

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 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), Mark Perrott (2021), Sam Runyon (2019), and Tony Szmul (2021), were present. Council members Zane Long (2019) and Ron Varga (2019) were absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Chuck Means was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Coppola made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of March 12, 2019. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coppola made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 12, 2019 as amended. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Roof bid: Architect Jerry Morosco was present to summarize remaining issues regarding the roof bid documents. A discussion followed. Council will include the solicitor's recommendations regarding litigation, liquidated damages for delay, and contractor qualification statements. Mr. Morosco will contact borough engineer Ray Antonelli to coordinate the advertising and scheduling of the bid process, which will address issues raised by Solicitor Means in his email of April 4, 2019.

Mr. Perrott made a motion that council authorize Solicitor Means to draft a contract between the borough and Mr. Morosco for his services regarding the roof project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Runyon, and it was approved unanimously.

Solicitor Means left the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

Resident Judy Kimblin (Tech) requested that council refinish the front door of the school building. Mayor Mackin will talk to public works director Rob Murphy about it.

Resident Ken Grada (Hamilton) informed council that Thornberry maintenance has been dumping trash over the hillside and is concerned that it will slide. A discussion followed. Ms. Falk will talk to Solicitor Means about appropriate follow up. Mr. Runyon will serve as the council contact.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for March. There were four alarms (all false) and two medical calls with transport.

Mayor Mackin met with Ray Antonelli about paving. He will ask Mr. Antonelli to look at the sidewalk by the park on Hamilton to determine which work will be done this summer.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

CCTV proposals: Council discussed the proposals received for the CCTV work required by the consent order. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council accept NIRA's recommendation to accept the lowest bid proposal from Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of \$5,330.68. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which 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. Runyon made a motion that council approve the disbursements for April. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

2018 Financial Audit: Ms. Falk presented the auditor's report for the 2018 financials. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the financials as required. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed 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): Mr. Perrott will send a letter to the railroad as a reminder not to spray herbicides. Mr. Runyon informed council that residents are dumping yard waste by the tracks near Princeton. Mr. Perrott will put a reminder of proper disposal of yard waste in the next issue of the Talk of the Town.

A discussion was held regarding an Earth Day event in honor of the late George Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fee schedule – A discussion was held about modifying various borough fees. President Falk will look at it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.