

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 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) and Zane Long (2027) were present. Mayor Tom Mackin (2025), Solicitor Mandi and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: Tony Szmul (2025), Mike Jameson (2027) and Mary Ditmore (2027)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of September 2, 2025. Mr. Long second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 2, 2025, as amended. Second by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Katie Wentz (Cornell Road) was present because she noticed that vehicles are not stopping at the stop sign at Hamilton and Cornell. Mayor Mackin will speak with Crafton Police Chief about patrolling that area more frequently.

Sam Runyon (Princeton Road) was present to submit a request for Harshman to look at an issue of overgrown weeds impeding a pedestrian walkway. The resident has discussed the issue on social media and may fix the issue by landscaping. Mayor Mackin will discuss the issue with the resident. Sam has also noticed that people are ignoring the dog free days in the park. A discussion ensued and Ms. Szmul will send a letter to the people violating the rule.

Zac Kamnikar (Hamilton Road) was present to ask when the playground will be mulched. The plan is to mulch next spring with community assistance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mackin reported two false alarms, two medical calls, one suspicious person, and a Valley Waste issue with residents parking on Princeton. A discussion ensued and it was decided to have Public Works move the No Parking signs closer to the parking issue at both ends of the yellow line. Mayor Mackin will discuss it with Public Works. A resident on Hamilton reported fraud to the police. CPD are patrolling the area of Tech Road and Harvard Road during morning school hours. They are also doing daily and nightly checks of Conservation Park.

Mayor Mackin questioned Scalo's paving expansion. A discussion ensued. Mayor Mackin will reach out to Harshman and/or NIRA for additional information.

A tree fell near the Borough garage. Rob is handling removing the debris.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project: President Coppola reported the next step is to choose a stone. Council chose Alpine Block with natural color stain. Bidding will begin in December and the project kick off in the spring. Zac mentioned the PennDot grant reimbursement process will take time. It was suggested to attempt an administrative invoice to test the process.

Columbia Road Repair: Rob looked at the road and did not think cold patch would be the solution but perhaps hot patch would work. The problem was caused by garbage trucks turning around. Paving the street (\$1495) would temporarily fix the problem. Mr. Falk made a motion to pave Columbia Road for \$1495, it was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite and approved unanimously.

Henrietta Way: Heavy rain causes water runoff behind Sam and Lorraine Runyon's house. Rob Murphy said he could fix the problem for approximately \$500 with a mogul that would keep water away from the house. President Coppola reported the installation of the manhole did not change the flow per the engineer. The engineer also did not agree with Rob's solution. A discussion ensued and it was determined the Borough should not fix the issue since the cause of the issue is unknown.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Included in the President's report.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reviewed the trash and recycling bids. President Coppola made a motion to reject all the bids, Mr. Falk seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

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

Draft Budget 2026: The draft budget was presented to Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

- Construction Committee – Mr. Falk is requesting a meeting to discuss the plan for the Theater. Mr. Segu, Ms. Britten, Ms. Dittmore, Mayor Mackin and Mr. Falk will be invited.
- Grant Committee – nothing to report.
- Public Relations – nothing to report
- Human Resources– nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37pm, which was seconded by Mr. Falk. The motion carried.