

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020**

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Location: Thornburg Community Building, Library

Attendance: President Sigo Falk (2021) and council members Vinnie Coppola (2021) and Mark Perrott (2021) were present. Council members Mary Ditmore (2023), Zane Long (2023), Sam Runyon (2023), and Tony Szmul (2021) were present remotely via Zoom. Mayor Tom Mackin (2021) was present. Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk and Solicitor Emily Mueller were present remotely via Zoom.

Roll call was held. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Szmul made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of May 12, 2020. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2020 as presented. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Eileen Mackin (Cornell), Judy Thompson (Dartmouth), and Rick Matthews (Baldwin) observed remotely via Zoom.

School preservation: Marty Powell and Mark Chachula from the architecture firm The Design Alliance were present remotely via Zoom. A discussion was held regarding the development of a master plan to address maintenance and improvements to the community building with respect to how the building will be used. They will attend the next in-person meeting to discuss further.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There was one 911 hang-up, one suspicious person, one vehicle assist, one report of a man with an assault rifle in the conservation park (no result), and one call to the county regarding suspicious behavior.

Rob Murphy has informed the mayor that the passcode to the borough building is circulating widely among the neighborhood. He will be changing the code.

The clearing of trees from the levee by the Army Corp of Engineers is complete. They will continue working to remove stumps, grade and reshape, and plant grass seed.

The flood control authority has been spraying the levee with a pesticide which they say is not harmful to animals. Mayor Mackin has requested details about the products being used.

There have been two water leaks on Cornell in two days, under the new pavement. Mayor Mackin will talk to NIRA about street opening permits.

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. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott made a motion that council approve the disbursements for June. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Public Officials Liability renewal: Ms. Falk discussed the renewal of the Public Officials Liability coverage with HDH. The new annual premium is \$2,563, an increase of 2.8%. Council approved the renewal.

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 project update: The project is almost complete. Arch Masonry did the repair work on the chimney, which should be painted by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Hillside stabilization project update: Mayor Mackin summarized the status of the project. He feels it is too expensive for what we currently need. A discussion followed. Mayor Mackin will meet with NIRA to discuss a more modest approach.

NEW BUSINESS:

Glass recycling: Ms. Ditmore summarized the details of a glass recycling program available through the Pennsylvania Resources Council. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrot made a motion that council move forward with the program to have a glass recycling bin located in the borough for one week at an approximate cost of \$900. The motion was seconded by Mr. Runyon and unanimously approved. Ms. Ditmore will coordinate the project implementation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 8:05PM for the solicitor to provide legal opinion on a contract. Council came out of executive session at 8:20 PM.

Council discussed further the community building project with The Design Alliance. Ms. Falk will set up a meeting with officials from Rosslyn Farms, who have used the firm for work on their community building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went back into executive session at 8:30 PM to discuss potential legal action. Council came out of executive session at 9:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion carried.