

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

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

Location: Auditorium in the Thornburg Community Building

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of November 10, 2020. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 10, 2020 as presented. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Emily Mueller updated council on the sewer regionalization effort with ALCOSAN. Although there are no multiple municipality sewers in Thornburg to transfer to ALCOSAN, the borough may need to sign the agreement.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for November. There were six alarms (all false), two fraud complaints, one hit and run (vehicle), one disabled vehicle, and one parking complaint.

Police contract update – Mayor Mackin reported that Crafton Borough has offered a three-year extension to the police contract with no change in cost, with an option for a fourth year at a 3% increase. A discussion followed. Mayor Mackin will ask that the number of patrols or incidents be included on the monthly reports. Mr. Runyon made a motion that council approve the agreement and authorize its execution. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding an addition to a building in the industrial park. Mr. Perrot will distribute photos.

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 asked that council also approve payment for the worker's compensation premium invoice, which arrived via email after the report had been generated. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council approve the disbursements for December, including payment to MRM for the workers compensation premium in the amount of \$6,215.09. The motion was seconded by Mr. Long and approved unanimously.

Draft 2021 Budget: Ms. Falk distributed draft C of the 2021 budget. A discussion followed. A new account will be established for the Community Building Master Plan, with a 2021 budget of \$20,000 to come from reserves. Mr. Long made a motion that council approve the 2021 budget as modified. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Millage: Mr. Runyon made a motion that council resolve to maintain the 2021 real estate millage at the 2020 rate of 5.6 mills. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Meeting schedule: Mr. Coppola made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the regular meeting schedule for 2021, which will be held on the first Monday of each month. Mr. Runyon 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:

Master plan – Initial meetings are being scheduled for the two committees.

Streetlights - Mayor Mackin reported that most residents on Lehigh seem happy with the current lighting. No further action will be taken at this time.

Glass recycling bin – Ms. Ditmore will contact the PA Resources Council for feedback on the results of the traveling bin.

Internet access in the community building: A discuss was held on getting wireless access throughout the community building. President Falk will look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.