

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 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 Chuck Means from GRB was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of May 8, 2017. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 8, 2017 as written. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Zane Long (Tech) was present to observe.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Railroad inspection: The PUC will be coming for the final inspection of the railroad work. Mayor Mackin will meet with them.

Chartiers Valley District Flood Control: Solicitor Means drafted a letter to be signed by Mayor Mackin that will accompany payment of the contracted assessment fee of \$782 rather than the 2017 invoiced amount of \$1,564.

Conservation easement: Roy Kranyk from the Allegheny Land Trust will put together a draft for the easement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There were six alarm calls (all false except one stove fire), one medical with transport, one narcotics incident (non-resident) at the conservation park, one suspicious person call in the business park, and one service call (water main break).

Sidewalks: A discussion was held regarding the condition of sidewalks in the borough. Mayor Mackin will ask Public Works director Rob Murphy to do a survey.

Feral cats: A discussion was held regarding feral cats between Smith and Kenyon Lane. A resident is trapping, neutering, and returning them. The situation will be monitored.

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. Perrott made a motion to approve the disbursements for June, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report. Mayor Mackin will talk to Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli about street 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.

Community Facilities (Mr. Varga): A discussion was held regarding the possibility of new playground equipment. Council will do a site visit. Mr. Varga will put together a plan for future consideration.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wetlands: President Falk noted that the land across from the Marstrand building is a wetlands. There may be tax advantages to the owner to give the property to the borough.

Memorial plaque: There was a memorial plaque for the tree that needed to be removed. The plaque will be relocated.

Hedges: A discussion as held on the hedges by the tennis court. Mr. Coppola will talk to Mr. Murphy about them.

Record storage: President Falk expressed concerns about the condition and security of borough records currently being stored in the basement. A discussion was held regarding safes and offsite storage. Solicitor Means will be consulted regarding any requirements about storage and access to the records.

Council went into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss employment matters. Council came out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

Employment: Mr. Coppola made a motion that public works employees George Kipilo and Rob Murphy each receive a salary increase of \$1.50 per hour. Mr. Varga seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Szmul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.