

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of February 1, 2021. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coppola made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 1, 2021 as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mueller reported that the franchise agreement with Verizon expires at the end of the year. The borough has received a draft contract for the renewal from Verizon. Solicitor Mueller will have the draft checked against the current contract to see what changes have been made from the previous agreement. Ms. Falk will distribute the draft to council.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Master plan update: Marty Powell and Mark Chachula gave a summary of park enhancements based on discussions with the park committee. A discussion followed. They will coordinate a meeting with members of all committees prior to discussions with Judy Albenze from Crafton Children's Corner.

Danny Ditzenberger from Boy Scout Troop #158 in Ingram presented council with a proposal for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to build two vernal pools from runoff water to create a wetlands in the Conservation Park. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council approve the project, which was seconded by Mr. Long and approved unanimously.

Aidan O'Donnell (Lehigh) from Boy Scout Troop #158 presented council with an idea for an Eagle Scout project. He would like to create a Veterans Memorial Grove by planting trees near the maintenance building and along Rutgers Rd. A discussion followed. He will bring specifics about the number and types of trees to the April 5 council meeting.

John O'Donnell (Lehigh) thanked council for allowing BSA Troop #158 have their outing in the Conservation Park last month.

Steve Salvador (Hamilton) discussed the video history projects he is doing with the community club. He produced videos in 2009 and 2015 and is combining and updating them to the present.

He would like to make them available through the borough website rather than creating CDs for distribution. A discussion followed. Council thanked Mr. Salvador for his efforts and agreed to find a way to make them accessible through the website. Ms. Falk will get in touch with the borough website designer and get back to him.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for February. There was one vehicle accident, two alarms (false), one medical call with transport, and one welfare check.

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. Perrott made a motion that council approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Mr. Szmul): Discussions regarding updating the employee manual are underway.

Budget and Finance (Mr. Falk, Mr. Runyon): No report.

Public Works/Sewers (Mr. Coppola): Mr. Coppola reported that sewer lining will begin this week, due to a weather delay.

Community Facilities (Ms. Ditmore): No report.

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

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Window replacement grant: Ms. Falk reported that the application for the Keystone Preservation Grant has been submitted. The project budget estimate was \$267,100, with a grant request of \$100,000. Grants will be awarded in the fall 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Greenways, Trails, and Recreation grant: Ms. Ditmore reminded council that funds are available to help with playground equipment replacement. A discussion followed. She will forward information to council.

ADJOURNMENT

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