

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

**Meeting Time:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Council President Vinnie Coppola.

**Location:** Thornburg Community Center

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

**Regrets:** Mary Ditmore (2027)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of October 6, 2025. Ms. Catanzarite second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 6, 2025. Second by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mark Perrott (Columbia Road) was present to thank Council for the emergency road work that was done on Columbia.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Mackin reported three false alarms, two business and one residential. The fire department was called to Harvard Road for a shed fire. The police were called to Kenyon because of a smell of gas. They found no leaks. The police were called to Cornell Road when someone was making verbal threats to kill someone. There was a possible domestic in the business park, police handled the incident on the scene. A resident reported fraud when someone tried to open an account in their name. Police were called to an auto incident at Yale and Princeton. Police were asked to conduct a welfare check on Lehigh and found a vacant house. Police continue to patrol Harvard and Tech in the morning.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project: President Coppola reported the engineer, and geo-technical engineer completed the design which was sent to PennDot for approval. Once approved, the bidding process can begin.

Smith Lane Paving: President Coppola reported the punch list was reviewed and will be completed by the contractor. The accidental milling will be paid for by Duquesne Light.

Auditorium: President Coppola reported that Marty Powell will be asked to attend a brainstorming session on Nov 18 or 19 regarding the space. Mary Ditmore and Sashi Segu will be invited.

Trash and Recycling Bid: Valley Waste Management was the only one to bid. Solicitor Mueller presented the single bid. Mr. Falk made a motion that Council accept the proposal from Valley Waste for a three-year contract in the amount of \$47,640/annually for three years, which was seconded by President Coppola. The motion passed unanimously.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Included in the President’s report.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

Solicitor Mueller had nothing additional to report.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Disbursements: Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements. President Coppola made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Szmul second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Budget 2026: A second version of the draft budget was presented to Council. President Coppola requested \$2000 is added to the budget as a Library Expense which will be used to purchase chairs.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- Construction Committee – discussed in President’s report.
- Grant Committee – nothing to report.
- Public Relations – pending outcome of auditorium session.
- Human Resources– Ms. Szmul announced her resignation from the Secretary/Treasurer position.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held regarding Real Estate Taxes within the business area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm, which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion carried.