

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 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), Tony Szmul (2021), and Ron Varga (2019) were present. Council member Zane Long (2019) was absent. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk were present. Borough engineers Clint Reilly and Ray Antonelli 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 November 12, 2019. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 12, 2019 as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

No report.

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

Ray Antonelli from NIRA expressed his gratitude to the borough for its business and the graciousness of its council members. He introduced Clint Reilly as the borough's new primary contact. Mayor Mackin thanked Mr. Antonelli for his work with the borough.

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

Residents Judy Kimblin (Tech) and Mary Ditmore (Eton) were present to observe.

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

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for November. There were three alarms (all false), one motor vehicle accident (no injuries), one downed wire, one medical call (with transport), one downed tree, and one complaint of hacking (industrial park).

Paving: Mayor Mackin reported that the paving on Tech and Harvard 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 Disbursement Report. Mr. Varga made a motion that council approve the disbursements, seconded by Mr. Runyon and approved unanimously.

Draft budget for 2020: Ms. Falk presented Draft C of the 2020 proposed budget. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council adopt the proposed budget as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-1, with Mr. Varga opposed.

Millage rate for 2020: Mr. Perrot made a motion that council resolve to maintain the 2020 real estate millage rate at the 2019 rate of 5.6 mills. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed 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:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution honoring Mr. Varga - President Falk thanked Ron Varga, whose term expires in January 2020, for his service to the borough. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council pass a resolution acknowledging Mr. Varga's service. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, with Mr. Varga abstaining.

Signs – A discussion was held regarding signs at the intersection of Baldwin, Cornell, and Steubenville Pike. Solicitor Mueller indicated that signs in the right of way can be removed.

Council went into executive session at 7:15pm to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues. Council came out of executive session at 8:10 pm.

### **Building inspector/zoning officer/code enforcement officer vacancies:**

Ms. Falk presented proposals from Code.sys and MDIA to fill the vacancy for building inspector due to the resignation of Bruce Graff from NIRA. Neither proposal addressed the vacancies for zoning and code enforcement. A discussion followed.

Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept the proposal from Code.sys for its building inspection services with a request that Mr. Graff (now employed at Code.sys) be assigned as its representative and that Mr. Graff serve as the borough zoning officer. Mr. Varga seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Varga. The motion was unanimously approved.