

THROOP COUNCIL

Throop Borough Building
436 Sanderson street
Throop, Pennsylvania

In re: PUBLIC COMMENT - POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN
PAG132253

Monday, August 28, 2017

6:00 p.m.

- MEMBERS PRESENT: RICHARD KUCHARSKI, PRESIDENT
- JAMES BARNICK, MEMBER
- VINCE TANANA, MEMBER
- WAYNE WILLIAMS, MEMBER
- CHARLENE TOMASOVITCH, MEMBER
- ROBERT MAGLIOCCHI, MEMBER
- JOHN MUSEWICZ, MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

- ROBERT KALINOSKI, STREET COMMISSIONER
- LOUIS A. CIMINI, ESQ.-SOLICITOR
- FRANK SHIMKUS, MAYOR
- LENORE DOLAN, ASSISTANT TREASURER
- RENEE O'MALLEY - SECRETARY
- ROBIN GALLI - CHIEF CLERK/TREASURER

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2 MR. KUCHARSKI: This hearing is scheduled
3 to review our M.S.4 plan.

4 MR. KALINOSKI: No. It's actually for
5 public comment for our Pollution Reduction Plan, which
6 is part of our M.S. 4 plan.

7 MR. KUCHARSKI: Thanks for that
8 correction. Okay. Attorney Cimini.

9 MR. CIMINI: Robbie.

10 MR. KALINOSKI: It looks like everybody
11 knows who I am. Throop, as well as many other
12 communities which discharge stormwater to the
13 Lackawanna River, are obligated to reduce the quantity
14 of pollutants to the Lackawanna River.

15 The Lackawanna River is a tributary of
16 the Susquehanna River. And the Susquehanna River
17 eventually dumps into the Chesapeake Bay.

18 The M.S.4 Program is a part of the
19 Federal Clean Water Act. So, we're required, under our
20 next permit cycle, to reduce our pollutant load.

21 Throop's current pollutant load is
22 calculated to be approximately 575,944 pounds per year,
23 using a simple method.

24 Our reductions for our existing BMT or
25 best maintenance practices, which are stormwater

1 basins. We don't have any rain gardens at this point.
2 But we have vegetated swales as well.

3 So, counting the reductions taken for the
4 BMTs, we came about 22,820 pounds per year of a
5 reduction.

6 The 22,000 pounds subtracted from the
7 575,000, gives us about 553,000 pounds per year of our
8 load. We're looking to reduce that by ten percent or
9 55,000 pounds per year.

10 We had looked at the Sulfur Creek
11 Project. And the Sulfur Creek project is a stream
12 stabilization project.

13 However, if we receive the grant from
14 DEP, any credits that we obtain for that project
15 automatically go to the State as part of the agreement
16 with the grant.

17 So, if we get the grant, we don't get any
18 credits. So, we -- that would be our main project if
19 it was not funded. Or if it's funded, if it's not
20 funded.

21 If it is funded, we have a second option
22 to convert the existing detention basin, which serves
23 the school site right now from a dry detention basin to
24 a dry extended fashion basin.

25 What that involves is taking off the

1 basin by a couple feet, adding some mulch underneath
2 and then recovering it, so there's absorption at the
3 base.

4 The purpose of tonight's meeting is, more
5 or less, to obtain any public comment on the PRP plan.
6 The PRP plan was advertised back on September 1st. So
7 we have a 30-day comment period.

8 After the comment period, we have to
9 incorporate public comments into the PRP Plan. So, that
10 comment period is going to run until this Thursday.

11 MR. BARNICK: What's the PRP Plan?

12 MR. KALINOSKI: Pollution Reduction Plan.
13 That's what I just went through. Any comments from
14 the public? And Robin, you haven't received any
15 written comments?

16 MS. GALLI: Nothing written.

17 MR. BARNICK: Okay. What kind of credits
18 would we get back if we funded it ourselves?

19 MR. KALINOSKI: If we fund it ourselves,
20 Jim, I think it's 76,000.

21 (Whereupon, at Mayor Frank Shimkus
22 entered the room.)

23 MR. KALINOSKI: 75,757 pounds per year is
24 what would be eliminated from Sulfur Creek through this
25 project, if we get the grant through DEP. Those

1 credits go automatically to the State.

2 MR. KUCHARSKI: And the amount of the
3 grant is that they requested?

4 MR. KALINOSKI: 700,000.

5 MR. KUCHARSKI: On all those projects --

6 MR. KALINOSKI: Close to a million.

7 MR. KUCHARSKI: So, again, it's a
8 significant --

9 MR. KALINOSKI: Significant, yep. And,
10 at this point, we're not looking at any expenditure
11 right now for conversion of the school site, states
12 detention basin, that's something that the developer,
13 that they would take care as part of their phase two.

14 MR. KUCHARSKI: That won't cost us
15 anything?

16 MR. KALINOSKI: Transfer of the title
17 from BGM Enterprises to Throop.

18 MR. BARNICK: In your opinion, do you
19 think it's better to go with the grant?

20 MR. KALINOSKI: Yeah. We'll meet our
21 obligation with the conversion of the detention basin
22 at the school site.

23 MR. KUCHARSKI: Question in the back.

24 MR. BARNICK SR: Jim Barnick. Where is
25 the majority of the discharge coming from?

1 MR. KALINOSKI: Which discharge?

2 MR. BARNICK SR: What you're talking
3 about.

4 MR. KALINOSKI: Anything in our storm
5 system.

6 MR. BARNICK SR: I'm saying, where is the
7 majority coming from of anything in the system? Is
8 there a main area?

9 MR. KALINOSKI: No. It's all runoff.
10 We've got -- there's 12 or 13 outfalls that we have
11 identified at this point.

12 So, I mean, each outfall, Jim, I don't
13 have any numbers, per se, for each outfall.

14 MR. BARNICK SR: That what's I'm talking
15 about.

16 MR. KALINOSKI: I think the biggest one
17 is Sulfur Creek, the biggest.

18 MR. BARNICK SR: Not up top with the --

19 MR. KALINOSKI: Everything up top
20 discharges to Eddy Creek. And, right now, until DEP,
21 we establishe Eddy Creek, I mean, we're not doing
22 anything with that. It's actually dry most of the
23 time.

24 MR. BARNICK SR: So they don't even
25 consider what's going down.

1 MR. KALINOSKI: Let's put it this way,
2 it's a regulated water course under DEP. It is a
3 regulated water course.

4 MR. BARNICK SR: Does that count towards
5 your amount, is what I'm saying?

6 MR. KALINOSKI: Does it count toward our
7 amount? What we have to do is we have to look at the
8 urbanized area.

9 So, most of that up there isn't
10 urbanized, Jim. So that's not even included. You're
11 assuming that there's no pollution coming out of
12 forested land.

13 MR. BARNICK SR: Okay.

14 MR. KUCHARSKI: Are there any other
15 questions, comments?

16 MR. KALINOSKI: That was easy.

17 MR. KUCHARSKI: Attorney Cimini.

18 MR. CIMINI: I have nothing.

19 MR. KUCHARSKI: There's no action to be
20 taken by Council?

21 MR. KALINOSKI: No. There will be a
22 motion later on. I forget the word that I had given to
23 Robin, to approve the Pollution Reduction Plan pending
24 any comments that may be received up until Thursday
25 August 31st.

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MR. CIMINI: Meeting adjourned.

MR. KUCHARSKI: Concludes the hearing.

(Whereupon, at 6:10 p.m, the hearing was
concluded.)

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