

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF November 4, 2024**

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. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025) and council members Sigo Falk (2025), Tony Szmul (2025), Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Zane Long (2027), Michael Jameson (2027) and Mary Ditmore (2027) were present. Solicitor Mandi Culhane, and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of October 7, 2024. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of October 7, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Jameson. It was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sam Runyon was present to observe.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Culhane had nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Hamilton and Harvard Road Paving: The project went as well as expected. The crew is expected to return to back fill to the curb. Overall, everyone is happy with the results.

Sewer Lining: Insight Pipe provided NIRA with a second invoice. After review, NIRA recommended paying Insight Pipe \$128,100.65. A motion was made by Mr. Falk to remit payment to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$128,100.65. The motion was seconded by President Coppola and unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Mackin shared the police report which included a domestic issue on Baldwin Road. Several false alarms. A domestic issue on Columbia Road. There was a report of a gas leak on Smith Lane. A car was parked in the lot near Conservation Park with two people in the car. They thought it was a campground. Upon investigation, police found illegal drugs in the car and a warrant for the male in the car.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

LSA Grant Resolutions: Two resolutions were shared with Council, one for a vehicle and the other a heat pump for the Community Building. After a discussion lead but President Coppola, it was decided to pursue the grant for the heat pump. A motion was made by Mr. Falk to approve the resolution for the heat pump, not to exceed \$225,000 which includes \$30,000 from the Borough. President Coppola seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Comcast Franchise Agreement: Solicitor Mueller is reviewing the agreement. A discuss ensued and President Coppola requested to know the max that can be charged to residents and what is the max the Borough is entitled.

Hamilton Road Sidewalk Grant Expansion: President Coppola met with a Geo Technical engineer regarding the Borough's ability to expand the grant to include retaining walls. President Coppola received a proposal for \$8,000 and not the cost for the 2 page report. President Coppola expects to have the second report from the engineer.

Sanitary Sewer: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for November. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The draft 2025 Budget was reviewed.

COMMITTEES:Construction Projects:

- *Window replacement:* Nothing to Report.
- *Mechanicals:* Mayor Mackin reported on a meeting with Marty Powell regarding the new location for the ventilation system. A discussion ensued regarding extending the invitation to this meeting to all Council members. Notice of future meetings will be extended to all Council members.
- *Hamilton Road Sidewalk:* Previously discussed.
- *Sanitary sewer repair project:* Nothing to report.

Human Resources: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Feral Cats: Ms. Catanzarite provided an update regarding her outreach to trap, neuter and release companies. All of them advised that cats will be returned to the Borough. A discussion ensued around the process. Ms. Catanzarite will continue to investigate solutions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Szmul discussed notices that have been sent to three residents with delinquent Alcosan accounts which have been notified of water shutoff. It was decided to monitor the situation and further discuss if the amount becomes significant.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Coppola made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50pm, which was seconded by Mr. Long. The motion carried.