

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Location: Thornburg Community Building, Library

Attendance: President Sigo Falk (2017) was absent. 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 absent. Solicitor Chuck Means from GRB was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice President Vinnie Coppola chaired the meeting in the absence of President Falk.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Perrott made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of August 14, 2017. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Caliguire made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 14, 2017 as written. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Zane Long (Tech) and David Jose (Harvard) were present to observe.

Resident John O'Donnell (Lehigh) asked permission for his Cub Scout troop to hold a bonfire at the Conservation Park on October 15. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council approve the request, Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. O'Donnell will work with Public Works director Rob Murphy to ensure safety.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Coppola read the police report in Mayor Mackin's absence. There were four alarm calls (all false), two disturbance calls, two fallen tree reports, one medical call with transport, one motor vehicle accident, and one traffic complaint.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Paving: Solicitor Means spoke with borough engineer Ray Antonelli regarding timing of the paving work. Mr. Antonelli confirmed that the work is to begin within 45 days from awarding the contract.

History Center: Solicitor Means will provide a copy of the ordinance to Ms. Falk in preparation for advertising. The ordinance will be voted on at the October meeting.

Conservation easement: An agreement is being prepared with the Allegheny Land Trust. Once finalized, it will be advertised for adoption at the next council meeting.

Flood control: Nothing new to report at this time.

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. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements for September. Mr. Varga seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Paving: Council discussed the paving bids and recommendation submitted by NIRA. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council award the base project to the low bidder, A. Folino Construction, at \$38,615.24. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Ms. Falk will inform Mr. Antonelli of council's decision immediately so that work may begin as soon as possible.

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):

Renovation: Architect Jerry Morosco will come to the October meeting to discuss his renovation proposal.

Fire hydrant: The hydrant by the garage appears to have been hit. Ms. Falk will contact PAWC.

Sidewalks: Residents will be contacted for sidewalks needing repair.

Playground: Mr. Varga summarized a renovation proposal. A discussion was held. Mr. Varga will get local references. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting. Mr. Varga requested that \$40K be put into the 2018 draft budget for playground renovation.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM., which was seconded by Mr. Caliguire. The motion was unanimously approved.