

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 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 Ron Varga (2017) were present. Council members Fino Caliguire (2017) and Tony Szmul (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. Varga made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of October 9, 2017. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Varga made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 9, 2017 as written. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Ms. Falk read an email from Mr. Caliguire, in which he resigned from his seat on Council due to a conflict with his new job. Mr. Varga made a motion that council accept Mr. Caliguire's resignation. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Borough resident Zane Long won the recent election to fill the two year term associated with Mr. Caliguire's former seat. Mr. Coppola moved that Mr. Long be appointed to serve the remaining two months of Mr. Caliguire's term. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mayor Mackin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Long.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Conservation easement: Solicitor Means updated council on the status of the easement agreement, which has been finalized. The ordinance will be advertised for adoption at the December meeting.

Source Reduction Study acceptance and resolution: Solicitor Means summarized the requirement of the consent order regarding the Source Reduction Study, which was delivered by NIRA. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council resolve to accept the source reduction study as completed by NIRA. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Casino Opt Out Resolution: Solicitor Means summarized Act 142, which allows for the presence of mini-casinos in PA. Boroughs that do not want mini-casinos must opt out by resolution by

December 31, 2017. Mr. Varga made a motion that council resolve to opt out of having mini-casinos. It was seconded by Mr. Runyon, and passed unanimously.

Emergency Management: Solicitor Means explained that in order for Thornburg to be eligible for FEMA relief in the event of a disaster, it needs to participate in the National Incident Management System and have a Hazard Mitigation plan. A discussion followed. Mayor Mackin will serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator in conjunction with the Crafton Police.

Mr. Long made a motion that Thornburg resolve to implement the National Incident Management System. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Long made a motion that Thornburg resolve to adopt the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Program. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Frank Losos (Princeton) asked Council to consider participating in the military banners program. Vince DeLuzio (Kenyon) provided additional information on the program. Approximately 20 borough residents were present, including Jean Nemeth (Harvard), Fred Smallhoover (Tech) Laura Dinert (Kenyon), Rita DeLuzio (Kenyon), and Chris Ritchie (Princeton) who verbalized their support of the program. Residents Lauren Catanzarite (Yale), Judy Kimblin (Tech), and Kris Szmul (Tech) also participated in the discussion.

President Falk suggested that a committee be formed to discuss and report back to council. After discussion, it was determined that the committee will consist of the mayor (Mr. Mackin), two council members (Mr. Coppola, Mr. Runyon), two residents (Mr. Losos, Ms. DeLuzio), and two Community Club representatives (TBD). The committee will discuss whether to participate in the banner program and if so, make recommendations including: where within the borough to hang the banners, the start and end dates of the display season, where to store the banners off-season, how many seasons the program will last, and identifying volunteers to administer the program. The committee will also address consider other permanent ways to honor veterans.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report. There were three alarms (all false), three medical calls (all with transport), and two suspicious person reports.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report.

### **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. She also requested approval to pay the completed portion of the paving contract to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$39,075.62. Mr. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements for November, including the Folino payment. Mr. Varga seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2018 draft budget: Ms. Falk presented a draft of the 2018 budget. A discussion was held. Suggested changes will be incorporated into the next draft of the budget for discussion at the

December meeting. Mr. Perrot moved that the draft budget be advertised for adoption said meeting. Mr. Long seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Millage: Mr. Varga moved that Council advertise the 2018 real estate millage ordinance for adoption at the December meeting, which maintains the current rate of 5.6 mills. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2018 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Falk reminded Council that the January 2018 meeting will need to take place on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 since it will be a reorganization meeting. The remainder of the regular meetings will take place on the second Monday of each month. Mr. Runon moved that the 2018 meeting schedule be advertised. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Caliguire): President Falk reported that he has received several proposals to appraise the land along Hamilton. The low bidder was Keystone Valuation Group for \$2,000, and the work would be done in 30 days. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council accept the proposal from the Keystone valuation Group, Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga):

Playground: Mr. Varga summarized changes incorporated since the previous meeting. A discussion was held regarding the community build versus turnkey options. Thornburg Community Club President Lauren Catanzarite will help promote community involvement by encouraging residents to attend the December meeting.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): Mr. Perrott reported that the borough's old ordinance and minute books have been relocated at the Heinz History Center for preservation purposes. He also reported that the architects will be starting their report on the Community Building this week.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Varga made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Perrott. The motion was unanimously approved.