

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 14, 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 Chuck Means and Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of April 9, 2019. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Architect's contract for roof project: Solicitor Means distributed a copy of the draft contract with Morosco Architects. He summarized suggestions received from Jerry Morosco. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council approve the contract attaching a statement of hourly rates, deleting the provision requiring employer's liability coverage, removing some of the mechanics' lien language in section 2.6, and setting the reimbursable percentage at 20%. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Grant of tax exemption: Solicitor Means notified council that the county finally approved the tax exempt status for the borough owned property along Hamilton.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Kelly and JT Chiodi (Hamilton), Mary Ditmore (Eton), and David Jose (Harvard) were present to observe. Resident Judy Kimblin (Tech) reported that there was a successful park cleanup.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for March. There were five alarms (all false), one medical call (w/o transport), and a fallen tree report.

Paving: Mr. Perrot made a motion that Council authorize NIRA to advertise for bids for the roads to be paved this summer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Varga and 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. Szmul made a motion that council approve the disbursements for May. Mr. Long seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

2017 Liquid Fuels Audit: Ms. Falk presented the Liquid Fuels Audit by the PA Auditor General. A discussion followed.

Property & Liability Insurance renewal: Ms. Falk presented the renewal for the P&L policy and a summary of the dividends from previous years. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council renew the property and liability policy with MRM for 2019-2020. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Garbage contract: Ms. Falk informed council that the current garbage contract expires on December 31, 2019 so will need to be bid later this year. A discussion followed. Ms. Falk will ask Solicitor Means to see what options the borough has for missed recycling under the current contract.

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): Mr. Coppola is donating a framed historical photo of long serving former Public Works director Ralph Crawford with current director Rob Murphy to be presented at the Thornburg Memorial Day celebration. Council thanked Mr. Coppola for his efforts.

Land Conservation/Resources (Mr. Long):

Sidewalks: Three homes still require sidewalk repairs, though two have indicated upcoming work. Mr. Long will get an estimate on having the third repaired and the owner billed.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trucks: A discussion was held about truck traffic in the borough, which may get more problematic with the upcoming bridge repair. Ms. Falk will get more information about the truck study done by Rosslyn Farms.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Varga. The motion was unanimously approved.