

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 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 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 Emily Mueller 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 June 12, 2017. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 12, 2017 as written. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Council went into executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss legal matters. Council came out of executive session at 7:48 pm.

Chartiers Valley District Flood Control: Council requested the solicitor reach out to the City of Pittsburgh law department to get copies of its correspondence with the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for June. There was one alarm (false), one domestic disturbance, one medical call with transport, one medical call without transport, one incident of public intoxication, one suspected ordinance violation for an idling truck (false), five calls for suspicious persons, one suspicious activity, and one parking violation.

Railroad inspection: The final inspection of the railroad work was performed and deemed satisfactory. The borough will relocate one sign for better visibility.

Paving: Mayor Mackin will meet with Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli this week to discuss paving the alleys. Council requested they also discuss road seaming and pothole repairs.

Sidewalks: Public Works director Rob Murphy identified 56 homes with sidewalk issues, 36 of which are new since the last sidewalk survey in 1991. Council will send each homeowner a letter requesting it be fixed within the next year. Mr. Perrott will draft a letter for council approval.

Smith Lane: Work is being done that may require a grading permit. Mayor Mackin will ask Mr. Antonelli to look at it when they meet.

Tree on Lehigh: A tree fell, taking out a streetlight. Rob Murphy cleared it.

Traffic speed – Mayor Mackin will order a radar sign.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

NIRA provided two pay applications in the amounts of \$23,451.70 and \$1,234.30 for the sewer work completed by Insight Pipe Contracting. The work required one additional lateral cutout than the original estimate for a cost increase of \$215.

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 moved that council approve the disbursements for July and the two applications for payment for Insight Pipe Contracting. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Annual audit: Ms. Falk presented the 2016 audit report performed by R. D. Hoag. No issues were found. Mr. Runyon moved that the audited financials be advertised, which was seconded by Mr. Varga and approved unanimously. Ms. Falk will look at other auditors for future engagement, as the report was completed much later than originally indicated.

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): Mr. Varga has received one proposal for new playground equipment. He will investigate further and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Perrot received a proposal for renovation of the community building from architect Jerry Morosco and will distribute to council for review.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking on Henrietta – Mr. Runyon reported that a car had been parking near the Yale steps, which would prevent an emergency vehicle from making the turn onto Henrietta. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that the borough install a fire lane sign. Mr. Caliguire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Varga. The motion was unanimously approved.