

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2026**

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

**Location:** Thornburg Community Center, Library

**Attendance:** Council President Vinnie Coppola (2029), Lauren Catanzarite (2029), Sigo Falk (2029), Michael Jameson (2027), Zane Long (2027), Mary Ditmore (2027) and Tony Szmul (2029) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2029) was present. Also present were Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Kamnikar

**Absent:** None

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of March 2, 2026. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 2, 2026, as is. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Crafton resident Zoë Domonkos contacted the borough about holding yoga in the Conservation Park. Ms. Domonkos was unable to attend the meeting in person, so Borough Secretary Ms. Kamnikar conveyed her request. Council discussed said request and decided not to take action.

Resident Lindsey Segu (Harvard Road) addressed concern about the tennis court retaining wall construction completion to be done for the Memorial Day celebration. Council believes it will be finished as contractor Ben Kramer has communicated to Council of projected completion of project by late May early June.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin presented police reports for February and March. February - 4 alarms call all false. Verbal disturbance – delivery truck in Industrial park – blocked roadway and verbal disturbance. Fraud report – texting from Bank. Medical call- 1 year old child fell. Suspicious male – asking for money.

March - 1 alarm call that was false. Wires down on Harvard. Officers to Cornell to sick male. Several calls during severe weather including tree and wires down. Resident call to Crafton Police about adult male and 7 year old daughter staying at resident's house with questions about removing them from home after extended stay.

Mayor Mackin updated council about the A-Team initiative after attending meeting in Crafton. Discussion was held as to whether this was an option to help the Crafton police with calls in

Thornburg. Mr. Jameson made a motion to opt-in to the A-Team initiative. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Police contract- Mayor Mackin informed Council of the Crafton Police Departments contract negotiation of a 5-year deal 3% increase every year. Borough Council Solicitor advised council to write in the contract a way, so the borough had a way to leave without penalty. That way this would not bind this contract to future councils. Discussion was held about the future of Ingram Police Department. Mayor Mackin will continue working on finalizing the Police contract.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Construction projects: President Coppola updated council on the Hamilton Road Sidewalk project. As of March, Ben Karmer is on target with construction and is making progress. Everything is looking well.

President Coppola informed council of a traffic incident on the Thornburg side of the light bridge on Rutgers Road. Potholes on the other side of Industrial Park almost had head on collision. Council proposed the Mayor investigate who would be responsible for repairing the potholes in that area.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor updated Thornburg's Terms and Conditions for our website and the SMS system that council would like to implement. In addition to updated Terms and Conditions Thornburg's website must be ADA compliant by April 2027.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Disbursements: Ms. Kamnikar presented the list of disbursements for March. President Coppola made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Falk seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Grants: Mr. Falk updated council of his intention to reapply for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP) that is due at the end of May.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Szmul informed council of neighbors concerned about placement of the fence to place off the street at 1179 Harvard. Zoning application was approved for 8 ft off the street. Discussion held. Zoning issue set back and variance behind the trees. Harshman will perform check on the compliance of the fence building according to permit approval.

President Coppola updated council about the meeting that was held on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Architects from the Design Alliance were in attendance as well as community members going over the next steps for the design of the project. The Design Alliance will talk to the county officials about bathroom placement and then update designs/drawings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Falk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council entered executive session to discuss potential litigation.