

THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF July 1, 2024

- Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Vinnie Coppola.
- Location:** Thornburg Community Center
- Attendance:** Council President Vinnie Coppola (2025) was present and chaired the meeting. Council members Sigo Falk (2025), Michael Jameson (2027), Zane Long (2027), and Tony Szmul (2025) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) was present. Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.
- Regrets:** Mary Ditmore (2027), Lauren Catanzarite (2025)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of June 3, 2024. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 3, 2024 as amended. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Zac Kamnikar was present to discuss the Hamilton Road sidewalk project. Solicitor Mueller reviewed the contract pointing out requirements. No changes were recommended. The contract will be routed by Mr. Kamnikar for signature by Council President Coppola. Bids will be requested in 2025.

Sam Runyon was present to request an update to the barking dog situation. Mayor Mackin said a letter was sent to the dog owner. Mr. Runyon said they have not received a letter. Mayor Mackin will follow up.

Mr. Runyon asked about air flow in the Community Center. A discussion ensued. Council would like to revisit the installation of an air flow system after experience with the new windows. Additionally, sprinklers are not in scope as they are not required.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reviewed two ordinances. Mr. Long made a motion to update the Sewer Lateral Ordinance which amends the previous ordinance. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Long made a motion to advertise the changes to the Solicitation Ordinance, Mr. Jameson seconded, and the motion passed. Ms. Szmul will send the ordinance for advertising. A discussion ensued regarding how ordinances are updated on the website. It was mentioned that Rob should be familiar with the Sewer Ordinance.

A discussion ensued regarding the streetlights on Cornell Road. There are 7 lights not working. It was discussed to withhold payment or ask for a credit based on the date of the outage. Ms. Szmul will research previous minutes for discussion on the topic and follow up with DQL regarding the situation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Mr. Szmul to advertise the Sewer repair project. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin provided the police report for June. There were 3 business alarms and 2 resident alarms, 1 barking dog complaint, 1 fallen tree and light out, 1 solicitation and 3 suspicious persons in the report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Coppola and Mr. Clint Riley visited Smith Road for engineering insight. A discussion ensued. Mayor Mackin will speak with the owner about road repairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for June with the addition of \$855.46 to PMRS and \$216,358.11 to Tedco Construction. Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Coppola seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES:

Construction Projects:

Window replacement: On schedule.

Mechanicals: On schedule.

Hamilton Road Sidewalk:

Mayor Mackin and Mr. Coppola spoke with NIRA about paving Hamilton Road from Smith Lane to the end. Mr. Clint Riley estimated the pavement update at \$45,000, with a total budget of \$108,000. Council authorized Mr. Riley to put the paving out to bid.

Sanitary sewer repair project: Approval to advertise provided.

Human Resources: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm, which was seconded by Mr. Falk. The motion carried.