

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, June 13th, 2016
Special Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence for Frank Giedieviells, George Yontos and also for the people involved in the Orlando Florida shooting.

“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Richard Kucharski - P

Vince Tanana - A

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

David Repchick, **Vice President - P**

John Musewicz - A

Bob Magliocchi - A

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

- * The June monthly work session/meeting will be held Mon. June 27th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The July mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. July 11th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The July monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. July 25th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

3. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Kucharski

To adopt Ordinance #3 of 2016, an ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco in recreational areas, parks, playgrounds and athletic fields and penalties for violation thereof effective July 1, 2016.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned what going to do about the cowflop. Can't penalize them this year. It's 2 weeks before the event.

Lukasewicz added that they shouldn't be smoking at the cow flop.

Tomasovitch added that there isn't alcohol allowed at the park wither but that's there.

Kucharski: They have a special license for alcohol. The issue is enforcement.

Lukasewicz: We didn't put a time frame on it but will go into effect July 1, 2016.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To adopt Ordinance #4 of 2016, an ordinance prohibiting parking on the easternly side of Boulevard Avenue between the I-81 overpass and the bridge over the Lackawanna County River, a distance of 0.3 miles and that proper signage be posted prior to enforcement. Robert will put the signs up and coordinate with the Police Department when enforcement will take effect.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned enforcing people parking on the sidewalks.

Lukasewicz: Police job to enforce.

Repchick: Don't need an ordinance, it's illegal.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Repchick

To adopt Ordinance #5 of 2016, an ordinance authorizing the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Lynwood and Erie Streets. Enforcement once sign is erected.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Kucharski

To hire Joshua Tanner for DPW Summer help at same prevailing rate.

On the question:

Lukasewicz added that nothing to do with Joshua or the family but will have to vote against.

Denise Brown, Phillips St: What is summertime help?

Lukasewicz: For the DPW. Whatever the head of DPW determines. Weedwacking, cutting grass, a helping hand for the summer. It helps the Borough because it frees up the DPW workers to do more important things.

3 in favor, Lukasewicz against

Motion carried

Kucharski questioned the status of full time DPW applications.

Tomasovitch: He is going to start interviewing.

Audience Comments:

Trudy DeLawder, Memorial Dr.: The distribution handouts are out there.

Lukasewicz: Make sure MaryRuth has some.

DeLawder: No dates in Throop.

Tomasovitch: Will have to go to other towns listed. Dunmore, Jessup.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Questioned Washington St park project.

Tomasovitch: Ballfield going to have done.

Brown: Looks like people are hired in the summer time to work on it.

Lukasewicz: That's the Washington St Park summer camp run by the civic center. We hire extra staff to help with the civic center staff.

Brown: because they take the children to the Washington st park.

Tomasovitch added that we are doing the ballfield after the season.

Brown: Second question. Why did the daycare rates go from \$15/day to \$27.50/day?

Lukasewicz: That's news to me.

Tomasovitch: \$27.50 is the out of town rate.

Brown: No.

Tomasovitch: I paid \$27.50/day last year.

Brown: I just got the packet. It's \$27.50/day for Throop residents. It was \$15.00 last year.

Lukasewicz: I'm glad you brought that up. Have Mary Ruth respond to that please. Any increase should be approved by us. Wasn't aware. I'm hoping it was a misprint.

Brown: I've taken my grandson there several times and will see 2 or 3 teenagers, I'm guessing on payroll.

Lukasewicz: There is usually aides on the payroll over there. So many at a time all the time.

Brown: What are their job duties to monitor the children? Are they supposed to interact with the children? I am asking because most times I see them texting and it looks like we are paying them \$12/hour.

Repchick: Me too. I've seen it too.

Lukasewicz: At this meeting a concern was brought up about individuals on the payroll working in the civic center texting.

Tomasovitch: I seen one sleeping.

Brown: Every single time. If it was occasional I would look the other way. It's not occasional. These children are sitting there texting and not paying attention to the kids.

Lukasewicz: Texting and phones are not supposed to be used. We've gone through this before. We need to get another memo out to the Department heads that the use of cell phones is not permitted during work hours. Glad you brought it up. If you want to call Robin to find out about the rates over the next couple of days.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary