

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 present. Council members Vinnie Coppola (2017), Zane Long (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 from GRB was present. Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli was present.
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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of November 13, 2017. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 13, 2017 as written. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Conservation easement: Solicitor Means summarized the conservation easement agreement and ordinance. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council adopt an ordinance approving the agreement to grant an easement to the Allegheny Land Trust. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PEDF update: Solicitor Means informed Council that the PA Environmental Defense Fund is expected to vacate the consent order decree once the federal lawsuit against ALCOSAN is settled. He will continue to keep council informed.

Tax Collector update: Solicitor Means summarized the testing requirements for municipal tax collectors. Lorraine Runyon indicated she would consider serving at council's request. Council approved reimbursement for the required test fee.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Borough residents Judy Kimblin (Tech), Janice Coppola (Hamilton), Joan Britten (Columbia), Kris Szmul (Tech), Jean Falk (Hamilton), and Lorraine Runyon (Princeton) were present to observe.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report. There were four alarms (all false), one motor vehicle accident (not within borough), two noise complaints, one domestic disturbance, one fraud attempt, two fallen trees, one medical call (no transport), and one suspicious person.

Military banners – Mayor Mackin reported on behalf of the banner committee. They are recommend that the borough participate in the program with banners hung near the borough building for two weeks at Memorial Day and two weeks at Veterans Day, provided there was enough interest for ten banners or more. A discussion followed.

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. Mr. Runyon moved that council approve the disbursements for December. Mr. Varga seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2018 draft budget: Ms. Falk presented the draft of the 2018 budget. A discussion was held. Mr. Varga moved that council adopt the 2017 budget as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Millage:

Mr. Coppola made a motion that council approve the 2018 millage rate at 5.6 mills, the same level as in 2017. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

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

Land Conservation/Resources: No report

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

Community Facilities (Mr. Varga):

Playground: Mr. Varga introduced Steve Baker from Bear/Snider, who addressed playground installation options, costs, and safety guidelines. A discussion followed. No action was taken.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Varga made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion was unanimously approved.