

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 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 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 October 8, 2019. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 8, 2019 as presented. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Community Center roof project and bids: A discussion was held regarding project management. Mayor Mackin reported that a NIRA architect could be consulted at critical junctures if desired.

The four bid proposals were reviewed. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council award the project to the low bidder S&N Industries in the amount of \$225,000. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of six in favor and one opposed (Mr. Varga).

Hamilton property tax exemption: Solicitor Mueller will complete the application. Ms. Falk will provide her with the necessary photos of the property.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

None.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Resident Mary Ditmore (Eton) was present to observe.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for September and October. In September, there were two alarms (both false), one noise complaint, one domestic disturbance, one medical call with transport, two suspicious vehicle incidents, and one lift assist. In October, there was one alarm (false), one lost animal, two criminal mischief incidents in the industrial park, one downed electric pole, one medical call with transport, and one reported vehicle accident.

Paving: Mayor Mackin reported that the paving on Harvard and Tech has not been completed. Low temperatures are currently an issue. A discussion followed.

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

Draft budget for 2020: Ms. Falk presented the draft budget for 2020. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the budget for adoption at the December meeting. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Meeting schedule for 2020: Mr. Runyon made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the meeting schedule for 2020, which will continue to be on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of the January meeting which will be held on the first Monday, as mandated by the Borough Code. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Garbage collection: Ms. Falk reported that Valley Waste will be putting together a package to send residents prior to its contract starting in January 2020. She will forward the packet to council for review.

## **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:**

Sidewalks: Mr. Long reported that all sidewalk repairs have been completed, with no further borough action required. He requested that the project completion be mentioned in the next Talk of the Town article.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Community Center rent - A discussion was held on the rent being charged to Crafton Children's Corner. Mr. Szmul will research.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion was unanimously approved.