

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 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), Michael Jameson (2027), Mary Ditmore (2027), Lauren Catanzarite (2025) and Tony Szmul (2025) were present. Solicitor Emily Mueller, and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: Zane Long (2027)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of September 3, 2024. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Jameson made a motion to accept the Minutes of September 3, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Falk. It was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Zac Kamnikar was present for the discussion regarding the Hamilton Sidewalk project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Mueller reviewed information from The Design Alliance regarding an agreement for services and the costs associated with the Air Flow System. Mr. Falk made a motion to approve moving forward with The Design Alliance. Mr. Szmul seconded the motion. Ms. Ditmore abstained from voting. The vote passed by the majority.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Mackin shared the police report that included two false alarms in the business district and one resident false alarm. Police were called to remove a snake. Trustee of house on Harvard reported unlawful entry and stolen camera. Resident filed fraud/theft report for landscaping work that was paid for, but not completed. After police intervention, the landscaper returned the money. Police were dispatched to Baldwin Road for suspicious person with a backpack walking toward Chartiers Country Club. The person was arrested because of a previous warrant.

Mayor Mackin discussed trees that are in the alley with the resident at 1112 Cornell Road. It was determined the trees are not the responsibility of the Borough.

It was brought to the attention of Mayor Mackin that there is becoming a feral cat issue on Tech Road. A discussion ensued. Solicitor Mueller will research ordinances to address the cats. Ms. Catanzarite will research various programs available to handle the situation i.e. catch, neuter and release vendors and cat sanctuaries.

Mayor Mackin mentioned that CPD will be searching for a new Police Chief. Mayor Mackin was asked to be involved in the selection process once it is narrowed down.

Mr. Parrott contacted a few council members asking them to look at Columbia Road for repair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Coppola reported that they DCED has agreed to expand the scope of their sidewalk grant to include retaining walls that would help the fence and walkway. President Coppola will contact Clint to recommend a Geo Technical engineer to look at the project. Zac Kamnikar offered to attend the walk thorough with President Coppola and the engineer.

President Coppola reported on an issue with mice in the Community Center and a contract signed with Orkin to remediate the issue. Mr. Falk made a motion to ratify the contract with Orkin. Seconded by Mr. Szmul. It passed unanimously.

President Coppola discussed a payment request to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$4338.30 for the work provided in September that was reviewed and approved by Clint Reilly.

Harvard Road is expected to be closed for one day for repaving. Mr. Jameson will contact the head of transportation at Montour and Mayor Mackin Crafton Children's Corner.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for October. Discussed Capital Campaign outstanding balances. Ms. Catanzarite will work with Ms. Szmul to notify residents. 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:* Received the initial \$80,000 in reimbursement. Working on balance of \$20,000.
- *Mechanicals:* On track.
- *Hamilton Road Sidewalk:* Working on DCED expanded scope.
- *Sanitary sewer repair project:* Already discussed.

Human Resources: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed applying for both mechanical and vehicle grants from the Statewide LSA program. It was suggested to ask Marty Powell for assistance in writing the description and pricing for the mechanicals. Thornburg will consider providing matching money.

A motion was made by Mr. Szmul to allow Ms. Szmul to purchase Adobe editing edition with a purchase price around \$240. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jameson. It passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Falk made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35pm, which was seconded by Ms. Catanzarite. The motion carried.