

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020**

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

Location: Pace Pavilion, adjacent to the Thornburg Community Building

Attendance: President Sigo Falk (2021) and 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 present. Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk and Solicitor Emily Mueller were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of June 9, 2020. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 9, 2020 as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Community building preservation: Marty Powell and Mark Chachula from The Design Alliance gave a presentation that identified the benefits of and outlined the process for developing a master plan for the community building. A discussion followed, after which Mr. Powell and Mr. Chachula left the meeting.

David Jose (Harvard) and Lorraine Runyon (Princeton) were present to observe. Julie Simelis (Harvard), Colleen Kamnikar (Hamilton), Lindsey Segu (Harvard), and Kim Minyard (Harvard) asked that council consider updating the playground facilities. A discussion followed. Council will consider it in conjunction with the community building master plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller will send suggested revisions to The Design Alliance contract to Mayor Mackin for review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

State Pipe has completed the televising and cleaning of the sanitary sewer sections. NIRA has approved the contractor payment.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for June. There was one 911 hang-up, one report of credit card fraud, one suspicious person/incident, one report of cell phone threats, two medical calls with transport (including one death), one stolen vehicle located in the industrial park, and three water main breaks.

The mayor reported that the hydroseeding of the levee has not yet been done.

Hillside stabilization project: Mayor Mackin and Mr. Perrott met with NIRA to discuss the project. The current consideration is to remove approximately 200 feet of the worst part of the sidewalk, construct a retaining wall into which the fence can be bolted, and replace the sidewalk. Mr. Perrott and Ms. Ditmore will look into multimodal grant availability.

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. She requested that council also approve payment for the following:

S&N Industries - completion of community building roof repair - \$131,663.70

State Pipe Services - completion of sewer work - \$5,465.65

Thornburg Community Club - contribution to Talk of the Town and flower planting - \$556.00.

Mr. Perrott made a motion that council approve all disbursements presented including the three listed above. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

Streetlights: Ms. Falk has been in conversation with Duquesne Light about streetlights in the borough. She indicated that Thornburg might be eligible to have new lights installed at little or no cost depending on the location of existing poles. A discussion followed. Ms. Ditmore and Mr. Perrott will survey the borough to identify possible new light locations.

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): Mr. Perrot requested that council continue to move forward with maintaining and repairing the community building, as the roof repair has exposed rotted soffits and brackets. Mayor Mackin will ask Coffey Roofing to take a look.

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

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Glass recycling: Ms. Ditmore updated council on the status of the glass recycling bin. A discussion followed. Mr. Long made a motion that council pass a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Pennsylvania Resources Council for the placement of a temporary glass recycling bin subject to legal approval of the contract. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Ditmore will identify acceptable dates for the bin placement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tennis court naming: Mr. Perrott indicated that a neighbor suggested naming the tennis court after Chris Gordon, a former resident who died unexpectedly. A discussion followed. Council considered installing a plaque in Mr. Gordon's honor at the tennis courts. This will be tabled to the next meeting.

Trailer on Tech: A discussion was held regarding a trailer (with license plate) which has been parked on Tech for several weeks. Mayor Mackin will talk to the resident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 8:20 PM to discuss potential legal action, personnel, and land acquisition. Council came out of executive session at 8:45 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.