

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2022**

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 Mayor Tom Mackin (2025), Solicitor Jacob Leyland, and Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk.

Regrets: 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 September 6, 2022. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Runyon made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 6, 2022 as presented. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Resident Colleen Kamnikar was present to observe.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Jacob Leyland from GRB was present on behalf of Emily Mueller.

Senior tax discount: President Falk summarized the proposed ordinance which would change the senior tax discount from 15% to 25%. There are currently three residents with a total assessed property value of \$558,700 that qualify for the discount. The ordinance would also allow Council to increase the discount amount by resolution going forward, but reductions in the discount would still require an ordinance. A discussion followed. Ms. Catanzarite made a motion to authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the ordinance for consideration at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Szmul and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin gave the police report for September. There were four alarms (false), one animal call, one complaint of erratic behavior, and one welfare check.

Mayor Mackin also reported that there was a water main break on Yale that will will require significant paving.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Liquid Fuels Fund audit: President Falk reported that the state audit report of the liquid fuels fund for 2021 has been received, indicating no findings or areas of concern.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented the list of disbursements for October. Mr. Runyon made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E-mail storage: Ms. Falk reported that the borough email account was reaching its current free storage capacity of 15GB. She requested approval to sign up for 100 GB of storage through Google, for an annual fee of \$19.99. A discussion followed. Council authorized the subscription for 100GB of storage.

Garbage bid: Ms. Falk presented Council with the results of the garbage bid. Valley Waste and Republic Services submitted proposals. The low bidder for one, two, and three-year options was Valley Waste. A discussion followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that Council accept the proposal from Valley Waste for a three-year contract in the amount of \$131,025.60, which was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion passed unanimously.

Playground expenses: President Falk summarized the expenses from the playground project. He also summarized pledges to the Capital Campaign. A discussion of how to allocate pledges followed. Mr. Runyon made a motion that Council allocate \$75,343 of the pledges to the playground project and authorize Ms. Falk to transfer that amount from the Capital Campaign account to reimburse the General Fund. Ms. Ditmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Draft 2023 budget – Ms. Falk presented Draft A of the 2023 budget. A discussion followed. Ms. Falk will update the draft budget with the suggested changes for further discussion at the November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: No report.

H/R: No report.

P/R: No report.

Roads: No report.

Sewers: President Falk suggested that the borough televise the storm sewer under the Community Center prior to any renovations. Mr. Coppola will talk to Clint Reilly to see if it can be added to the sanitary televising approved at the September meeting.

Steering: President Falk reported that the soil analysis drilling should begin in the next few weeks. The estimated start of the electric project is mid-February due to supply chain delays.

Playground: No report.

Fundraising:

Capital Campaign final pledge report – President Falk reported that the Capital Campaign has officially closed, with a total of \$403,432 in pledges received from 108 donors. Ms. Kamnikar will update the donor list.

Grants: Ms. Ditmore will check in with State Senator Robinson and State Representative Deasy regarding grant status.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Runyon made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15pm, which was seconded by Mr. Szmul. The motion carried.