

**THORNBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF September 3, 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. Council members Sigo Falk (2025), Michael Jameson (2027), Zane Long (2027), Mary Ditmore (2027), Lauren Catanzarite (2025) and Tony Szmul (2025) were present. Solicitor Mandi Culhane, and Secretary/Treasurer Kristina Szmul were also present.

**Regrets:** Mayor Tom Mackin (2025)

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**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**

Mr. Falk made a motion to dispense with reading the Minutes of August 5, 2024. Mr. Long seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Long made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 1, 2024 as amended. It was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Sam Runyon was present to request the repainting of yellow curb markings. A discussion ensued. Remarking the curbs can be addresses when needed. A discussion ensued about the blue curb marking on Princeton. President Coppola will discuss with public works about removing the paint since it was for the previous owner.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Noting to report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

NIRA recommended accepting the lowest bid of \$43,430 from El Grande to pave Hamilton Road. A motion was made by President Coppola, seconded by Mr. Szmul. A discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** President Coppola shared the police report that included three false alarms in the business district. A discussion ensued regarding the tracking of the false alarms in the business district. There was one resident false alarm. A resident heard drag racings – police investigated. A suspicious person placing political flyers on doorknobs – this is permitted. Officer dispatched for medical call – medics transported female to AGH. Officer requested in business district to standby while employee served termination papers – employee did not show up for meeting. Officer noticed male in a yard on Cornell Road who they knew of warrants issued earlier in the year. Officer

returned to Station to see if warrants were still valid, which they were. When Officer returned to Cornell Road and spoke to family members, they did not know where the person was.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Public works mentioned that we should budget for a new vehicle in 2025. Mr. Jameson mentioned there is grant money available for an electric vehicle. The last Ford 550 was purchased around 2010.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Szmul presented the list of disbursements for September. Discussed the addition of \$20,000 that was approved in August for payment to TEDCO. Discussed Capital Campaign outstanding balance. Ms. Catanzarite to help draft correspondence to residents who still have not paid their pledge. Ms. Szmul requested approval for 6% retirement contribution for 2025. President Coppola made a motion to approve the retirement contribution and disbursements as presented. Mr. Jameson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**COMMITTEES:**

Construction Projects:

- *Window replacement:* Working on grant reimbursement of \$100,000.
- *Mechanicals:* On track.
- *Hamilton Road Sidewalk:* Working on expanding DCED grant.
- *Sanitary sewer repair project:* Contracts need to be signed.

Human Resources: Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

House relocating to Kenyon. Permits have not been requested to move lines. It was reported that Mayor Mackin attended the Crafton rezoning meeting and will keep us apprised of the situation. Ms. Catanzarite mentioned that two squirrels have died as the result of the new pole near her house. She will contact DLQ to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Long made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44pm, which was seconded by Mr. Falk. The motion carried.