

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

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

**Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library

**Attendance:** President Sigo Falk (2021) was present. Council members Vinnie Coppola (2021), Zane Long (2019), Mark Perrott (2021), Sam Runyon (2019), Tony Szmul (2021), and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Emily Mueller from GRB 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 January 2, 2018. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Varga made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 2, 2018 as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Emily Mueller was present to report.

Conservation Easement revision update: Solicitor Mueller informed council that the parcel along Hamilton is already owned by the Borough as it was acquired via eminent domain around 1990. The county paperwork is inaccurate. Thornburg needs to file paperwork for county real estate exoneration from previous years' tax liens and future tax exemption. Mr. Perrot moved that GRB prepare the necessary paperwork. Mr. Long seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Thornburg needs a new agreement with the Allegheny Land Trust as the proposed conservation area has changed, which requires a new ordinance. Mr. Coppola moved that council advertise the proposed ordinance once the new agreement has been received. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Mary Ditmore (Eton) and David Jose (Harvard) were present to observe.

Resident Jason Hermann (Hamilton) inquired about the status of sidewalk repair requirements. He has gotten a repair estimate for his sidewalk and is interested in finding other residents who may want to participate in a joint effort. Ms. Falk will work with Mr. Long to help coordinate this effort.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for January

There were three alarms (all false), one break in on Baldwin (nothing taken), one fraud call, one potential fraud, one hit and run (conservation park parking lot), three medical calls (two with transport), and one suspicious person call.

Mayor Mackin informed council that he has been invited to a meeting with PennDOT about future work on the Thornburg Bridge. He will report back following the February 21 meeting.

### **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 February. Mr. Long seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Auditor appointment: Ms. Falk presented two proposals for auditing the boroughs financial 2017 data: R.D. Hoag (\$3, 750) and Maher Duessel (\$4,400). A discussion followed. Mr. Perrot moved that council appoint R.D Hoag as the borough auditor, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant opportunities: Ms. Falk presented several grant opportunities for potential borough projects. Due to the upcoming deadlines, council will investigate projects that may be eligible for the 2019 grant cycle. Mayor Mackin will meet with State Senator Wayne Fontana to discuss successful grant applications.

SEC-1 Forms: Ms. Falk distributed the SEC-1 Statement of Financial Interests forms and reminded council that they need to be completed and returned by May 1. She will e-mail a link for online form completion.

Fallen tree: A discussion was held regarding invoicing Jim Mitchell for the fallen tree that was removed by the borough on Christmas day. Ms. Falk will get estimates for comparable work from tree removal companies.

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

No report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Long): No report.

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

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

School renovation report: Architects Jerry Morosco and Jared Pohl were present to discuss the initial report. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola, Mr. Runyon, and Mr. Perrott will meet with

them to prioritize renovation needs, in consultation with public works. Mr. Morosco will provide estimates for evaluating the building's current systems.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.