

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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), Tony Szmul (2021), and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Chuck Means from GRB was present. Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli from NIRA 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 November 12, 2018. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 12, 2018 as written. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Meeting dates: Solicitor Means asked if council would consider changing the regular monthly council meetings to the second Tuesday of the month instead of the second Monday, which would allow Emily Mueller to continue to serve as his backup. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion to change the 2019 meetings to the second Tuesday of the month beginning with the February 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Runyon made a motion authorizing Ms. Falk to advertise the new meeting schedule, which was seconded by Mr Szmul, and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

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

Mr. Antonelli informed council that he had gotten a call from Jerry Morosco regarding bid requirements for the borough and had provided him with the relevant information. Mr. Antonelli can look over the bid specifications prior to advertising. He indicated that NIRA has architects available to help as well.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for November. There were four alarms (all false), one vehicle that had to be towed from the railroad tracks, one medical call with transport, one service call due to a water main break, and one call for a truck soliciting business.

### **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 that council approve the disbursements for December. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

2019 budget: A discussion was held regarding the updated draft budget for 2019. Mr. Perrott suggested that council maintain the 10% pension contribution if it is determined that the borough would be reimbursed at approximately the same rate in the near future, otherwise make a 9% contribution. Council agreed, with the appropriate resolution to be provided to the pension administrator.

Mr. Coppola made a motion that council adopt the 2019 budget as modified, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Varga opposed.

2019 Millage: Mr. Szmul made a motion that council adopt an ordinance setting the millage at 5.6 mills in 2019. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and 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): No report.

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Alternate for ZHB: Ms. Falk informed council that a Zoning Hearing was scheduled with great difficulty due to holiday and travel challenges, a situation that could have been avoided had the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate position not been vacant. A discussion followed. Mr. Long nominated Stuart Irwin as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board, which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion passed 6-0, with President Falk abstaining.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Perrott. The motion was unanimously approved.