

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 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 and Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk were 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 June 11, 2019. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Perrott made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 11, 2019 as presented. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Fee schedule: Solicitor Means summarized items that should be considered. He suggested reviewing the borough ordinances to make sure all fees are included. President Falk, Mr. Runyon, and Mr. Perrott will review.

Sidewalks: Solicitor Means reviewed the draft letter to be sent to those whose sidewalks have not been repaired. He recommended emphasizing the additional costs residents will incur if the borough handles getting the repairs done. Mr. Perrott will share his comments with Mr. Long.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Mary Ditmore (Eton) was present to observe.

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

President Falk informed council that Ray Antonelli would be retiring at the end of the year.

Paving bid: The low bidder for the paving project was El Grande Industries at \$93,374. Mr. Antonelli indicated that removal of item 2-409 would reduce the cost of the project and still yield a satisfactory result. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrot made a motion that council award the paving project to El Grande Industries with the removal of item 2-409, for a total project cost of \$79,556. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

CCTV- A discussion was held regarding the results of the CCTV inspections, with repair estimates of approximately \$20,800.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There were seven alarms, two disturbances, one noise complaint, one verbal domestic complaint, one downed tree, two lift assist calls, and one complain of a loud argument.

Mayor Mackin indicated that a resident has requested that a reminder be issued regarding leash law requirements. A note will be made in the next Talk of the Town.

Mayor Mackin indicated that feral cats are a problem again. Bruce Graff has issued a notice to a resident to discontinue feeding the cats and will continue to monitor the situation.

Falling tree behind Community Center - Only one proposal was received to cut down the falling tree threatening the garage at 537 Hamilton. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council accept the proposal from Blystone Tree in the amount of \$1,895. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved 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. Coppola made a motion that council approve the disbursements for July. Mr. Szmul 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: Bids are expected to be available at the August meeting. President Falk and Mr. Perrott will meet with the architect tomorrow for a status update. The chimney may need to be rebuilt based on images from a drone.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Shelter: The shelter needs a new roof. Additional lighting was discussed. Mayor Mackin will talk to Rob Murphy.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Szmul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.