

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019

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 Emily Mueller from GRB was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Szmul made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of January 14, 2019. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Varga made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 14, 2019 as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center roof – Solicitor Mueller informed council that the project would likely require prevailing wages to be paid if it is deemed to be a major renovation rather than routine maintenance. She reviewed the appeal process. A discussion followed. Architect Jerry Morosco was present and reported that Prescott Roofing indicated that prevailing wages would increase the cost of the project by approximately \$90,000. Council requested that the borough solicitor get a formal opinion for the project, without the copper gutters and downspouts.

Mr. Morosco changed the project documents to reflect AIA standards and will send to NIRA and GRB for review.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reported for Chuck Means. There was no additional report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for January. There was one motor vehicle accident with injury (Baldwin), three alarms (all false), two animal calls, one hazardous condition of a fallen tree, two service calls, and one suspicious circumstance (possible lithium battery explosion).

Mayor Mackin reported that Rob Murphy can reshingle the pavilion roof.

Peoples Gas will be replacing a gas line from blue bridge across Princeton up Yale to Dartmouth.

Mayor Mackin is in contact with Rep. Dan Deasy's office to see if there are any grant funds that the borough may be eligible to use.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report was presented.

A discussion was held on the regionalization of sewers, where boroughs could choose to turn over sewers of 10" or larger to ALCOSAN. Thornburg has requested to participate.

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

Auditor: The borough needs to appoint an auditor to review the 2018 financials. Mr. Perrot made a motion to reappoint R.D. Hoag as the borough auditor and accept its proposal to perform the audit for \$4,000. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Falk reported that Thornburg did not receive the grant for the repair of the minute books. No repairs will be done at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perrot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.