

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF JULY 6, 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), Mary Ditmore (2027), Zane Long (2027), and Tony Szmul (2029) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2029) was present. Also present were Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Kamnikar

**Absent:** Sigo Falk (2029) and Michael Jameson (2027)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

President Coppola began the meeting with the dispensing of the Minutes of the June 1, 2026, meeting. Mr. Long made a motion to approve the minutes Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Joan Britten, Laura Irwin, Marie Urick and Sam Runyon were in attendance. Ms. Britten and Ms. Urick questioned Council as to any update on the Parcel 69-J-80. No update from Council. Ms. Britten informed Council that she has been working with DEP and they believe there to be a waterway on the property and if there is waterway/stream Lugalina Mechanical would need further permits. Community members will continue to work with DEP and the Conservation district to investigate whether there is stream or waterway that will need to be relocated.

Ms. Irwin notified Council of the growing concern about the public health issue surrounding ticks and Lyme Disease. Ms. Irwin brought up the importance of conservation of deer population within our neighborhood, as well. Mayor Mackin reminded Council and community present that Council had explored professional hunting in the past as a more affordable option but met with opposition. Borough Solicitor will share some information that other Boroughs have researched and implemented in their community as possible options for Thornburg. Public Health Awareness for Lyme Disease and Deer Conservation to be a topic on next month's agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin reported that there was no police report again for May and June due to Crafton Borough Secretary's recent surgery.

**Solar Speed Monitoring Sign:**

Mayor Mackin researched several options for Solar Speed monitoring systems that are portable and that Crafton Police can process the data for the Borough. The post is mobile and less expensive than

others. Thornburg Public Works would be able to move the Speed Sign with truck easily. Mr. Long made a motion to purchase the speed monitoring sign and Mr. Szmul seconded. The motion was unanimously passed. Princeton Road will be the first street to see the monitoring system installed.

#### Lehigh Road Trees:

Mayor Mackin and Thornburg Public Works have marked dead/diseased trees on Harvard that would be a major issue if they fell onto Lehigh Road. Council will need to send letters to those homeowners informing them to remove marked trees. Mayor Mackin will work with the Borough Secretary to inform those property owners.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

#### Construction projects:

President Coppola updated Council that the (3) DLC poles have been move and construction is moving forwarded. NIRA engineering needed Council to pick stain color. Council discussed and picked mission brown.

President Coppola made a motion to approve the bids of Sewer Rehabilitation and Paving. Robinson Pipe Cleaning was recommended by the Borough Engineer to complete the work necessary. President Coppola moved to approve the motion, and Ms. Catazarite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### Crafton Children's Corner Lease:

President Coppola discussed the renewal lease for Crafton Children Corner. A suggested 3% increase was discussed to help with the increased utility costs this past year. Mr. Szmul made a motion to approve the 3% raise and President Coppola seconded. The motion passed.

#### Architect Proposal:

President Coppola spoke with the Graff Architect to finalize the contract to move forward with the design plans for the Community Center. The contract will be revised slightly to include consulting a theater lighting professional company within the scope of the design work. President Coppola made a motion to approve the contract plus said change and Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. Ms. Ditmore abstained from the vote. Motion passed

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Borough Solicitor will update the SMS Messaging System Privacy Policy.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### Disbursements:

Ms. Kamnikar presented the list of disbursements for June. Mr. Szmul made a motion to approve the disbursements. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. The disbursements were approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Human Resources:

Nothing to report

#### Public Relations:

Mayor Mackin updated Council that Public Works hired 4 Summer help workers.

Grants:

Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**Zoning:

Update on the Harvard Road fence variance. Homeowners have applied for another zoning variance. Borough Council would like to be consistent with the ordinance and enforce all ordinances within our municipality. Borough Council Secretary will organize the Zoning Hearing Board to handle the variance within 60 days of application.

Council members brought up parking issues with construction trailer on Eton Road. Mayor Mackin will ask neighbor to move trailer back slightly to relieve congestion on the road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Ditmore informed Council that a neighbor has been trapping the feral cats and neutering them at free clinics. Houses around Eton will see an influx of these neutered cats. Council would like to thank this anonymous neighbor for their kind work in this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Coppola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion was unanimously approved.