

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2022**

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

**Location:** Thornburg Community Center, auditorium

**Attendance:** Council President Sigo Falk (2025) and Council members Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Vinnie Coppola (2025), Mary Ditmore (2023), Zane Long (2023), Sam Runyon (2023), and Tony Szmul (2025) were present. Also present were Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) and Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk.

**Regrets:** None

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**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of April 4, 2022. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 4, 2022 as amended. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

No report. Solicitor Mueller was not present.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Colleen Kamnikar and Laura Irwin were present to observe.

Resident Jeff Schneider requested permission to reserve the Community Center auditorium for approximately seven weeks to rehearse and perform a series of one act plays. A discussion followed. Council approved his request pending confirmation that there are no conflicts with other scheduled events.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

President Falk reported that Allegheny Land Trust would be doing its annual inspection on May 12 at noon. Anyone interested in joining them should meet in the parking lot of the conservation park.

President Falk reported that PA American Water will be raising their rates beginning in 2023.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for April. There were 2 alarms (both false), 3 medical calls with transport, and one incident involving a suspicious person/circumstance.

*Paving on Eton* – Work is scheduled to begin on May 9. A meeting with the contractor has been scheduled for Thursday May 4 at 1:30 PM at the corner of Eton/Harvard to review the project.

*Paving on Cornell* – The water company will begin paving after all houses are tied back in to the new lines.

Mayor Mackin expressed his objection to the marijuana resolution being on the council meeting agenda. A discussion followed. Council will take no action on the resolution.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

No report.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Ms. Falk presented council with a list of deposits made since the April meeting as well as a balance sheet and P&L report.

Disbursements: Mr. Szmul made a motion to approve the disbursements for April as presented. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Dog permits: Ms. Falk reported that the new dog permit application has been posted on the web site and applications are currently being accepted. The new permit season begins on June 1.

Property and liability insurance renewal: Ms. Falk reported that the 2022-23 premium for the current policy with MRM will increase by \$386 (2.4%) to \$16,198. A discussion followed. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council renew the current policy, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** President Falk reviewed the current cash flow.

**H/R:** No report

**P/R:** No report

**Roads:** Covered in Mayor’s Report.

**Sewers:** No report

**Steering:** President Falk reported that the Community Center electric project bid package is currently being put together, with the goal to award the project at the July meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the width of the corridor addition.

**Playground:** President Falk provided a schedule for the playground installation, with an anticipated ribbon cutting on Sunday, August 7. Volunteers will be needed to help with mulch. NIRA will obtain proposals for the grading work.

**Grants:** Ms. Ditmore has reached out to state Senator Devlin Robinson and Representative Dan Deasy to invite them to the Memorial Day celebration.

**Fundraising:**

Capital Campaign pledge update – President Falk reported that there are currently 35 pledges totaling approximately \$190,000, of which approximately \$84,000 has been received.

Ms. Catanzarite gave an update of the Capital Campaign Committee’s ongoing efforts to increase pledging. She encouraged all council members to pledge and to encourage their neighbors to do so as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Catanzarite reported that she had been contacted by a resident who complained that cars are not stopping at stop signs. A discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 PM, which was seconded by Mr. Runyon. The motion carried.