

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 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 Emily Mueller 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 September 10, 2019. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 10, 2019 as amended. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Community Building roof bids: Four bids were received for the roof project. A discussion followed. Solicitor Mueller was asked to investigate whether prevailing wages are still required. Mayor Mackin will contact NIRA regarding the inspection of the finished project. Awarding the contract will be tabled until the November meeting.

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

Miller property: The deed for the property on Hamilton (68-A-222) has been recorded. The tax exemption request has been filed and is expected to be in effect beginning in 2020.

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

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for August. There was one alarm (false), one call to assist an injured hiker, one contractor dispute, one 911 hangup, and one traffic call.

Paving: El Grande will begin the milling and paving of Tech and Harvard on 10/18/2019. Mayor Mackin will meet with them beforehand.

### **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 October. Mr. Long seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Garbage: Ms. Falk presented the two bids that were received for the garbage contract (Valley Waste and Waste Management). A discussion followed. Mr. Coppolla made a motion that council award the contract to the low bidder Valley Waste for a term of 3 years totaling \$111,606 (3 years at \$37,202 per year). Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Draft budget for 2020: Ms. Falk presented a draft budget for 2020. A discussion followed.

Retirement obligation for 2020 (MMO): Ms. Falk informed council that the borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2020 is \$5,991 based on the proposed public works budget and contracted contribution rate of 6%.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration** (Mr. Szmul): No report.

**Budget and Finance** (Mr. Falk, Mr. Runyon): No report.

**Public Works/Sewers** (Mr. Coppolla): No report.

**Community Facilities** (Mr. Varga): Ms. Falk reported that she had been contacted by a resident requesting cleaning of the community building, especially the downstairs auditorium carpet. A discussion followed. Ms. Falk will ask Rob Murphy to have the carpet professionally cleaned.

**Land Conservation/Resources** (Mr. Long): No report.

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sidewalks: Ms. Falk reported that final notice letters were sent to the three remaining homes requiring sidewalk repairs. The borough will take action to have the work done if the residents have not completed the work by October 31, 2019.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Cub Scout bonfire: Resident John O'Donnell has requested the use of the conservation park for its annual Cub Scout bonfire on Saturday, October 12, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm. A discussion followed. Council approved the request.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Coppolla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.