

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2017

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 Vinnie Coppola (2017), Mark Perrott (2017), Sam Runyon (2019), Tony Szmul (2017), and Ron Varga (2017) were present. Council member Fino Caliguire (2017) was absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2017) was present. Solicitor Emily Mueller 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 December 12, 2016. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Zane Long (Tech) and Judy Kimblin (Tech) were present to observe.

Ms. Kimblin asked council about people seen in the borough carrying bows and arrows. Mayor Mackin indicated that the borough could post its land but that there was nothing it could do on private property.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for December. There were two medical calls (one with transport).

The Thornburg Community Club wants to have a chili cook off and a musical performance. They asked for permission to serve alcohol at these events. Council approved the request. Solicitor Mueller will look into any insurance and/or liability issues.

A discussion was held regarding the number of keys to the building were available throughout the community. Mayor Mackin will look into the cost of having the locks rekeyed and the possibility of using keyless code locks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Sewer lateral ordinance: Solicitor Mueller discussed the changes that had been made at the borough's request. Mr. Runyon made a motion that the borough advertise the ordinance for discussion and adoption at the March 2017 meeting. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Solicitor Means will draft a letter to residents that explains the new requirement.

Robinson storage facility: Ms. Falk received a letter requesting approval of a proposed storage facility in Robinson that may impact Thornburg sewer lines. Mayor Mackin did not think the sewers affected belong to Thornburg. Ms. Falk has asked the borough engineer to look into it.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Cornell update: The work has been inspected by NIRA and GB&B and appears satisfactory. Final approval awaits the results of lab tests on the grout. NIRA recommends approving the payment to J5 Construction less ten percent pending the results of the lab tests. Mayor Mackin thinks the borough has a good chance to receive a grant to cover up to \$40,000 of the work. The community club will hold a ribbon cutting on Saturday at 4.

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. Perrot made a motion to approve the disbursements for January including payment to J5 Construction, with the exception of the Chartiers Valley Flood Control annual fee and the Char West COG dues. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. Ms. Falk will look for the contract for the Char Valley Flood Control fee.

Retirement contribution: Mr. Perrott made a motion that council adopt a resolution to increase the borough's contribution to the PMRS retirement plan from 6% to 8% in 2017. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was approved 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): No report.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Char-West COG membership: Membership dues for 2017 have increased by \$575 for 2017. Mr. Coppola indicated that the borough may not benefit enough from the two aspects that it uses (salt contract and vector) to justify the dues increase. This issue is tabled until the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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