THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 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), Michael Jameson (2027), and Zane Long (2027) were present. Also present was Solicitor Emily Mueller.

Absent: Mary Ditmore (2027)
Sigo Falk (2029)
Mayor Tom Mackin (2029)
Tony Szmul (2029)
Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Kamnikar

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the July 6, 2026, meeting was made by Zane Long and seconded by Lauren Catanzarite. The motion passed.

Zane Long noted that the word "unanimous" in the section of the minutes titled "New Business" should be changed to "anonymous." Motion to approve the July 6, 2026, meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Zane Long and seconded by Lauren Catanzarite. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No members of the public were in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

President Coppola read the Police Department monthly reports for the months of May 2026 through July 2026.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Construction projects:

- Sidewalk Project.
    - The newly installed curb is cracked in places. President Coppola reported that the Borough engineer stated that the cracks could be transverse cracks, which are caused by stress and are not uncommon. If they are transverse cracks, the issue is relatively simple to correct. The Engineer met with the contractor yesterday to review and discuss the matter.
    - The final surfacing on all concrete has not yet been done.
    - The fence will be installed by a subcontractor, Bethlehem Fence.

  - The portion of the front sidewalk beginning where the new sidewalk ends to the end of the School Building will be redone.
- Sewer Rehabilitation.
  - The contractor has not yet returned the signed contract, but the Borough engineer expects work to begin in September.
- Update from Architect.
  - The architect will begin the next phase of work later this week and present development options at a future meeting.

Crafton Children's Corner Lease

President Coppola reviewed the new terms of the lease with Crafton Children's Corner. The changes from the prior year's lease are an increase in rent and the restriction prohibiting tenant from posting information on the Library door windows. Motion to approve the resolution authorizing a new lease with the Crafton Children's Corner was made by Zane Long and Seconded by President Coppola. The motion passed.

Deer Management Program

A representative from the USDA is scheduled to attend the October meeting to present to Council on the USDA deer management program. Council discussed inviting the mayors of adjacent boroughs to attend the presentation, in the event neighboring communities are interested in participating in a deer management program.

Concurring Resolution - 2026 GEDTF Grant

Motion to approve a resolution for the 2026 GEDTF Grant made by Lauren Catanzarite and seconded by Zane Long. The motion passed.

Allegheny County CDBG, HOME, ESG Resolution:

Motion to approve the resolution for Allegheny County CDBG, HOME, ESG funding made by Zane Long and seconded by Lauren Catanzarite. The motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The solicitor reported that the Zoning Hearing Board has scheduled a hearing on the variance application for the fence located at 1177 Harvard Road. The hearing is August 11th at 6:00 p.m., and the Solicitor will attend on behalf of the Borough.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Disbursements:

President Coppola presented the list of disbursements for July in Ms. Kamnikar's absence. Zane Long inquired about the payment to Paychex for "fixed taxes and vacation hour error." Mr. Long stated he will ask Ms. Kamnikar about the charge next month.

Motion to approve the disbursements was made by Lauren Catanzarite and seconded by Mike Jameson. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Human Resources:

Nothing to report.

Public Relations:
Nothing to report.

Grants:
Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Catanzarite moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m., which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion passed.