

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 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), Sigo Falk (2029), Michael Jameson (2027), and Tony Szmul (2029) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2029) was present. Also present were substitute Solicitor Rick Monti and Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Kamnikar and assistant Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul.

Absent: Mary Ditmore (2027), Zane Long (2027), and Solicitor Emily Mueller

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of February 2, 2026. Mr Szmul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 2, 2026, with changes. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. Ms. Catanzarite abstained. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident in attendance Katie Wentz voiced concern that Thornburg was not Hazmat Mitigation Plan compliant. Mayor Mackin confirmed that he had recently completed a zoom call and survey to complete the compliance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin could not present police report for February. No police report was sent by Crafton police.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Construction projects: Auditorium meeting – President Coppola update council about the community meeting held on February 22nd and the next step to meet with the Design Alliance via zoom/teams meeting. Mr. Falk asked whether we should stay with current architect (Marty) or should we find a firm locally since (Marty) has moved to New York City. President Coppola to schedule meeting for March 30th.

President Coppola met with Lugaila who is planning on purchasing the property near the railroad tracks in the industrial park. This warehouse is planned to be built near the wetlands. The warehouse is to store trailers and trucks, and traffic should not increase. A discussion ensued about the property. Mr. Falk asked if during this meeting they discussed a replacement wetland in the Conservations Park. The topic was talked about, but Lugaila said they were not interested.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

President Coppola updated council that the contract was submitted for the Hamilton Road sidewalk project.

President Coppola discussed accepting a bid for \$85,000 for the sewer project. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept said bid and President Coppola second the motion. The motion was passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Substitute Solicitor Monti – Made Council aware that GBR is still waiting for the Tax Collector bond. The deadline is March 15th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Disbursements: Ms. Kamnikar presented the list of disbursements for March. President Coppola had question regarding the high amount of delinquent Alocsan payment this month. President Coppola made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Relations: Mr. Jameson discussed a new messaging system for residents using MailChimp service. Council will implement the new SMS alert/notification system in March to gather neighbor subscribers. President Coppola made a motion to approve the alert system. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion was unanimously approved.