

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 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), Mark Perrott (2021), Sam Runyon (2019), Tony Szmul (2021), and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Council member Zane Long (2019) was absent. 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 February 12, 2018. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Varga moved that council accept the Minutes of February 12, 2018 as amended. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Emily Mueller was present to report.

Real Estate Tax Exemption: A petition has been filed to exonerate the property taken via eminent domain in 1988 (former Baker property). There do not appear to be any objections.

Building inspection: Solicitor Mueller recommended that the building inspector revisit the Princeton property if council wants to take action on the dilapidated garage since it was last visited in 2016. Ms. Falk will ask Bruce Graff to do so. Further action will be taken as appropriate based on the condition of the property.

Feral cats: Solicitor Mueller reviewed the wildlife feeding and the pet limitation ordinances at Mayor Mackin's request due to several residents' complaints regarding the feral cat colony between Smith and Kenyon. Several cats had gotten into and were living in a neighbor's attic; one cat had given birth to a litter in a resident's window well; and another neighbor's porch is being used as a litter box by the colony. A borough resident continues to feed and shelter the cats in her enclosed porch, though she had indicated last summer that she would remove them. The resident told Mayor Mackin that she has been contacting organizations for help in relocating the cats (approximately 30) and will have them removed by March 15. A discussion followed. Council directed the mayor to enforce the wildlife feeding ordinance if the cats are not removed when promised.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Resident David Jose (Harvard) was present to observe

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for February. There were: three alarm calls (all false), two suspicious vehicles, one solicitation complaint, and one theft (vehicle break in).

Military banners: Rita DeLuzio is organizing this effort. She has indicated that there are nine interested families. The turnaround time is two weeks, so the banners should be ready for Memorial Day.

PennDOT: Mayor Mackin and President Falk attended a meeting regarding potential bridge repair work in 2022. The project is currently in the study phase. They will keep council posted as more information is available.

## **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 made a motion to approve the disbursements for March. Mr. Varga seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

## **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): President Falk indicated that he is taking the Allegheny Land Trust on a tour of the conservation easement area later this week. All are invited.

**Public Works/Sewers** (Mr. Coppola): Mr. Coppola reported that the borough will be televising the sewers again this year as part of the consent agreement maintenance plan. Repairs will be determined based on the results of the televising.

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

School renovation report: Mr. Perrott, Mayor Mackin, Mr. Runyon, and Mr. Coppola met to review the school renovation report. Another meeting will be scheduled with architect Jerry Morosco to discuss costs of specific projects.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sidewalks: Ms. Falk read an e-mail provided by Mr. Long regarding plans for interested residents to request a joint proposal for repair work of damaged sidewalks.

Tree: Ms. Falk will obtain estimates for costs associated with tree removal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Garbage: Mr. Coppola informed council that a resident has noticed that a smaller truck is being used on Smith that may limit the amount of trash that is being picked up. Ms. Falk will follow up with Waste Management.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Varga. The motion was unanimously approved.