

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 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), Tony Szmul (2025), Lauren Catanzarite (2025), Mike Jameson (2027), Zane Long (2027) and Mary Ditmore (2027) (arrived 7:08pm) were present. Solicitor Mandi Calhane and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

Regrets: Mayor Tom Mackin (2025)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Long made a motion to dispense the reading the Minutes of August 4, 2025. President Coppola second the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Falk made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 4, 2025. Second by Mr. Szmul. The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one was in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

President Coppola shared the police report which included three business false alarms; one residential false alarm on Kenyon Road; officer dispatched to Conservation Park for an unresponsive male, officer checked area with negative results; officer responded to a disturbance/dispute on Cornell Road when officer spoke to family member they said all was ok; officers checking Thornburg Park both daily and nightly; police would like residents to call if they see anyone acting suspicious; Chief patrolling area of Tech and Harvard for speeding vehicles during school student pickups of approximately 7am. A discussion regarding penalties for false alarms ensued.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Coppola comments on the work being done by Public Works to repair the hole on Tech Road in front of 208 Tech Road which was reported by the homeowner.

Crafton Children's Corner: A motion was made by Mr. Long to approve the resolution regarding the lease agreement with Crafton Children's Corner. Mr. Falk seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NIRA Invoice: President Coppola had a discussion with NIRA regarding the amount of the invoice \$1907.50 since it exceeded the expectation of work discussed. A discussion ensued. It was decided to pay \$205.50 for services rendered. President Coppola made a motion to pay NIRA \$205.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Falk. The motion passed unanimously.

Hamilton Road Sidewalk Project: President Coppola reported the project is on track with the geotechnical engineer. The bidding process is expected to begin this winter with the project in the spring. Additional meetings will commence this spring.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Included in the President's report.

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Calhane will speak with Solicitor Mueller about obtaining trash bids beginning 1/1/2026 which include only manual processing.

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.

SHACOG salt bid results: Ms. Szmul reported that Compass Materials America was the low bidder of the SHACOG salt bid at \$88.32 per ton, a decrease from previous contracts. Mr. Szmul made a motion that council accept the proposal from Compass. Ms. Catanzarite seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

- Construction Committee – Meetings to discuss the plan for the Theater need to be scheduled.
- Grant Committee – nothing to report.
- Public Relations – Ms. Catanzarite reported that planning for an event that would enlighten residents on the progress of Community Center updates will begin after the President's Reception. Thornburg Borough will sponsor the event.
- Human Resources– nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Long inquired if there has been an update to the noise discussion. President Coppola responded that he did not have an update. The next event when the noise may be heard is February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Ditmore suggested the agenda may not be thorough. A discussion ensued and it was determined Thornburg's agenda is one commonly used by other Boroughs.

The speeding on Harvard Road has been discussed with Chief Ford as mentioned in the police report. Speeding on Tech Road was discussed as well. Public Works will be asked to place a stop sign at 229 Tech Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56pm, which was seconded by Mr. Falk. The motion carried.