

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
Continued to SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

Regrets: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of August 2, 2021. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 2, 2021 as presented. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reported that she is continuing to work with The Design Alliance on the contract for the schematic design. Mr. Perrot made a motion that council resolve to enter into the agreement when the contract has been finalized. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coppola, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Mackin asked about the legality of drones. Solicitor Mueller informed council that state legislation prohibits legislating drones. She will provide council with additional information.

A discussion was held regarding abandoned vehicles. Solicitor Mueller will look into Thornburg's current ordinances.

A discussion was held on the new Burns and Scalo building and whether it has been added onto the tax rolls. Mayor Mackin will provide Solicitor Mueller with the lot/block number.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Lindsay Segu (Harvard), Rick Matthews (Baldwin), Colleen Kamnikar (Hamilton), Judy and Tom Thompson (Dartmouth), and Steve Salvador (Hamilton) were present to observe.

A discussion was held regarding recycling glass at Greentree as residents were told they did not accept glass from other municipalities. Ms. Ditmore will look into it.

Ms. Falk reported that a resident had complained about vegetation at the bend on Harvard making the sidewalk unpassable. Mayor Mackin will ask Rob Murphy to look into it.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for August. There were 3 alarms (false), one animal complaint (injured deer), a lost wallet, one medical call with transport, one medical assist with transport, bones found in park, a complaint about drones in the park, and one suspicious person.

Mayor Mackin reported that Chief Sumpter will attend the October meeting to address residents' concerns about how to deal with erratic behavior.

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

Retirement obligation for 2021 (MMO): Ms. Falk informed council that the borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2021 is \$6,111 based on an estimated public works budget of \$101,850 and contracted contribution rate of 6%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration (Mr. Szmul): No report.

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

Public Works/Sewers (Mr. Coppola): Mr. Coppola summarized the results of the recent televising, which uncovered ten items identified as Stage 5 which need to be corrected. NIRA estimated a cost of approximately \$53,000 plus 10% contingency. They will prepare a bid package, which will need to be advertised.

Community Facilities (Ms. Ditmore): No report.

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

Public Relations (Mr. Perrott): No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss personnel matters. Council came out of executive session at 9:00 PM.

RECESS:

Mr. Long made a motion at 9:00 PM to continue the meeting to Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM to review the paving bids and playground plans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perrot, and it carried.

RECONVENE:

The meeting was reconvened on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00PM. President Falk, Ms. Falk, Mr. Szmul, Mr. Perrott, Mr. Runyon, and Mr. Coppola were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paving bid: A discussion was held regarding the paving bids received by NIRA on September 17, 2021. There were two bidders, with bids ranging from \$88,342.55 to \$90,680.25. Mr. Szmul made a motion that the borough award the bid to the low bidder, Protech Asphalt Maintenance, in the amount of \$88,342.55, as recommended by NIRA. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Playground update: Ms. Falk reported that Dan McDowell from LaQuatra Bonci met with the playground committee last week and presented two potential park/playground layouts. The committee provided feedback which will be incorporated into a plan that will be presented to Council at the October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10PM, which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion carried.