

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- Location:** The meeting was held in the Sam Pace Pavilion in Hamilton Road Park, adjacent to the 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. Also present were Mayor Tom Mackin (2021), Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk, and Solicitor Emily Mueller from Goehring, Rutter and Boehm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of June 7, 2021. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 7, 2021 as presented. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No report.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident and playground committee chair Colleen Kamnikar was present. Resident and borough historian Steve Salvador was present.

Playground proposal: Following a meeting with the playground committee, La Quatra Bonci has submitted a modified proposal that provides for site analysis of the park area adjacent to the community building, pavilion, and playground in addition the playground equipment selection previously authorized. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council accept the modified proposal at a cost of \$4,250 plus reimbursable expenses of approximately \$250. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Historical records: President Falk informed council of an upcoming records retention webinar. A discussion followed. Council authorized Ms. Falk to register Steve Salvador for the webinar. Solicitor Mueller reminded Council that a resolution is required prior to the destruction of borough records.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for June. There were seven alarms (all false), one animal call, one motorist assist, one domestic disturbance, one fraud complaint, one harassment complaint, one hit and run (vehicle), two medical calls with transport, one recovered property, one welfare check, one suspicious person, and one complaint of pigeons being shot with pellet guns near the conservation park.

Mayor Mackin has a meeting scheduled with the borough engineer to discuss a 5-year paving plan, consent order updates, and the Hamilton Road sidewalk situation. Interested council members are invited to attend.

Mayor Mackin reported that a hearing has been scheduled for a property with uncorrected code violations.

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. Runyon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

ALCOSAN delinquencies: Ms. Falk informed council that the moratorium for water service shutoff due to nonpayment of sewer bills has been lifted. A discussion of the current ALCOSAN delinquency situation was held. The borough will resume its standard practice to recover ALCOSAN delinquencies, including shutting off water service for seriously delinquent accounts.

Code maintenance: Ms. Falk informed council that the online maintenance agreement with General Code has expired and needs to be renewed. A discussion was held regarding three maintenance options. Council authorized the standard eCode360 maintenance agreement and fee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Council went into Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss legal issues regarding a contract. Council came out of executive session at 7:55 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

Budget and Finance (Mr. Falk, Mr. Runyon):

Master Plan financing: President Falk reviewed borough real estate taxes over the last 20 years. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrott offered to assist with fundraising ideas and activities for the master plan project.

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 schematic design proposal: A discussion was held regarding the proposal for the schematic design submitted by The Design Alliance Architects. Council will ask Marty Powell to come to the August meeting to answer questions regarding the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Feral cats: A discussion was held regarding an increase in the number of feral cats in the borough, including pregnant cats and kittens. Rob Murphy will be asked to trap uncollared cats and take them to the Humane Society.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perrott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM which was seconded by Mr. Coppola. The motion carried.