

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 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 from GRB was present.

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Perrot made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of August 13, 2018. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 13, 2018 as written. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

PEDF Sewage Consent Order: Solicitor Means summarized the status of the PA Environmental Defense Fund suit with ALCOSAN. There is a new Modified Consent Decree between the PEDF and ALCOSAN that will replace the previous consent order (to which Thornburg was a party) which will be vacated and the lawsuit dismissed. Solicitor Means recommends that the borough accept vacating the 2004 consent decree.

Mr. Coppola made a motion to approve the proposed Joint Motion to Vacate Consent Decree and Voluntarily Dismiss Action with respect to the Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation litigation filed in the United States District for the Western District of Pennsylvania at Civil Action Number 99-1074. Mr. Long seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Stormwater Management Ordinance: Solicitor Means discussed the proposed stormwater ordinance which is required to be in compliance with the Allegheny County version. A discussion followed. Ms. Falk will ask borough engineer Ray Antonelli to attend the October meeting to discuss the ordinance, which will be advertised for adoption in November.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents David and Xander Jose (Harvard) were present to observe.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for August. There were three alarm calls (all false), one deer accident on Baldwin, one medical call with a DNR, and two traffic calls (trucks stuck at the intersection of Dartmouth and Harvard). 52 traffic citations were written in August. The borough has received an additional \$5,000 for ongoing police patrols due to the construction on Baldwin.

Mayor Mackin will meet with Ray Antonelli on Wednesday to look at the possibility of additional paving on Harvard and Hamilton. They will also discuss property maintenance issues for several residences. He invited interested council members to attend.

**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 made a motion to approve the disbursements for September. Mr. Long seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Falk encouraged council to provide input for the 2019 budget draft, currently underway.

**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):

John O'Donnell requested permission for his Cub Scout troop to have its annual bonfire in the Conservation Park on October 13, 2018. Due to a conflict with the Thornburg Community Club bonfire on the same date, council approved the request for another mutually agreed upon date.

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Long):

Mr. Long met with Jeff Leithauser to discuss planting additional trees. A discussion followed.

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

Mr. Perrot will provide the Talk of the Town with information regarding the increased traffic citations and reminding drivers to slow down, especially during peak traffic times, since the school year has begun.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sidewalks: Mr. Long will draft a letter for residents whose sidewalks are not repaired by the November 15 deadline.

Community Building evaluation: Jerry Morosco will attend the October meeting to present the report and findings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Telephone pole: A pole near the Hamilton turnaround is leaning. Mayor Mackin will contact Duquesne Light about it.

Recycling: Council expressed its displeasure with the recycling service it is receiving. Ms. Falk will ask WM representative Mike Christ to attend the October meeting to address the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.