

## **THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.
- Location:** The meeting was held remotely via Zoom
- 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.

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of January 4, 2021. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 4, 2021 as presented. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Mueller reported that no Thornburg sewers will be transferred to ALCOSAN so the transfer agreement will not need to be signed.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Master plan update: Marty Powell and Mark Chachula from The Design Alliance gave an update on the master plan discussions. Concept plans were presented for the building with options for maintaining existing programs in the same footprint, eliminating the preschool program in the same footprint, and maintaining existing programs in an expanded footprint. A discussion followed. Master plan concepts for the park are underway.

Resident John O'Donnell (Lehigh) requested permission to hold a bonfire on 2/13/2021 for Boy Scout Troop #158 on February 13, 2021. A discussion followed. Council approved the request. Mayor Mackin will help coordinate.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for January. There was one false alarm, one welfare check, and one suspicious vehicle (conservation park lot).

Mayor Mackin and Mr. Coppola have been talking to Duquesne Light regarding borough trees. Residents will be notified that they can request that Duquesne Light trim instead of remove trees on private property.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

No report.

## **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. Coppola made a motion that council approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Long 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): Mr. Coppola reported that sewer lining previously approved by council is scheduled to begin on February 15 and should take approximately one week to complete.

**Community Facilities** (Ms. Ditmore): A discussion was held regarding a resident's request to borrow borough tables. Mayor Mackin will talk to Rob Murphy.

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

**Public Relations** (Mr. Perrott): No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Window replacement grant: Mr. Perrot informed council about the availability of a grant that could be used to help pay for the cost of replacing the windows of the school building, the next step in the restoration of the building "envelope". The Keystone Historic Preservation Grant through the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission requires a 50% match for grants up to \$100,000. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2021. A discussion followed. Council approved applying for the grant, including authorizing The Design Alliance to put together a budget estimate to include with the grant application. Mr. Perrot and Ms. Falk will coordinate to submit the grant application.

Dog waste: Ms. Ditmore reported that residents have complained to her about neighbors not picking up after their dogs. A reminder will be put in the next Talk of the Town.

Glass recycling: Discussions continued regarding partnering with neighboring boroughs for a coordinated schedule for the glass bin.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Szmul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion carried.