

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2025**

**Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Council President Vinnie Coppola.

**Location:** Thornburg Community Center

**Attendance:** Council President Vinnie Coppola (2025) was present and chaired the meeting and council members Sigo Falk (2025), Tony Szmul (2025), Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Mike Jameson (2027), and Zane Long (2027) were present. Solicitor Emily Mueller (arrived 7:10pm), and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

**Regrets:** Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) and Mary Ditmore (2027)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of July 7, 2025. Mr. Falk second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 7, 2025. Second by Mr. Szmul. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Sam Runyon (Princeton Road) was present discussing a vehicle parked overnight in the Conservation Park parking lot. A discussion ensued resulting in the CPD will be asked to patrol the area more frequently. Sam also wanted Council to be aware water run off from a manhole cover in the alley behind his house. Sam asked if Public Works needs an auger to install the guiderail posts. Rob would ask for equipment if he needed it.

Guy Trulli (Lehigh Road) was present to inquire about dumpster permits. It was explained by President Coppola that a permit is not required in Thornburg. President Coppola will ask Mayor Mackin to check on the placement of the dumpster. Mr. Trulli inquired whether a building permit needs to be displayed at the property. Mr. Trulli was advised to contact Harshman if he would like the situation investigated.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The police report included two false alarms, both were residential; one noise annoyance; an injured fawn; a drowned raccoon and landscaper fraud.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Community Center HVAC: President Coppola requested a motion pay East West Manufacturing \$19,732.50 and withhold \$10,250 until the project is finished. Funding is being withheld because East West needs to install locks on 2 exterior electrical boxes. Mr. Falk made a motion to approve the motion. Mr. Long seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Crafton Children's Corner: President Coppola presented the 2025-2026 lease agreement. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion that Council authorize the execution of the lease. Mr. Falk seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. President Coppola will provide a copy of the lease to Judy Albenze of Crafton Children's Corner.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

President Coppola reported the geotechnical engineering and retaining wall design is in process.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Fee Resolution: Solicitor Mueller presented a comprehensive fee resolution to council. A discussion followed and the fees were finalized. Mr. Falk made a motion that council establish the fees as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Szmul and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Disbursements: Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements. A discussion ensued regarding the invoice from NIRA for \$1,907.50. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements except for NIRA's invoice of \$1,907.50. Mr. Jameson second the motion. President Coppola will discuss the invoice for the school steps with NIRA.

Zoning Hearing Board: Mr. Jameson made a motion that council appoint Stewart Irwin, Rosemarie McShane, and Dave Haller to the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Grant Approval: Mr. Falk made a motion that council approve the submission of a grant to RAAC for \$151,830 The borough is seeking funding for cured in place pipe lining of old clay sanitary sewers. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- Construction Committee – Mr. Falk shared with council information regarding the next improvement project for the Community Center. All agreed it should be the theater space. The next step would be to meet with Marty and Mayor Tom in late August.
- Grant Committee – nothing to report.
- Public Relations – Ms. Catanzarite would like to hold an event that would enlighten residents on the progress that has been made to the Community Building/Playground.
- Human Resources– nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Long inquired if there has been an update to the noise discussion from past meetings. President Coppola responded that he did not have an update.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Coppola made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm, which was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion carried.