

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 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), Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Tony Szmul (2025), Mike Jameson (2027), Mary Ditmore (2027) and Zane Long (2027) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025), Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of November 3, 2025. Ms. Ditmore second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of November 3, 2025, as amended. Second by Mr. Jameson. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Zac Kamnikar was present.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin reported six false alarms, four business and two residential. The police responded to lights down on Stanford which was fixed by Duquesne Light. A resident reported to police that a check was stolen from the Crafton post office. The Crafton police suggested they contact the Post Office police department. Police called Eton Road for a fall. The resident was transported to the hospital. Police called to Hamilton Road for a fall. The resident refused transportation to the hospital. Crafton Children's Corner reported a person on Yale Road looking for a ride. Dirt bikes were reported trespassing on business property. Report of men cutting branches who allegedly worked for Duquesne Light. The location was not provided. Mayor Mackin will follow up with Crafton Police Department. Police are still patrolling Harvard during early morning hours.

Mayor Mackin and Council were invited by Crafton Police to attend a presentation on Alternate Response Programs. Mayor Mackin intends to listen to the presentation and report back to Council.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project: President Coppola reported the engineer has received specs for the sidewalk project and they have spoken with PennDOT. President Coppola made a motion to direct NIRA to obtain bids for the sidewalk, street and the retaining wall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kamnikar confirmed there three parts to the PennDOT bid package – 1 sidewalk and fence, 2 retaining walls and 3 roadway resurfacing.

GEDTF Grant: President Coppola reported that Thornburg received the grant of \$85,000 for the sanitary sewer pipe lining. The total cost estimate for sewer repairs in 2026 is \$151,830.

Auditorium: President Coppola reported that a few members of Council and a representative from TCC met with Marty to brainstorm about updates to the auditorium. After receiving information

pertaining to the project from Marty, President Coppola asked Marty to refrain from additional work on the project. Planning can continue after another meeting occurs with Council, TCC and the Borough Secretary to determine what updates are needed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Included in the President’s report.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reported working on budget advertising and a millage resolution.

TREASURER REPORT:

Disbursements: Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements and payment of \$6684.57 to State Pipe for approval. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Jameson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft 2026 Budget: Ms. Szmul presented Draft C of the budget. A discussion followed. Mr. Falk made a motion to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. Mr. Szmul second the motion, which passed unanimously.

2026 Millage Resolution: Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to Council to maintain the 2025 real estate millage at rate of 6.6 mills for calendar year 2026. Mr. Szmul second the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

- Construction Committee – discussed in President’s report.
- Grant Committee – Mr. Falk inquired about the grant for the Jane and Jack Wright trail. Ms. Szmul will research.
- Public Relations – Outstanding pledges of the Capital Campaign were discussed. Ms. Catanzarite suggested we attempt to collect pledges with another letter in 2026.
- Human Resources– Mr. Long discussed advertising the position of Secretary/Treasurer in an email blast to the residents. Mr. Long will adapt verbiage for the email. Interviews will be conducted by Mr. Long, President Coppola and Mayor Mackin in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding Real Estate Taxes within the business area.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Coppola made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.