

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020

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), Mary Ditmore (2023), Zane Long (2023), Mark Perrott (2021), Sam Runyon (2023), and Tony Szmul (2021) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was absent. Solicitor Emily Mueller 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 February 11, 2020. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Perrott made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 11, 2020 as presented. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Fee resolution – Solicitor Mueller presented a fee resolution that incorporated building and zoning fees as discussed with Harshman and allowed by the zoning ordinances. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council establish the fees as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Long and passed unanimously.

Exemption – Solicitor Mueller informed council that the tax exemption application has been filed for the newly acquired Miller property. The county will now review.

Code update: Ms. Falk summarized the proposal from General Code for its code updating services and online eCode360 access. Solicitor Mueller reported that she has many clients who use General Code with success. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council accept the proposal from General Code to update the borough code with one year access to the eCode360 service in the amount of \$3,406. Mr. Perrot seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Debbie and Mark Hadfield (Smith) were present to discuss a pollinator garden in the Conservation Park. She gave an informational slide presentation. A discussion followed. Issues to consider include a fence to keep deer out and a source of water. Council had no objection to a garden being established as discussed but maintenance would need to be done on a volunteer basis and council kept updated on progress.

Former borough resident Terry Callahan was present to discuss the Thornburg School reunion which is being planned for this Memorial Day weekend. Events include a bonfire on Friday night and dinner at Chartiers Country Club on Saturday. Council thanked him and the committee for their efforts.

Judy Kimblin (Tech) asked about painting yellow street lines to discourage parking on Tech and Baldwin where there are no curbs. Mr. Szmul will talk to Mayor Mackin about it.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin was not present.

President Falk received a letter from PennDOT about work on the Thornburg Bridge scheduled for the summer of 2022. Ms. Falk will distribute a copy of the letter. A discussion followed, including interest in identifying funding for additional police presence for traffic monitoring.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Falk presented council with a list of deposits made since the last council meeting, a profit and loss report, and a current balance sheet.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the monthly Disbursement Report. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council approve the disbursements for March. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which was approved 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 (Ms. Ditmore): No report.

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

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community building roof update: Mr. Perrott updated council on the schedule. Notice to proceed will be given. Mr. Perrott will let Crafton Children's Corner know the work will be happening.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion carried.