

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017**

**Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

**Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library

**Attendance:** President Sigo Falk (2017) was present. Council members Vinnie Coppola (2017), Mark Perrott (2017), Sam Runyon (2019), and Tony Szmul (2017) were present. Council members Fino Caliguire (2017) and Ron Varga (2017) were absent. 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 February 13, 2017. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 13, 2017 as written. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents David Jose (Harvard) and Judy Kimblin (Tech) were present to observe.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for February. There was one alarm (false), one fire call on Tech (underground conduit), one child welfare call (turned over to CYF), one family dispute, and one motor vehicle incident.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Emily Mueller from GRB was present.

Sewer lateral ordinance – Solicitor Mueller summarized the ordinance, indicating that the borough communicate the new ordinance to residents. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council adopt the sewer lateral ordinance. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Falk will send the original signed ordinance to Solicitor Means. Ms. Falk asked whether recodification would be needed. Solicitor Mueller will look into it.

Chickens – Solicitor Mueller shared an example of a comprehensive chicken ordinance. A discussion followed. Council will take no action at this time as there have been no complaints to date.

Chartiers Valley Flood Control District Authority: President Falk summarized his research into Thornburg's membership. However, he has not obtained a copy of the original agreement. A discussion was held regarding Thornburg's continued membership, an important component being the availability of affected property owners to purchase flood insurance. Ms. Mueller will work with President Falk to obtain copies of the original agreement. Ms. Falk will withhold the 2017 payment until further notice.

### **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 March. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2016 Audit: Ms. Falk informed council that Labriola Neighbors had been acquired by R.D. Hoag and Associates, the firm that submitted Thornburg's 2015 audit on behalf of Labriola Neighbors when Joe Labriola was ill. Due to its increased workload, R.D. Hoag has indicated that it will not be able to submit Thornburg's DCED report by the April 1 deadline but should be able to do so by April 30. There should be no practical consequences by the delay. A discussion followed. Council appointed R.D. Hoag as its auditor.

EIT: Ms. Falk informed council that Jordan required a signed confidentiality agreement with an authorized contact to receive individual residents' earned income tax data. If council wanted to be able to identify residents who are paying earned income tax to Thornburg. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion appointing Ms. Falk as an authorized contact for Thornburg. Mr. Perrot seconded the motion, which passed with four in favor and one opposed (Mr. Runyon). Ms. Falk informed council that the only information that she would share is whether an individual is on the earned income tax roll.

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

Mayor Mackin will talk to borough engineer Ray Antonelli about streets needing paving.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

Consent order sewer repairs: Mr. Coppola summarized the cost estimates for the spot liners versus full lining of the level 5s identified by the televising. A discussion followed, with council agreeing the fully line areas where it was cost effective. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council advertise for bids for the repair of the identified areas. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga): No report.

Carpet: This item will be discussed at the April meeting.

Playground: Mayor Mackin reported that the state inspected the playground and measured only 2” of mulch, due to its being frozen. They will need to re-inspect it.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

HMT & Associates – Mr. Coppola received a proposal for engineering and inspection services. Ms. Falk will include it with the materials for the April meeting, and it will be discussed then.

Crafton-Ingram – President Falk indicated that Crafton and Ingram are working on a long-range comprehensive plan. An issue relevant to Thornburg is property blight, due to the location of deteriorating properties near the bridge. A discussion followed. President Falk will ask Solicitor Means to address this at the April meeting

Library windows – A discussion was held about improvements to the school, starting with the library windows. A previous estimate to replace them was \$10,000. Mr. Perrott offered to look into starting a capital campaign for the school.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion was unanimously approved.