

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Special Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 13th, 2014
following the 6:30 p.m. Work Session**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Mark Mazak - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi, **Vice President - P**

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - P

Neil Furiosi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session immediately followed the scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 29th, 2014 and an executive session was also held on Wednesday, October 8th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The Oct monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Oct 27th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov mid month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 10th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov 24th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments:

Joe Tropiak, 182 Phillips St. Questioned if will have concessions at the new field to recoup some money spent on the project.

Lukasewicz: will have concession stand for the Booster Club to be able to fund their programs like have in the past.

Tropiak: Will the field be utilized in the winter or just maintained?

Lukasewicz: Could possibly be used as a walk way. Or if there was a group that wanted to use it for a winter event.

Tropiak: Can other organizations use the field for a fee or is it a courtesy?

Lukasewicz: Booster Club gets it first so if it is available.

Tomasovitch added that it is a public park.

Tropiak questioned the total cost of the project

Lukasewicz added about \$900,000.00 and we have a grant for \$100,000.00.

Tropiak questioned how many children utilize the fields.

Dave Karr, 640 Meade St.: Part time officers - Neil mentioned hiring full time Police. They would be more of a benefit because there is more loyalty. Think it would be better to hire 2 full time?

Lukasewicz and Gangemi stated they don't personally agree.

Karr: Think we will run into the same problems as now? Not showing up for work? Need to have the part timers show up.

Lukasewicz said we have a good dependable Mayor and he has a grip on it. There is a tremendous amount of liability that comes with hiring full time employees anywhere in the borough.

Gangemi: The Mayor is making sure that the schedules are full.

Furiosi agrees with Dave Karr.

Frank Galli, 609 Kossuth St.: Questioned the purpose of Ordinance #9.

Lukasewicz: It has many uses and guidelines. Benefits the fire departments and so we know what's going on with the property and it benefits who lives in the house.

Repchick: Benefits the Borough immensely.

Lukasewicz: Have many rental properties and don't know how many units - or how many residents are in the units.

Frank Galli, Kossuth St.: You have a zoning officer to do that?

Repchick/Lukasewicz: have to have ordinance to do that.

Lukasewicz: has been scrutinized. Attorney Cimini has researched it and refined it. Best policy out there.

Conversation took place.

Repchick: first Frank a lot of people being removed from other Borough's that are a major problem with drugs and whatever. We have no ordinance to stop them from moving here.

Galli: Our police department should be on top of it.

Repchick: it will never happen.

Lukasewicz: with this in place this can work in conjunction with the police department.

Galli: How do you know who is moving in and buying new houses.

Attorney Cimini spoke of incident in a town over the weekend that had to remove tenants for bed

9. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize the purchase a new police vehicle at approximately \$25,000.00 in addition to the one that is ordered.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To hire Jeffrey Hughes as a part time police officer at prevailing rate.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Lukasewicz asked that the Mayor swear him in tonight.

11. Motion by Musewicz **Seconded by Mazak**

To hire Robert Williams as a part time police officer at prevailing rate.

All in favor **Motion carried**

12. Motion by Mazak **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize permission to the Borough of Throop to apply for the baseball tomorrow grant for a back stop at Washington Street Park.

All in favor **Motion carried**

13. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Furiosi**

To accept the proposal from Rowe Door Sales to repair the Borough garage bay doors at a cost of \$1560.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

18. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Musewicz

To have the DPW and Police Departments check the St. John's properties morning and night and officially sign off that they did so. The Mayor and Robert Kalinoski can come up with a schedule to coordinate.

No audience comments on this motion.

Mazak questioned that there will be a sign off sheet.

Lukasewicz: Yes

All in favor

Motion carried

Furiosi spoke of sign in sheets.

Lukasewicz stated that Attorney Cimini is going to research it to see if there is something that can be done if people don't sign in. We establish a policy people should have to adhere to it.

Tomasovitch added that the door at the Police Station remain closed.

Mayor it is closed and locked.

Gangemi questioned if the Police Vehicle cameras are working.

Mayor Williams said they are all working some are not positioned properly and some the vision is bad and should be replaced.

Gangemi: get those lined up because they can save your liability.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: Check it thoroughly and let us know for next meeting.

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, 640 Meade St.: 3 member appeals board in placed. Who will do the inspections?

Lukasewicz: As per the Ordinance it says who does the inspections. Everything has to be done in conjunction with that ordinance.

Karr: while looking to the property next to the Church did you look at the next one that's vacant too? Can do a high rise there and parking.

Karr: Dunmore was in negotiations with the Attorneys of Keystone Landfill about an increment of \$.59/ton more and didn't approve. Are we negotiating with the landfill?

Repchick said that we get extremely more than they are negotiating.

Tomasovitch: we get a lot more.

Lukasewicz agrees with Karr. If Dunmore gets more we should get more.

All talking at once.

Karr added that with our pension being under funded \$900,000.00 if we got \$.59/ton more that would give us \$1.2 million more to fund the pension plan.

Repchick: we already have a contract and they don't. They get \$.41/ton.

Karr: think about this, we are negotiating 50 years, what about our salaries for our police officers and our pension funds, if we don't get an increase where are we at in 20 years? Will we have to raise property taxes?

Lukasewicz: You have the right to negotiate when he goes in for a new permit. Now is the opportunity to negotiate if we want.

Tomasovitch added that if we keep it up we will have nothing.

Lukasewicz stated in that in the contract we get paid for the life of landfill. Can't cut us off we have a contract.

Gangemi added that, that is the risk of opening up the contract.

Frank Galli, Kossuth St.: Questioned if anything was looked into with the air conditioning in the Civic Center gym. Proposals or bids? Should have been put in originally.

Mazak stated that wasn't put in before because the town didn't have the money.

Galli: It should be done. Then can run leagues in the winter.

Lukasewicz: make sure that the group checking the heating and everything at the civic center have them make sure everything is in line for winter.

Galli questioned the sign in sheets at the Civic Center. How will they do it?

Lukasewicz: that has been the policy since it was opened - to have everyone sign in.

Galli felt the sign in sheet there was for the gymnasium.

Lukasewicz: Anybody that comes in the facility is supposed to sign in.

Tomasovitch stated that the seniors don't sign in.

Lukasewicz wants Mary Ruth to analyze it and give us a report next meeting.

Galli: hired 2 part time police officers - if any chance of hiring full time officers let us know (Civil Service Commission) so we can get the process going.

Lukasewicz asked that the list be checked to see if current.

Galli suggested that a garbage can be in Council chambers.

Mayor Williams swore in Jeffrey Hughes.

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St.: Cars are still speeding on Phillips St.

The meeting was adjourned..

Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary