

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2022**

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Location: Thornburg Community Center, Hamilton Park, Pace Pavilion

Attendance: Council President Sigo Falk (2025) and Council members Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Vinnie Coppola (2025), Mary Ditmore (2023), Zane Long (2023), Sam Runyon (2023), and Tony Szmul (2025) were present. Also present were Mayor Tom Mackin (2025), Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk, and Solicitor Emily Mueller.

Regrets: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of May 2, 2022. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 2, 2022 as presented. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Contract for playground site work: Playground site work proposals were provided by borough engineer Clint Reilly. A discussion followed. Ms. Ditmore made a motion that council accept the engineer's recommendation to award the project to Mancini Construction for a total cost of \$21,829. The motion was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite and passed unanimously.

Electric repairs bid package and advertising authorization: President Falk summarized the status of the bid preparation and anticipated schedule, with the project now expected to be awarded in August rather than July. The bid package is currently being prepared by The Design Alliance. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the bid when the package is finalized. The motion was seconded by Mr. Long, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Colleen Kamnikar was present to observe.

ALCOSAN Municipal Relations Coordinator Joseph Day was present and answered questions regarding local ALCOSAN projects. An open house of the ALCOSAN plant with bus tours is scheduled for September 10. GROW grants are available for projects that provide source reduction.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for May. There were five alarms (false), one animal complaint, one fraud incident, two medical calls, and one suspicious person report (false).

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Falk presented council with a list of deposits made since the May meeting, a balance sheet, and a profit and loss report.

Disbursements: Mr. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements for June as presented. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Public Officials Bond/Employment Practices renewal: Ms. Falk reported that the premium for the current bond and employment policy will increase by \$113 (approximately 4%) to \$2,818 for 2022-2023. A discussion followed. Ms. Ditmore made a motion that council renew the current policy, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: No report.

H/R: No report.

P/R: No report.

Roads: Mayor Mackin reported that the paving on Eton came in under budget by about \$33,000. The sewer lining project came in approximately \$6,000 under budget. A discussion followed. Mayor Mackin will talk to Clint Reilly about possible projects on Harvard and Hamilton.

Sewers: No report.

Steering: Judy Albenze notified the Borough that Crafton Children's Corner will be closed from June 13 to August 15 due to concerns regarding construction and Covid related issues. President Falk communicated with Ms. Albenze that the playground replacement and electric construction would not affect the spaces occupied by CCC during its operating hours. Ms. Kamnikar reported that neighbors have expressed concern that Crafton Children's Corner might not reopen in the fall. A discussion followed. Council will consider how best to correct misinformation about the planned closure.

Playground: A discussion was held on relocating the existing swing set. Mayor Mackin and President Falk will look into it further.

Grants: Mayor Mackin congratulated the Capital Campaign Committee on being awarded a \$100,000 grant from the PA Historical and Museum Commission for the window replacement project. President Falk will receive and submit the paperwork to accept the grant within the next several weeks. Work cannot begin until after final approval, expected in early fall.

Fundraising: President Falk reported that there are 65 capital campaign pledges totaling \$302,071. A discussion was held on how much of the total pledge revenues should be applied to the playground renovation.

OLD BUSINESS:

July meeting: The meeting will be held July 12 as previously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Military banners: Mayor Mackin reported that a resident has asked about the timing for the display of military banners. A discussion followed. Council reaffirmed its decision that the banners will be installed and removed around Memorial Day and Veterans Day to maximize their impact and maintain their physical condition.

Vandalism in the park: Mayor Mackin requested that council keep an eye out for activity in the park due to an increase in light vandalism.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM, which was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion carried.