

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2025**

Meeting Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Council President Vinnie Coppola.

Location: Thornburg Community Center

Attendance: Council President Vinnie Coppola (2025) was present and chaired the meeting. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) and council members Sigo Falk (2025), Tony Szmul (2025), Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Michael Jameson (2027) and Mary Ditmore (2027) were present. Solicitor Emily Mueller, and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: Zane Long (2027)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of February 3, 2025. Ms. Ditmore second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 3, 2025. Second by Mr. Falk. Ms. Catanzarite abstained. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Joe Day from Alcosan attended to present clean water assistance programs which are available to residents. A question was asked about rate increases. Mr. Day confirmed increases are approved by their Board. Ms. Ditmore asked for the date of the Open House which is the third Saturday in September.

Sam Runyon was present to provide and update regarding water testing. Sam reported there was no arsenic in his water and after subsequent testing Mr. Wilson's water tested negative as well. Regardless, both residents are adding water filtration to their homes.

Zac Kamnikar was present to report on the PennDOT sidewalk grant. Zac confirmed the grant has been executed and Council can proceed with the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The police report included two motor vehicle accidents. One was a collision of a school bus with a truck and the other a car over the hill on Lehigh. There was a chimney fire on Tech Road, a fire hydrant hit and run, an abandoned car on Tech Road which ended up belonging to a friend of a resident who stayed overnight. Two men, with a cross bow, were reported in Conservation Park. When the police arrived, the men could not be located. Mr. Jameson asked if we receive reports of garbage dumping on Cornell. Mayor Mackin confirmed we do, and they are frequent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Coppola will contact NIRA to initiate a survey of the sidewalk and hillside to move the sidewalk project into the design phase. Zac suggested they survey both sides of Hamilton Road. Zac will share the invoice procedure with Ms. Szmul.

President Coppola shared that he and Mayor Mackin met with a representative from Duquesne Light to review the tree pruning plan for the Borough.

Ms. Ditmore, Mr. Falk and President Coppola participated in a zoom meeting regarding the HVAC project. The project is expected to begin 3-5 weeks after the drawing phase, which should be late-May.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reported that election candidates have been submitted. Ms. Mueller worked with Marty to edit and finalize the AIA contracts for all three HVAC bids. A discussion ensued questioning why Marty did not have access to the contract and needed Ms. Mueller's help. Ms. Szmul will execute the contracts and return to Marty.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Disbursements: Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for March. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Jameson second the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Szmul presented a proposal from General Code to update two ordinances of Borough Code. It was decided to wait for additional updates before proceeding.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

- Construction Committee – discussed in President's Report.
- Grant Committee – discussed in President's Report.
- Public Relations – nothing to report.
- Human Resources– nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Catanzarite voiced her dissent on the handling of men involved with the copper incident. A discussion ensued. Ms. Catanzarite said she would have voted no to the motion. Mark Parrot is designing the dog sign for the Playground area.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Falk made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33pm, which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion carried.