millage at 5.6 mills. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### Meeting/ Schedule:

Ms. Falk presented the council meeting schedule for 2017. Council will meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council authorize the advertising of the 2017 meeting schedule, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion 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): No report.

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Caliguire): Mr. Caliguire reported that only one of the dead ash trees on private property remained. He will follow up with the resident.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There continues to be water flowing over the storm sewer on upper Hamilton.

Ms. Falk will contact Duquesne Light about the remaining sodium streetlight on Stanford.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resident Gina Caliguire is coordinating weekly yoga classes in the community building starting this week. A discussion was held regarding building keys and event signs. Mr. Varga will provide Ms. Caliguire with a Community Club key. The signs need to be removed after a reasonable time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.