

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 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), and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Council member Tony Szmul (2021) was absent. 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 July 9, 2019. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Land donation: Paperwork and title search for the lot have been completed. President Falk suggested inviting Ms. Miller to the next council meeting to have the paperwork signed and notarized. GRB will file the signed deed and tax exemption paperwork

Roof: The timing of the project has changed. The bid will be awarded at the October and with work to proceed in March 2020.

Trees: Blystone cut the falling tree as directed. Resident Scott Quinn asked them to cut at his expense another tree that was threatening his garage. The second tree landed on the property of Jim Arena, who called the borough to complain. Public Works Director Rob Murphy cut off several branches which seemed to be the most concerning to the Arenas.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Resident Mary Ditmore (Eton) was present to observe.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Sanitary sewer repairs: NIRA has sent out three requests for estimates to address the repairs to the Level 4 and 5 defects found in the recent televising. These will be reviewed at the September council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There were calls regarding a potentially abandoned vehicle, one alarm (false), a drug related incident, downed wires, five medical assists, an open door at a home, and a possible stolen vehicle in the industrial park.

Mayor Mackin reported that the shelter roof repair has been completed.

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. Varga made a motion that council approve the disbursements for July. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Salt: Ms. Falk summarized the SHACOG salt bid results. Cargill was the sole bidder, with a price of \$82.24/ton, an increase from \$69.74 in 2018. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council enter into the agreement with Cargill to purchase salt at \$82.24/ton. Mr. Long seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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:

Fee schedule: Borough engineer Ray Antonelli suggested that establishing a new fee schedule was complicated and recommended recodifying to determine the fees that need to be established. Ms. Falk reported that the last recodification occurred in 2010. She will get an estimate on the cost to recodify.

Sidewalks: Mayor Mackin will talk to Rob Murphy to see if he wants to do the work on the sidewalks still requiring repair. He may have another lead for the work as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Butterfly habitat: Mr. Runyon reported that a resident has asked about the possibility of establishing a butterfly habitat at the conservation park. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon will ask the resident to put together a plan to provide to council.

ADJOURNMENT:

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