

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 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) were present. Council member Ron Varga (2019) was absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Chuck Means was absent.

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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 July 9, 2018. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 9, 2018 as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Judy Kimblin (Tech), Mary Ditmore (Tech), and David Jose (Harvard) were present to observe.

Boy Scout Ben Falk from Troop 867 presented his proposed Eagle Scout project, an information sign at the Conservation Park. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council approve the project. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for July. There were two alarm calls (both false), one disturbance complaint (blocked driveway), three medical calls with transport, one theft from an unlocked vehicle in the industrial park, one road rage incident, one traffic incident (tractor trailer knocked down utility lines), and 38 traffic citations. Additional police patrols have begun with additional funding from the county that should last through the end of October.

Cornell paving: Mayor Mackin summarized the additional paving that was performed on Cornell in conjunction with the water line repair work. A significantly discounted price of \$13,800 was offered and accepted for 135 additional feet of paving between the two patched areas if the work was done simultaneously. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council ratify the decision to accept the proposal for the additional paving at a cost of \$13,800. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

No report.

## **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. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements for August. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. Ms. Falk will forward the consent order expenses from NIRA to Mr. Coppola for review.

Stormwater management: Ms. Falk will be coordinating with NIRA and GRB to create a stormwater management ordinance for adoption by the borough by December 1, 2018 to be in compliance with the Allegheny County ordinance. The county mini-grant for which the borough is applying only covers expenses incurred after grant approval. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the proposed ordinance when it is ready for adoption. Mr. Runyon 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):

Bounce houses: Ms. Falk reported that a resident has asked about renting a bounce house for use in the park for a birthday party. A discussion followed. Council approved the request.

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

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott):

Mr. Perrott reported that he did not install a sign about the dog permit requirement as he did not think it would be effective. Ms. Falk will circulate the approved permit list to all of council.

Morosco Architects will attend the September council meeting for an update.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sidewalk maintenance: Ms. Falk reported that the formal sidewalk repair notices were mailed. Residents have until August 31 to appeal and November 15 to complete the repairs.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A resident complained about a home on Hamilton with an overgrown yard. The resident of the home in question has been notified about property maintenance issues in the past. Ms. Falk will send a letter to the owner of the property requesting prompt compliance.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Perrott. The motion was unanimously approved.