

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 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), and Tony Szmul (2017) were present. Council members Fino Caliguire (2017) and Ron Varga (2017) were absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2017) was present. Solicitor Chuck Means 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 March 13, 2017. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Kelly and JT Chiodi (Hamilton) were present. They would like to reserve the pavilion for a graduation party for approximately 50 family and friends. A discussion was held about the procedures and rules for use of facilities.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for March. There were three alarm calls (two negative, one fire alarm for burning food left unattended), one child welfare check; one fraud incident in the business park; one vehicle that was egged, and one suspicious person/resident call on Cornell.

There will be an event to meet the candidates for District Judge on next Monday at 7pm in the auditorium.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Blight – President Falk asked Solicitor Means to address blight issues as they relate to the interiors of homes. Solicitor Means reported that the borough follows the International Property Maintenance Code which addresses health and sanitation. The code enforcer can walk outside of homes but needs a search warrant if he believes there is a condition inside that is in his jurisdiction, such as electrical issues, fire hazards, etc. Additional interior conditions can be reported to the health department as a public health issue (mold, rats, etc.). GRB can help the code enforcer obtain a warrant if necessary.

Council went into executive session at 7:34 pm to discuss legal matters.

Council came out of executive session at 8:09 pm.

Chartiers Valley Flood Control District – Mayor Mackin will talk to Fred Bigham of the CVFCDA regarding financial matters.

### **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 April. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

CVFD Relief Fund Audit: Ms. Falk presented the audit report to council. A discussion followed.

### **ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Falk reported that the repairs required from the most recent televising have been advertised. Bid results and a recommendation will be presented at the May meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Caliguire): President Falk indicated that a trash barrel was missing from the Conservation Park. He will ask public works director Rob Murphy to replace it.

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

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga): New storage shelves will be installed in the basement area. Mr. Murphy will be asked to get bids on replacing just the stained carpeting in the lobby versus recarpeting a larger area.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): The new sewer lateral test requirement has been announced to residents via email and the Talk of the Town.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Capital improvements – Mr. Perrot talked to architect Jerry Morasco. They will be doing a walk through of the community building, and he will report back to council.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

HMT & Associates proposal: Council reviewed the proposal. No action will be taken at this time as Council indicated satisfaction with the work being handled by NIRA

Trees: President Falk indicated a potentially dangerous tree in the park. Mayor Mackin will ask Mr. Murphy to get an estimate for its removal.

Mr. Runyon indicated a tree leaning towards a transformer on Stanford. Duquesne Light will be asked to look at it.

Conservation Park: Council discussed a request from doctoral student Christopher Chaney for a research project in the Conservation Park. The request was approved. President Falk will follow up with Mr. Chaney.

Mayor Mackin reported that bird tours are held in the park Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion was unanimously approved.