

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 9, 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), and Tony Szmul (2021) and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Jessica Stone from GRB was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of June 11, 2018. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 11, 2018 as written. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Jessica Stone from GRB was present.

Stormwater management – Solicitor Stone reported that all boroughs in Allegheny County need to update their stormwater management ordinances to comply with the county's ordinance. Grants of up to \$2,000 with a 25% match requirement are available to help offset the cost of implementing the new ordinances. Mr. Perrot made a motion that borough council authorize President Falk to apply for the grant. Mr. Runyon second the motion, which passed unanimously.

Retaining wall at Harvard and Lehigh: The retaining wall near the intersection of Lehigh and Harvard needs attention. Solicitor Stone reported that items in the borough right of way (trees, sidewalks, etc.) are the responsibility of the property owner.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for June. There were 7 alarms (all false), one motor vehicle accident on Princeton, one animal call, one complaint of harassment by communication (Facebook), one hazardous condition (tractor trailer leaking diesel), four calls for downed trees, one medical call with transport, one call for an open door, one wire down, four traffic citations (failure to stop), one speeding vehicle, and one call for a pontoon boat causing traffic issues.

Property maintenance violation: Mayor Mackin will contact Bruce Graff about continued property violations on Princeton and property maintenance concerns on Cornell.

Deer – Resident Dick Sullivan asked council via email to consider bowhunting and sharpshooting of deer within the borough. A discussion followed. No action will be taken at this time.

Military banners – Resident Dick Sullivan requested that the military banners be up from July 4 to Veteran’s Day. A discussion followed. Council will continue with the current plan to have them up for 2 weeks each at Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

NIRA sent a recommendation to pay State Pipe Services for the televising and cleaning work, which came in under the submitted bid. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion to authorize payment to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$4,911.60, which was seconded by Mr. Varga and passed unanimously.

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 July. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

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

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

Community Facilities (Mr. Varga):

Council discussed the fence by the sidewalk of the Hamilton park, which is in need of repair. The storm drains also need to be cleaned out.

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

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): Mr. Perrott made a sign to put in the conservation park to remind visitors that dog permits are required.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baldwin construction: Mayor Mackin talked to the county about the money promised for additional policing, but there is nothing new to report. He will inquire about the inactivity at the Baldwin site. The expected completion still mid-October.

Sidewalk maintenance: Rob Murphy will complete the second survey of sidewalk conditions this week. Ms. Falk will mail the letters to residents whose sidewalks require repair.

Bruce Graff checked out the work being done at Lugaila Mechanical in the industrial park. It is an expansion of the parking lot, and there were soft spots that needed attention. No permit is required.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion was unanimously approved.