

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 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. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) and council members Sigo Falk (2025), Tony Szmul (2025), Zane Long (2027), Michael Jameson (2027) and Mary Ditmore (2027) were present. Solicitor Emily Mueller, and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.
- Regrets:** Lauren Catanzarite (2025)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of January 6, 2025. Mr. Jameson second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 6, 2025. Second by Mr. Falk. It was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Sam Runyon was in attendance to observe.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Police Report: Mayor Mackin shared the police report that included a dispatch to Eton Road for a child accidentally calling 911, three false alarms, a fire call to Kenyon for fireplace smoke, a disturbance on Harvard Rd and credit card fraud during the holidays.
- Library Table: Mayor Mackin reported the Alarcon's donated a table to the Library.
- Elections: Elections for 2026 will include Mayor, 4 Council members and Tax Collector.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Coppola reported that Thornburg is withholding 10% payment from prior sewer work. There is another small water/sewer grant available with a deadline of April 30, 2025.

President Coppola wanted to discuss why the two men were not arrested after the wire cutting incident reported last month. A discussion ensued. President Coppola made a motion for Mayor Mackin to approach the CPD asking them to find the men, and if appropriate, make an arrest. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Falk and Ms. Ditmore abstained, and Mr. Long opposed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Mueller reported that she is working on a Right to Know request review for the Borough.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Disbursements: Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for February. Mr. Falk made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. President Coppola second the motion. The motion passed.

Auditor Proposal: Ms. Szmul presented the proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood to perform the 2024 financial report and audit. Mr. Falk made a motion that Council accept the proposal from HSMW to perform the financial report and audit for \$5,225. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Jordan Real Estate Proposal: Agreed to continue to use Jordan for 2026-2029 tax collection under the same terms and conditions.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- Construction Committee will be comprised of Mayor Mackin, Ms. Ditmore, President Coppola and Mr. Falk (chairman). Ms. Ditmore requested additional transparency with construction projects.
  - HVAC Bids: Council review the bid tabulation for the HVAC Upgrades to the Community Center. Discussion ensued regarding accepting the bids or waiting to hear from LSA regarding the grant application. It was agreed to accept the bids since waiting on the LSA grant, and not being awarded the grant, may incur additional costs to the Borough. President Coppola made a motion for Council to accept the bid from Busse for \$60,079.95, Merit Electrical for \$26,757.50 and East West Manufacturing for \$112,750.00. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. President Coppola will rescind the LSA Grant application.
- Grant Committee will be comprised of Ms. Ditmore, Mr. Falk, President Coppola and Ms. Szmul (chairman).
- Public Relations will include Mr. Jameson.
- Human Resources– nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Mackin reported the Kronebergs, Runyons and Catanzarites have agreed to have their water tested. Adam Wilson is funding the test for 2 of the 3 residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was brought to Council's attention that dogs have been allowed in the playground area even though dogs are not permitted. A discussion ensued regarding enforcing the rule since there is no signage that would notify the dog owner of the rule. It was decided to allow a sign to be posted on the cyclone fence. President Coppola and Mayor Mackin will talk with Geroge about the sign. It was also suggested to place a message in the TOT about not allowing them in the playground area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Falk made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.