

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 4, 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), Zane Long (2027), and Mary Ditmore (2027) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2029) was present. Also present were Solicitor Emily Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Colleen Kamnikar

**Absent:** Tony Szmul (2029)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

President Coppola began the meeting with the dispensing of the Minutes of the April 6, 2026 meeting. Mr. Falk addressed typos on pages 2 and 3. Mr. Long suggested rewriting paragraph in the Mayor's report. President Coppola approved the minutes after said changes were made, Mr. Long seconded the motion, and motion was passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Residents Mark Perrott (Columbia Road) and Sam Runyon (Princeton Road) were in attendance. Mr. Runyon addressed severe road issues and potholes on Rutgers Road. Council has been in contact with Robinson Twp, and Allegheny County to discover which municipality is responsible for the road itself and inform the owner of the road condition. Neither Robinson Twp nor Allegheny Co. claim the road is theirs to fix. According to the map lines it is Robinson Township Road. Council suggests Borough Solicitor contact Robinson Township for legal responsibility and advisement.

Sam Runyon informed council that poisonous hemlock has been growing in the conservation park. He has been uprooting this poisonous plant, which is harmful to both humans and animals to help stop the spread.

Mr. Runyon also voiced concern about traffic issues on Baldwin Road and around Thornburg. He had recently witnessed a young child on a motorized scooter, not paying attention while crossing the intersection at a high rate of speed. Council discussed the issue and possible speed humps. A suggestion was made from councilman Long to purchase a digital speed monitor. Mayor Mackin said he would reach out to Crafton Police Dept to see if they would help to monitor this equipment and hold a safety night discussion.

Mr. Long brought requests from neighbors to refill dirt on the baseball field around home plate and other areas. Council will move ahead with this request once construction of the sidewalk is complete.

Mr. Long was also contacted by neighbors in regards to Lehigh Road paving and guard rail system. Council discussed that the last paving of this road was 8-10 years ago. Council will study guard rail area with the Borough's Engineer.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin presented the police report for April. 5 alarms and all false. Aggressive dog in the Conservation Park with no permit was told not to return. Police and Borough Council have the owners' name if they try to file for a dog permit.

#### Police contract:

Mayor Mackin presented the Police contract which would be 5-year deal with the Crafton Police Department. Borough Council Solicitor will review the contract and bring it to council to vote at the June meeting.

Mayor Mackin proposed that council upgrade the basketball hoops since they are taken down currently due to the construction on the Hamilton Road Sidewalk project. Council agreed to the improvement without exceeding \$1,500 for backboard/hoop. Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve, and Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

President Coppola informed council of the sewer bid authorization for the sewer lining package. President Coppola made a motion to approve the package, and Mr. Falk seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

President Coppola presented the Design Alliance presentation of the next steps for the renovation for the Community Center. Council discussed. Mr. Long made a motion to amend the agenda to approve, and Mr. Falk seconded that motion. Motion was unanimous. Approval subject to solicitor review.

#### Construction projects:

President Coppola updated council on the Hamilton Road Sidewalk project timeline. Contractor Ben Kramer said that the park would be cleaned up by Memorial Day. NIRA communicated with President Coppola that the contractor is on track but slightly slower due to smaller crew. Mayor Mackin discussed safety for Memorial Day, and the Borough Secretary Ms. Kamnikar conveyed that she has been in communication with the Community Club to help coordinate with them during the upcoming Memorial Day celebration about the possibility of moving the parade to Cornell Road.

President Coppola also informed council that we are in the position to pay DLC for the removal and installation of 2 utility poles due to said pole shifting during the construction process. Council held discussion. Mr. Jameson made a motion to approve payment, and President Coppola seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

#### Grading Permit/Earth Disturbance:

Neighbor informed Allegheny County of Earth disturbance in the Industrial Park. The company owner Lugali Mechanical had a one-day violation and no further violations. Thornburg Borough

Engineer notified all parties of the proper permits required. Lugali will comply and gain the necessary permits to continue working in that area.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Borough Solicitor will update the Boroughs website Privacy Policy so Council can implement the SMS messaging system.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Disbursements:

Ms. Kamnikar presented the list of disbursements for April. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Grants:

Mr. Falk updated council that a permit is required for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant (GTRP) in order to build a bridge needed to complete the trail. Mr. Falk informed Council that he will forgo the application for the trails grant but will apply for the permit for the bridge. Councilman Jameson would like to encourage a trail day where neighbors can come down to the trail to help clean the area and dig along the trail.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Falk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council entered executive session to discuss potential litigation.