

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2023**

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

Location: Thornburg Community Center, auditorium

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

Regrets: Mayor Tom Mackin (2025), Council member Zane Long (2023)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Runyon made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of February 6, 2023. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Szmul made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 6, 2023 as presented. Mr. Runyon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Residents from Tech (Grogan, Shuster, Kashmer) were present to request that Council consider installing speed bumps on Tech. They cited an increase over the last few years in trucks, traffic, speeding, and vehicles not stopping at stop signs. A discussion followed. Temporary traffic measures will be reinstalled by PennDOT when construction on the Thornburg bridge resumes. President Falk will distribute a PennDOT manual on traffic calming for Council to review. Council will include an article in the next Talk of the Town regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Resident Zach Kamnikar (Hamilton) informed Council that there are three potentially dangerous trees near the park pavilion. Council will ask Rob Murphy to look into it.

Resident Stellen Segu (Harvard) requested that the old swingset be reinstalled. President Falk indicated that it would be.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Emily Mueller from GRB was present.

Alarm legislation: This item will be tabled until the April meeting when the mayor will be present.

Construction management: Solicitor Mueller summarized how a municipality can use the professional services of a construction manager. A discussion followed.

Employee handbook: Solicitor Mueller reviewed the Rosslyn Farms employee handbook and provided recommendations for incorporating sections of it as a template for Thornburg.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin was not present. President Falk gave the police report for February. There were two alarms, one domestic disturbance, one suspicious person, and one suspicious vehicle. The police are doing daily and nightly checks in the park.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Falk presented Council with a list of deposits made since the February meeting as well as a balance sheet and P&L report.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the list of disbursements for March. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that Council approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Use of COVID-19 ARPA grant funds: Ms. Falk reported that she will be completing the required report for the borough's use of the ARPA grant funds. A discussion followed. Ms. Ditmore made a motion that Council approve the use of the full amount of the ARPA grant funds (\$43,365.06) for the playground replacement. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:Community Center update:

Electric project: The concrete work has been completed. The panels are expected to arrive in June, when the remaining work will be done.

Window replacement: A discussion was held regarding who puts out the bid. Landau may be able to do it in the role of construction manager.

HVAC: President Falk reported that the original DOAS system included the proposed addition. The required system could be scaled back if the air in the addition does not need to be conditioned. This will be discussed at a meeting later this week.

Storm sewer repair update: Mr. Coppola reported that the projected cost to replace the damaged storm sewer by circumventing the building is \$140K. A discussion followed. He will distribute the NIRA estimate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metal detecting in park: Ms. Falk reported that a non-resident has inquired about the borough policy regarding metal detecting in the Conservation Park. A discussion followed. Previous studies have found little evidence of human habitation. Council approved metal detection provided the area remains relatively undisturbed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Ditmore made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45PM, which was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion carried.