

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
Special Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

*“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”*

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

John Musewicz - A

Vince Tanana - P

Richard Kucharski-**President** - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Wayne Williams - P

Bob Magliocchi - P

**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - P

**Mayor** - Frank Shimkus - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

Kucharski discussed the conversation had last meeting regarding cars going through the unopened part of Mary St. Met with Jack and Robert and Jack said as far as the hydrolic study a lot of the work was done with the Charles St project. Doesn’t require as much work as it did. If want to proceed with the hydrolic study would be significantly less. Some issues with PennDOT and getting permits. Questioned cost and Jack was supposed to have something tonight but didn’t receive anything yet. A cost estimate for what it would cost.

Also questioned what will do when the Borough Engineer, Jack Scheuer, retires comes August. Also advertise for the activities committee volunteers again.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The June mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Sanderson St. Properties and the Work Session/Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

\* The June monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

Andy Hegedus: questioned Motion # 3 regarding the video surveillance project at the Civic Center and Police Department and who would review the submitted bids.

Magliocchi: Someone asked that the other day. The problem is if they are all using different cameras who is to determine which is the better camera?

Hegedus: That's not the issue. The camera has nothing to do with it. It's the quality of the lens. Bob Zagorsky is here. The commercial sales rep that is assigned to the project from Vector security. This is a project that has gone on and on and on and no one wanted to under take it. I was asked by President Tom Lukasewicz and Vice President Repchick and other members of Council to see if I could get Vector security to come up and speak to Mary Ruth and the Chief of Police and create an RFP. Vector Security could've very easily written an RFP that would've eliminated every one of these companies from submitting a bid from being specific to the camera, the cabling, the interfaces and everything that goes on with that. To the tune of probably around \$3500.00. Now it is my understanding that people have come and asked who wrote the specs and why was Vector the company the one who wrote the specs when it was done as a favor to the borough and now there is the implication that Vector has an unfair advantage when it is quite the opposite. Vector Security gave a number in September of last year that is the number that was submitted you will see in the bid packet. The whole process has been skewed because the number has been out there. Not saying that it was given to anybody but now there is going to be the suggestion that something inappropriate or wrong took place when it was a very non specific RFP. My question is going to be, I don't care if Vector gets the job, Stanley Security fantastic company, good service, it's going to be who is going to review to make sure, that is it's if Jim Grinavich asked for a 20 terabyte MVR that that's the MVR that is going to in and follow up with the company and look at all this equipment to make sure it is the equipment that is supposed to go in. That's all I want to say to protect the Borough's interest. Nothing about Vector Security. To protect the Borough's interest.

Kucharski: Lou and I had several conversations and Robin she had questions from respective bidders one of which dealt with the prevailing wage was over \$25,000.00 although as I recall the number that was quoted back in September was around 15. So there are a lot of issues with these proposals.

Attorney Cimini: Andy and I had a conversation. I think you want whoever is writing the RFP to be the person who is reviewing it but in this circumstance a proposal has been submitted by the same company so it crosses a bunch of different lines. May have to hire a third party because this is technical stuff.

Kucharski: It is beyond our capability.

Hegedus: That's the concerning piece I have. I would rather see the project started over. And again that's delaying the project another 6 or 8 months.

Magliocchi: But then to get somebody else to come in they have to be neutral and isn't even putting a bid in because technically you would be back in the same boat.

Kucharski spoke of the generator specs.

Hegedus: when you get into this, you have 2 national companies that have buying power based on quantity of volumes that they do that probably for these companies together don't buy in a year which drives the price down. A camera that may cost Vector Security \$200.00 may cost one of these smaller companies \$600.00. Because of buying power.

Magliocchi: When it comes to that obviously the bigger company is going to come in a lot cheaper.

Hegedus: Exactly. That's my point Bobby. Were federal funds used in that building?

Kucharski: I believe so.

Hegedus: SO if you did work in the senior center than that would fall under davis bacon prevailing wage. Right Bob? I would guess. That part of the building if anything was done in there would be a prevailing wage job even if someone puts a sink in there or changes a water \_\_\_\_\_. That was built with federal funds and anything should be done davis bacon in there. If it's a person changing ceiling tiles or carpeting, if federal funds were used for that portion of that room it should be davis bacon just so everyone is aware going forward.

Magliocchi: Washington St Park was federally funded.

Hegedus: Absolutely.

Magliocchi: So the guy cutting the grass should get prevailing wage?

Hegedus: If somebody were to fight it. Probably.

Kucharski: Lou you are going to have to look into this.

Attorney Cimini: These aren't the kinds of questions that we should be fielding 5 minutes from opening the bid package. If you want to reject all the bids and start over and have an independent company that prepares a proposal, does not submit a bid and does the review of the bids when they are received. I think it becomes much more stream lined. All these people I am assuming put a lot of work putting all these proposals together for this evening but once they're opened who do you hand them too?

Hegedus: That's my concern. It's not fair to all the bidders.

Magliocchi: Well than let's just reject them and we'll use what we have for now until the future and if they need a couple cameras they can add them.

Hegedus: You are going to be in the same position you are in with any project that goes on in the borough. You are going to have an engineer involved because you are going to have to have someone write the specs for this. Just like you do for a sewer. Then they are reviewed and approved by somebody. You will be in the same position unless you hire someone to do it and that's what we were trying to avoid. Have a pre bid conference next round.

Kucharski: Bottom line is we need to update our system. No question about it. Lou your recommendation?

Attorney Cimini: My concern is that we need someone to review whatever the proposals say. If the proposal is so non specific that every company can put their favorite camera or system in we don't know the difference between A, B or C which we don't , who are we going to ask to help review all the documents.

Hegedus: Here is the piece that I discussed, if Stanley Security was the low bidder, Grinavich would be happy to review it to make sure it's what was in the RFP and nobody's upset about everything. The issue is if Vector security is the lowest bidder. Someone is going to say they wrote it and had an upper hand in it which is not the case. You open the bids if the others are the lowest you let Grinavich look at it, if he says it's ok you proceed. If Vector is the lowest bidder, and you feel there is some kind of upper benefit they had, throw all the bids out and start all over again.

Attorney Cimini: That sounds reasonable but I don't know if you can have a company that submitted a proposal reviewing the proposals in the event that they are not the low bidder. Once they submitted a bid they became a part of this group and not part of an objective third party.

Kucharski: It's unfortunate but legally it seems like the only way we can go at this point.

Attorney Cimini: Well Andy if that's the case and we are starting from square one who is going to be the third

Hegedus: I will ask my general manager who in the area, unless Bob you know someone that would be a consultant, that we could look for somebody to write bid specs or an RFP and meet with the Chief of Police and Civic center director. I just don't want any inkling of impropriety done.

Kucharski: We don't either. We're going to reject the bids.

Joe Tropiak: Questioned Motion # 1 & Motion # 2.

Kucharski asked Attorney Cimini to explain.

Attorney Cimini responded by summarizing what he was told by Marian Medalis at the Voter Registration Office. The person will remain until the end of the year. Throop's democratic committee will give a name of a resident to be put on the November ballot and then it will go to the county democratic committee who will decide what name goes on the ballot in November.

Jim Barnick, George St.: The federally funded parts of the building may have statute of limitations. Probably run out by now. Its been 20 years.

Kucharski: We will look into that.

Barnick: As far as position on ballot, I always thought the position should remain a democratic position since Dave's was a democratic position. Pretty sure that's the way it goes.

Hegedus: Will that leave the opportunity for the Republican to squash\_\_\_\_\_for somebody to be on the ballot if they so choose.

Kucharski: We will have to check.

Attorney Cimini: 30 days before the primary to change.

**1. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To appoint by Resolution James Barnick Jr. to fill the council seat vacated by David Repchick expiring Dec. 31, 2017.

**On the question:**

Attorney Cimini: Supposed to be by Resolution. PSAB recommends.

Kucharski added that they looked at the fact that Jim came in 3<sup>rd</sup>, he had the most votes and will be on Council for 4 years unless something unknown happens in the general election. Makes the most sense to take this action.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Mayor Shimkus swore in James Barnick Jr.**

2. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by**

To appoint Charlene Tomasovitch as Vice President.

**Lack of Second** **Motion failed**

**Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Barnick**

To appoint Bob Magliocchi as Vice President.

**5 in favor, Tomasovitch against** **Motion carried**

**RFP: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CIVIC CENTER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

<b>STS</b> <b>3561 Meadowpark Drive</b> <b>Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006</b>	
<b>Vector Security</b>	
<b>Advanced Video Surveillance</b> <b>140 J Commerce Way</b> <b>Totowa, NJ 07512</b>	
<b>Computer Visionaries</b> <b>1075 Oak Street</b> <b>Pittston, PA 18640</b>	
<b>CRCS</b> <b>890 Old William Penn Highway</b> <b>Blairsville, PA 15717</b>	
<b>Stanley Security</b> <b>2000 Cabot Boulevard West</b> <b>Suite 100</b> <b>Langhorne, PA 19047</b>	
<b>KIT Communications, Inc</b> <b>400 E. Main St.</b> <b>Annville, PA 17003 (Received 12:20 p.m.)</b>	



6. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Barnick**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except, Tomasovitch abstained on husband, Williams on son and daughter, Kucharski on granddaughter** **Motion carried**

7. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

On the question:  
Barnick questioned what the correspondence is.  
Kucharski replied that it is all the packet information.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

8. **Motion by Barnick** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$69,117.51</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$1,557,730.85</b>
Civic Center Account-FNCB	<b>\$797.40</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$12,240.70</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,353,804.92</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,203,886.51</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$431,175.22</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,629,053.11</b>

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To refer the Request for Qualifications for Municipal Planning/Zoning Consultant Services to Bob Lokuta/Zoning Code Enforcement, Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Attorney Cimini for review and recommendation.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**10. Motion Magliocchi** **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal from Diamond Door & Hardware Inc. For the Civic Center door at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal from Corey Youngblood to install tile in the Civic Center entrances & foyer at a cost of \$1,250.00.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Magliocchi** **Seconded by Tanana**

The department heads are to get approval from the Council President if going to be absent from a meeting and the Police Chief to get approval from the Mayor.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**

To contribute \$50,000.00 to each the Police and Non Uniform Pension Plans for the Borough's MMO Obligation for the 2017 & 2018 budgets.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Barnick

To donate \$200.00 to the Over 55 Club and also to the Senior Elite group.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize Mary Ruth Tanner to purchase the tile and materials needed for the Civic Center entrances and foyer.

On the question:

Barnick asked what she will be picking out.

Magliocchi: Tile. The same that is over there.

All in favor

Motion carried

**Official Comments:**

Kucharski: Trudy Delawder asked for a letter that Council and the Mayor support her. She submitted 3 letters from the housing authority. Can you find the letter that we submitted to her from last year.

Galli: Will get a copy.

**Audience Comments:**

Barbara Zilla, Asked if a no parking from here to corner sign can be installed at the corner of Simpson & Dunmore St.

Tomasovitch: If they are parking close than the police have to ticket them.

Zilla: I brought it up a couple years ago.

Magliocchi: The Mayor will have the police enforce it.

Kucharski: Ask Rob what is necessary to do that (to get a corner sign). And we'll discuss next meeting.

ALL TALKING AT ONCE.

Magliocchi: Have them give warnings first.

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St.: Everything is a building in this town. I don't see any homes being torn down. The governing body bought that building without any specific plans outside of just saying for housing. No plans to build housing and have 2 other buildings to be bought to make it big enough and you haven't bought them yet or may not buy them. Think about what you're doing

(about buying the next 2 properties down).

Kucharski: That's why we're having a special meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Tropiak: The people should know about the meeting.

Kucharski: It will be advertised. The time as come that we have to move forward. If it is decided that we can do an RFP everybody will know what it is and probably wont have responses by next meeting.

Andy Hegedus, Center St.: Attend the quarterly EMA meeting on Tuesday. Getting help from Rich Barbolish on putting the emergency operations plan together for Throop Borough. Letter is off to Governor Wolf's office for his signature.

Jim Barnick, George St.: So maybe you don't get tied up with the stop signs, believes there is a standard set back for the amount of feet from the intersections and also the police have a set back for where you can park a car from the stop signs. May eliminate a lot of time.

Kucharski: Frank will discuss with the Chief.

Barnick: Just follow the Ordinance.

Tomasovitch: People park where ever they want.

All talking at once.

Barnick: It's a bad corner.

Magliocchi: Can start by warning them.

Jim Barnick: What's the Zoning and Code review about?

Attorney Cimini: There was a determination that the boroughs zoning ordinance and subdivision and land development ordinance needed to be completely redone.

Barnick questioned if having a professional.

Attorney Cimini: Yes. Submitted and RFP and received 3 responses. Going to review them now. Going to do the map, comprehensive plan, subdivision and land development and zoning. Everything. Didn't talk about storm water management.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary