

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION and REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020**

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- Location:** Thornburg Community Building, Library
- Attendance:** Council members Vinnie Coppola (2021), Mary Ditmore (2023), Sigo Falk (2021), Zane Long (2023), Mark Perrott (2021), Sam Runyon (2023), and Tony Szmul (2021) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present.
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Mayor Mackin administered the oath of office to the newly elected members of Council: Mary Ditmore, Zane Long, and Sam Runyon.

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Mackin asked for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Coppola made a motion to nominate Sigo Falk as President of Council. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mayor Mackin turned the gavel over to President Falk.

President Falk asked for nominations for Vice President of Council. Mr. Perrot made a motion to nominate Vinnie Coppola as Vice President of Council, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion passed unanimously.

President Falk asked for nominations for President Pro Tem of Council. Mr. Szmul made a motion to nominate Mark Perrott as President Pro Tem of Council, which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion passed unanimously.

President Falk asked for nominations for Vacancy Chair. Mr. Szmul made a motion to appoint Lorraine Runyon as Vacancy Chair, which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to appoint Jordan Tax Service as the collector of all borough taxes (other than current real estate). Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion that the following appointments and reappointments be made:

- Secretary/Treasurer – Dorothy Falk
- Solicitor – Emily Mueller of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm
- Engineer – Clint Reilly of NIRA Consulting Engineers
- Newspaper of Record – Pittsburgh Post Gazette
- Planning Commission – Vinnie Coppola
- Zoning Hearing Board – Tom Mackin, Jr.

Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

An auditor will be appointed at the February meeting.

Council was asked to consider nominations for the vacancy on the UCC Appeals Board.

Appointment of Council Committees:

Mr. Szmul made a motion that council members serve on the following committees:

- Administration: Tony Szmul
- Budget and Finance: Sigo Falk and Sam Runyon
- Land Conservation and Resources: Zane Long
- Public Works/ Sewers: Vinnie Coppola
- Community Facilities: Mary Ditmore
- Public Relations: Mark Perrott

Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of December 10, 2019. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of December 10, 2019. Mr. Perrott seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Kris Szmul (Tech), Kelly Chiodi (Hamilton), and Brian Catanzarite (Yale) were present to discuss the Crime Watch aspect of the Community Club. Mr. Catanzarite will serve as the new contact person for residents. Ms. Chiodi will monitor the Crafton Police website and post information in the Community Club Facebook group.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin presented the police report. Council authorized the continued employment of William MacNamara until at least the end of the month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Falk was not present. Financial reports were provided for discussion.

2020 Retirement Contribution: A discussion was held regarding the borough's contribution rate for 2020. Mr. Perrot made a motion to establish the rate for 2020 at 10%. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Disbursements: Mr. Coppola made a motion to approve the disbursements for January as presented. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

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

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

Public Works/Sewers (Mr. Coppola): No report.

Community Facilities (Ms. Ditmore): No report.

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:32 PM to discuss potential litigation. Council came out of executive session at 8:10 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building inspection, zoning, and code enforcement: Council reviewed proposals from Harshman and HMT for these services. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council appoint representatives from Harshman to serve in these positions, repealing any previous appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perrott and passed unanimously.

Morosco invoice: Mr. Perrott made a motion that the borough pay Morosco \$2,250.00 for the bidding and awarding of the roof contract. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion was unanimously approved.