

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 8, 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 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 and Emily Mueller from GRB were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Perrott made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of April 10, 2017. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2017 as written. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Council went into executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss legal matters. Council came out of executive session at 7:43 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Zane Long (Tech) was present to observe.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for April. There were three alarm calls (all false), one disturbance call, two medical calls with transport, one traffic incident, and one property damage (which occurred in Kennedy Township).

Dead tree in Hamilton Park - Mayor Mackin received three proposals for removal of the dead tree in the Hamilton park. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council accept the low bid from Blystone Tree & Landscaping for \$595 to cut and remove the tree (without grinding the stump). Mr. Varga seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chartiers Valley Flood Control District – Mayor Mackin summarized his discussion with Fred Bigham regarding membership in the CVFCD and the assessment fee. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that Thornburg pay the contractually agreed amount of \$782. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Solicitor Means will draft a letter for Ms. Falk to send with the 2017 payment.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Means report was delivered in executive session.

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. Varga made a motion to approve disbursements for May. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Insurance renewal: Ms. Falk reviewed the insurance renewal for 2017-18, which has a lower premium.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Sanitary sewer repair bids: Council reviewed the bids and recommendation provided by NIRA. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council accept the low bid for the alternate proposal submitted by Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of \$24,471. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Falk will notify NIRA of council's decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

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

Land Conservation/Resources (Mr. Caliguire): Mr. Falk reported that planting and weeding were done at the conservation park. 106 trees were planted.

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

Community Facilities (Mr. Varga): President Falk reported that three storage shelves were installed in the basement.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): Information about mine locations will be mentioned in the next issue of the Talk of the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

School preservation – Mr. Perrot did a walk-through of the building with architect Jerry Morasco and Rob Murphy. We will get a written list of his suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property maintenance – A discussion was held regarding property maintenance issues on upper Hamilton. The code enforcement official will be asked to inspect repeat offenders.

A discussion was held regarding moss on sidewalks. Mayor Mackin will ask Rob to inspect and identify potentially hazardous sections. If necessary, homeowners will be contacted

Traffic violation: A discussion was held regarding a vehicle in the business park running a stop sign. Mr. Coppola will draft a letter to the Crafton police regarding the incident.

Alternate garage access: A discussion was held about providing alternate access to the garage to make it easier to get trailers in and out. Alternatives to pavement were discussed. Mr. Runyon will get estimates.

ADJOURNMENT:

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