

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 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 Lauren Catanzarite (2025), 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 Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk, Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: Mary Ditmore (2027)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of May 6, 2024. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long requested a revision to minutes to include in sewer ordinance “The Borough will rely on the plumbers certification” and in the police report, change Neville to Ohio Twp police.

Motion made to accept Minutes as revised by Ms. Catanzarite and seconded by Mr. Falk and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sam Runyon (Princeton Road) attended to present to Council a barking dog issue. It was discussed that the Borough can request a code enforcement officer. Ms. Mueller suggested we appoint Harshman as animal control officer. Motion to appoint Harshman as animal control officer, was made by Mr. Falk, Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. Ms. Szmul was asked to send a letter notifying Harshman of appointment.

Sam Runyon also mentioned the streetlights on Cornell Road are not working. Ms. Szmul was asked to send a letter to DLC. A motion was made to send the letter by Mr. Falk, seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. It was unanimously passed.

Dawne Hickton, Susan Kelly and Alicia Sevdik (Kenyon Road) attended because of concerns with construction vehicles and the safety of residents on Kenyon Road. A discussion ensued. President Coppola explained that residents need to obtain a permit in order to build and that Thornburg’s Zoning Officer Harshman issues permits if compliant.

Discussion around the stress to the street and large vehicles ensued. Solicitor Emily mentioned there is an ordinance that does not allow machinery and equipment longer than 48 hours. Mayor Mackin will be meeting with Harshman to ensure the resident and builder are in compliance with appropriate permits. Restriction of land developer Laurel Wood was discussed. It was determined once they finished development, the Borough of Thornburg ordinances would be followed.

President Coppola mentioned that tri-axle trucks are compromising Smith Lane. Solicitor Emily mentioned there could be an ordinance violation if they are damaging the road. President Coppola suggested we require the trucking company to post a bond. Emily suggested we involve NIRA to calculate the bond. Mayor Mackin and President Coppola will meet with the resident to discuss posting the bond. (Chapter 15.301 is the ordinance).

It was discussed that it would be in the best interest of the resident to change the address from Smith Lane to Kenyon for police and fire help.

Brian Catanzarite (Yale Road) brought concerns of recent soliciting to Council in conjunction with a recently stolen car. Thornburg has an Ordinance for Soliciting and Peddling that with permit, allows solicitation from 9am-9pm. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mr. Jameson to authorize Ms. Mueller to amend the ordinance to change the time from 9am-9pm to 9am-5pm and require the name of the person and company on a lanyard. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Observers: Colleen Jameson and Erin Jameson.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Emily Mueller – nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Bids for Hamilton Road and Harvard were reviewed by Mayor Tom. Mr. Falk suggested we can mill and pave Hamilton (575ft) with regular pavement. It was recommended to accept the 'base' bid for Harvard, but not accept the 'add-on' bid for Hamilton Road and rebid Hamilton Road including Smith Lane. Motion to accept base bid from El Grande and reject the add-on. Motion made by Mr. Szmul. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The pay scale for new and returning seasonal help was discussed. A motion was made to pay returning help \$13.50 per hour and new help \$11.50 per hour. Motion was unanimously accepted 5-0. Mr. Jameson abstained. No police report. The vehicle stolen from Columbia Road on Memorial Day weekend is still missing. Mayor Mackin discussed recent solicitors. Moxy Extermination has been seen in local neighborhoods. They are a new company with employees from Utah. Their approach is very aggressive. Changes to Solicitation Ordinance was addressed in Public Forum.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Coppola reported that window replacement started 6/3/2024. Mr. Falk commented that installation should be completed by 6/14/2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Szmul provided Council with a list of deposits made since the May meeting as well as a balance sheet, checks and P&L report. A discussion followed. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Falk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to approve Act 32 delegate. SWAC TCC requested new delegates to be approved by resolution. The resolution will appoint Kris Szmul, with Mayor Mackin as second. Mr. Falk made the motion for Council to pass the resolution appointing Ms Szmul as SWAC TCC and Mayor Mackin second. Mr. Long seconded. The motion passed pass unanimously.

COMMITTEES:Construction Projects:

- *Window replacement:* Discussed in President Report.
- *Mechanicals:* Mr. Falk reported that HVAC installation could begin this fall (Labor Day).
- *Hamilton Road Sidewalk:* Mr. Zac Kamnikar reported on \$152k Penn Dot grant. A discussion ensued regarding exhibit A and C. A meeting to discuss the Sidewalk grants will be scheduled to ensure we are getting the most from both grants. Construction costs need to be updated to include utility lines, water valve and inlet and contingency. NIRA should be consulted for updates.
- *Sanitary sewer repair project:* Engineer Clint Riley will be working on the bid package.

Human Resources: Nothing to report.

Traffic Calming: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Falk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.