

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 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 May 14, 2019. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Commission appointments: Council discussed the role of the planning commission and its two current vacancies. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council appoint Kris Szmul to fill the seat with the term that expires in 2021. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, with Mr. Szmul abstaining. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council appoint David Jose to fill the seat with the term that expires in 2020. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Land donation: President Falk informed council that a borough tree is falling and threatening the garage at 537 Hamilton and a parcel owned by Judy Miller (529 Hamilton). Estimates will be obtained to remove the falling tree. The Miller property (68-A-222) is landlocked, by lots including some owned by the borough. She offered to donate her lot to the borough if the borough pays the legal fees for the transfer. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept Ms. Miller's donation of lot 68-A-222 and pay the legal fees for the transfer. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Fee schedule: President Falk distributed a draft fee schedule. A discussion followed. A committee was formed (Mr. Runyon, Mr. Perrott, and President Falk) for further discussion.

Sidewalks: Mr. Long has been trying to get a contractor out to provide an estimate for taking care of the three remaining properties that have not repaired their sidewalks. Solicitor Means suggested a final communication to the residents before the borough has the work done.

Garbage contract: Solicitor Means provided a sentence to add to the proposed garbage contracts to specifically allow for penalties for missed recycling.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Resident Mary Ditmore (Eton) was present to observe.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for April. There were 6 alarms (all false), a report of a dead deer on Baldwin, one call for verbal domestic abuse, two fallen trees, one disturbance, two medical calls (one with transport), three reports of vehicles at the conservation park after hours, and one suspicious person.

Storm sewer catch basin: Mayor Mackin reported that a storm sewer catch basin on Tech has collapsed. He has gotten a proposal from Gary Mancini to complete the repair for \$6,270. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council accept the proposal from Mancini to repair the storm sewer catch basin for \$6,270. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Harvard curb: Mayor Mackin informed council that water was causing issues under the road near the bend on Harvard. An asphalt curb would take care of the issues and would cost \$4,875 to install. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council accept the \$4,875 proposal to install an asphalt curb, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon and unanimously approved.

Cars in Hamilton Park: A discussion was held on cars driving onto the grass at the Hamilton Park to deliver items to the pavilion. Ms. Falk will add a line to the facilities reservation form to prohibit the practice.

Cornell – Mayor Mackin informed council that a hump had formed on Cornell due to a water main break. The water company will mill and pave.

Cones on alley – A discussion was held regarding traffic cones on Henrietta Way. They will be removed if they are no longer necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Falk presented council with a list of deposits made since the last council meeting, the Profit and Loss report, and the Balance Sheet.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the monthly Disbursement Report. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council approve the disbursements for June. Mr. Varga 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof project: No update available.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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