

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- Location:** The meeting was held in the auditorium of 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.
- Regrets:** None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

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

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Phase 2 Consent Order and Agreement - Solicitor Mueller summarized the consent order agreement received from the county health department. Thornburg is in the most advantageous condition for municipalities. A discussion followed. Mr. Coppola made a motion that council pass a resolution authorizing President Falk and Secretary Falk to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Runyon and approved unanimously.

Nuisance Ordinance – Solicitor Mueller summarized possible concerns regarding passing a nuisance ordinance. A discussion followed. For non-rental situations, the penalty is a fine that cannot be liened. No action will be taken at this time.

Sanitary sewer repair bids - Mr. Coppola summarized the results for the sanitary sewer repair bids. Two bids were received, ranging from \$66,812.50 to \$68,087.50. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council award the contract to Jet Jack Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$66,812.50, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0, with one abstention.

Newspaper of record – Mr. Perrott asked Solicitor Mueller what the requirements are for a borough to select a newspaper of record for legal notices. A discussion followed. Solicitor Mueller will look into less expensive options than the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, such as the City Paper, the New Pittsburgh Courier, and the Sewickley Herald.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents Steve Salvador (Hamilton), Laura Irwin (Cornell), Lorraine Runyon (Princeton), and Rick Matthews (Baldwin) were present to observe.

Master Plan update: Marty Powell and Mark Chachula from The Design Alliance gave council an update on the schematic design of the master plan. They spoke with various engineers and will be working with Landau on putting together cost estimates, hopefully in time for the December meeting. The building is yielding more capacity than originally anticipated. New electric service is the highest priority. The rest can be phased in, with the boiler and possible cooling next. A discussion followed.

Garbage collection: Joe Orhlich from Valley Waste was present to answer questions regarding recent disruptions in service. Mr. Orhlich indicated that Covid has had a significant impact on their staffing. The driver servicing Thornburg was ill but has since recovered, which should result in consistent service going forward.

Trees on Lehigh: Resident Guy Trulli (Lehigh) complained about the lack of follow up regarding trees cut down on Lehigh. Mayor Mackin will meet with him and follow up with code enforcement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for October. There were three alarms (false), one violation of a protection from abuse order, and one call regarding individuals smoking marijuana in the parking lot of the conservation park.

Mayor Mackin reported that milling and paving should begin shortly. He will check with the engineer regarding the scheduling of the work.

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. A discussion followed. Mr. Perrot made a motion that council approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

Draft 2022 budget: Ms. Falk reviewed Draft B of the 2022 budget which was updated as discussed at the October meeting. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion to authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the budget for adoption and to advertise an ordinance establishing the real estate millage at 6.6 mills for consideration at the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Szmul, and it passed by a vote of 6-1.

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.

A discussion was held regarding new committee assignments for 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Perrott. The motion carried.