

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, December 27th, 2016
Monthly 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:

Richard Kucharski - P

Vince Tanana -P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

David Repchick, **Vice President - P**

John Musewicz - P

Bob Magliocchi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Announcements:

An executive session was held at 6:15 pm to discuss legal matters.

The Municipal Building will be closed Friday, Dec. 30th, 2016 and Monday, Jan. 2nd, 2017 in observance of New Years.

A representative from Lackawanna County Treasurers Office will sell Dog Licenses at the Throop Municipal Building on Wednesday January 11th, 2017, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Work Session/Meetings:

*The Jan. mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon., Jan 9th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

*The Jan. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon., Jan. 30th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Dave Karr, Meade St: Questioned if it was ever put out to bid - the demolition of the 2 properties?

Lukasewicz: We didn't get it back yet.

Kucharski: There was something that as of 12/12

Tomasovitch: it was 85% ready on 12/12.

Karr questioned the 30 days it had to be done.

Kucharski: On 11/28 we asked that it be done within 30 days. As of 12/12 it was 85 %. 12/27 - It's time to hold someone to the fire.

Tomasovitch: Back in July - 7/25 - prepare bids to tear down rectory, garage and 522 Sanderson.

1. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Nov. 28th and Dec. 12th, 2016 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Repchick

To accept the treasurers' monthly reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$66,443.85
Paid bills:	\$134,921.30
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$711,762.73
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$13,621.77

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Tanana abstained on his brother, Tomasovitch on father & husband and Musewicz on daughter **Motion carried**

4. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Repchick**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Kucharski**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **Nov. 30th, 2016** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$36,214.18
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$1,452,178.78
Civic Center Account-FNC	\$981.79
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	\$41,822.12
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	\$3,001,611.24
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$4,186,073.75
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$309,103.90
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,028,285.76

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize the 2017 pay increase of 2% beginning January 1st, 2017 for non-union employees.

Repchick: Does that include the solicitor?

Lukasewicz: Yes.

Kucharski: Questioned if it includes the department heads? Who is all included?

Tomasovitch/Lukasewicz: All non union employees

**All in favor except Tanana abstained
on brother and Tomasovitch on father**

Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To adopt Ordinance #1 of 2017, an ordinance re-enacting a tax on assessed valuation.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Magliocchi

To order a new F250 truck with lift and tool box with a 3 year government lease as per 2017 budget and to be ordered in 30 days.

Repchick wanted this on because it takes a long time to get a vehicle and the other truck is falling apart.

Conversation took place regarding the lease. It's a government lease but we buy it for \$1 at the end.

Lukasewicz: Don't want it to be like we are leasing vehicles without buying them.

Repchick: Can we put a time limit on when it can be ordered?

Lukasewicz: 30 days.

All in favor

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: He can do that with any properties.

Tomasovitch questioned the lighting with Commonwealth if it has started yet.

Galli replied that the parts are being ordered. In process. About 4 weeks. The street lights/Poles will be complete by mid February.

Repchick asked that Robert gets an email with ordering the truck in 30 days & asked that a copy of the police policies be given to the Chief and Mayor.

Magliocchi: about 2 weeks ago someone went in to play basketball and the civic center was open and it was like 11:15 but there were referee's there and they were having a meeting. So they were unable to play basketball. I didn't know we opened the civic center for private meetings or what but as far as I'm concerned if we are paying 2 employees to be there it should be opened to the public.

Tomasovitch: We have to watch insurance wise. We don't open until 12:00.

Kucharski: The posted hours are 12:00.

Magliocchi: So why are there people in there at 11:15?

Tomasovitch: I didn't know they were on the gym. I know they hold meetings.

Magliocchi: A meeting in the civic center - you're in the civic center. So it wouldn't matter if your in the gym or the office.

Lukasewicz: For one thing the league that has the officials meet there and they've met there for as long as I can remember and I believe they do come in a little earlier than the gym - facility opens because a lot of times there is a need for them to make reviews of procedures or whatever so they actually go on the court and they actually go over and actually have their meetings sometimes on the court instead of the little room because I can remember that at one time there was 20 guys that would come

Snooky: There are 50 now.

Lukasewicz: so it's almost like it's held in the gym I believe. I have never actually attended one.

Magliocchi: The thing I don't understand and it's not against the ref's is we have nothing to do with this league correct, nothing to do with the civic center?

Snooky: right.

Magliocchi: So we are opening it and we are paying our employees for an organization that isn't involved with the civic center. So if it was me why can't they come during regular hours and if they rent half the court like everyone else has to or along those terms. I don't see why they can get in there and our public can't.

Tomasovitch: But we let other people meet in there and we don't charge them either.

Magliocchi: I'm not saying to charge them for using the whole court I don't have an issue with them using it. The issue is we are opening it and paying people they're in there well you should let the public in. You're open. Why should you leave the whole building open, private to the ref's. I don't see that being

Kucharski: Technically it's not open to the public.

Magliocchi: Right. So we are paying our employees for something we have nothing to do with. Anyway you look at it you have 2 employees there for no reason.

Kucharski: Isn't that one of the central basketball courts for these 6th grade leagues or whatever they are and doesn't that bring in a lot of revenue to the civic center?

Snooky: Can I comment on this?

Kucharski: Yea I'd like to hear you.

Lukasewicz: Go ahead and without getting into an argument.

Snooky: I'm not going to argue. Here is what happened. We have been meeting there for 17 years, actually 20 - 3 with the old civic center. The reason why we go over there a lot and 11:30 is so that we don't confront with any kids going in there at 12:00. We are done at 12:15.

Repchick questioned how many people.

Snooky: There are 50 in the chapter. We used to meet in here and when there was stuff to do with the gym we would go over there. But now there are so many people that we have to meet in the gym.

Repchick: I am trying to think of numbers and space that's all.

Snooky: Well there can be anywhere from 30-50. Like I said we have been meeting there for 17 years. The league benefits that civic center. For 3 months that league brings in about \$5,000.00. Gross.

Magliocchi: And it also costs us \$425,000 and again no offense I'm not saying it doesn't bring in anything but what's \$5,000.00 on \$425,000.

Snooky: You can't rent that gym out in 3 months and make \$5,000

Lukasewicz: \$425,000?

Magliocchi questioned Galli what it costs to run the civic center a year?

Galli: I don't know off hand.

Magliocchi: It's up there. And I'm not saying to rent it out and I am not against the basketball organization or anything because there are a lot of games that play there but I mean when you say rent it out it technically was built for Throop and the only issue I have and it doesn't have anything to do with the ref's using it or having the meetings there but that was built for Throop so I see if we are opening it for you guys I think the public should be able to use it at the same time. That's all I am saying. I'm not saying you guys shouldn't be in there.

Snooky: Ok what about when you have elections? And the county is there for 13 hours. Would you charge them?

Magliocchi: If we could, why not.

Snooky: what about when you have the red cross there. What about when you have a landfill meeting there. Inaudible

Tomasovitch: We are paying our employees to be there.

Snooky: There is only one employee there. One that opens the door for us to go in and then when the civic center opens at 12 then the other employees come in.

Kucharski questioned if there are several referees from Throop.

Snooky: There are 8 from Throop.

Magliocchi: All I am saying is that if we are opening privately to the referee's then we should give anybody that option then.

Tomasovitch: no because it doesn't open until 12:00.

Magliocchi: If you are opening up at 11:00 and no offense (inaudible)

Kucharski: It's not open at 11. It's open at 12.

Magliocchi: Well no. You guys are going there roughly at 11:00.

Snooky: No. 11:20.

Magliocchi: Ok it is still opened 40 minutes early. So I want to go there and rent it at 9:00 for an hour. Why can't I?

Repchick: Put it on the calendar.

Magliocchi: If you guys are ok with that. That's all I am saying. When you do for one do for all.

Tomasovitch: Noone ever asked for it at 9:00 in the morning.

Repchick: Yea.

Magliocchi: Ok if people start asking now then that's what we'll do. Right.

Lukasewicz: no then it will go to a vote.

Tomasovitch: Depends on what it is.

Kucharski: But if it is booked

Tomasovitch: It is not open to the public until 12:00

Lukasewicz: I hate to say this but things that are really not important what-so-ever become your major issues. You're making (inaudible) to hurt everybody and anybody. Do something positive for once.

Magliocchi: Why don't you. You've been here for 25 years. What did you do?

Lukasewicz: Bobby I don't have to argue with you

Magliocchi: No problem Tommy but I am going to throw something out at you. Last meeting... I asked a question. When somebody in the public asks me I am going to bring it up at a meeting and that's the reason why I brought it up. And nothing against, I'm not done and I'm going to tell you something else. Tommy says last meeting you know what pisses him off that we pay these Garvey bills for the sewer you know what why don't you tell everybody how much you've cost the borough for your marcelus waste sign over \$4,000.00 our president cost the borough because he didn't want to take down the marcelus waste sign.

Lukasewicz: That does piss me off

Magliocchi: Maid Rite - he gets in on a class action lawsuit because he's on council and gets \$3,000.00. He can't pull out of his driveway down there at his work place - no parking signs go up. I can go on forever. It benefits you Tommy.

Lukasewicz: Keep going Bobby. Keep going. Keep going. Keep going Bobby.

Magliocchi: Because you don't like when somebody asks a question. Last I checked we are here for the public and I said it had nothing to do with Snooky, the referees or anything. I was asked how come they couldn't go into the gym and that's all I did. I asked why couldn't they go in the gym. And I don't think that's a bad thing. Snooky if you came up to me and said why don't you find this out and I bring it up at a meeting is that a bad thing?

Snooky: Well here's the thing. It was on facebook at 12:15. When this incident happened somebody walked in and all we said was hold the ball we are having a meeting. Because there were 35 people there. 12:15 it was on facebook Throop kids denied the use of the gym. And that's what started this whole thing.

Magliocchi: Now where I am coming from is if somebody brought up to you - you told me the answer but I'm making big things a problem but you can't get shit done in the borough.

Lukasewicz: Bobby all you had to do was ask him about it.

Magliocchi: I asked a question. Snooky was I arguing with you or asking a question? I never knew it was over there. I just found out. I'm glad somebody comes up and complains to you, you won't do it. You're supposed to be here for the people but obviously you're not. We're well aware you're not look at how much he cost the borough. Our president. \$4,000.00 because he wanted to keep a sign up. But I'm all for myself here. Making major problems.

Lukasewicz: Bobby someday everybody will be sad about that marcelus waste going in.

Magliocchi: What are you doing about it? What are you doing about the landfill? Let's go further. I bet you he doesn't want to meet with Louie. 50 year expansion. Do you want to meet with Louie?

Lukasewicz: Do you want to know something?

Magliocchi: Do you want to meet with Louie?

Lukasewicz: Do you want to know something? Do you know how many times I asked in here to proceed?

Magliocchi: What about the expansion? Have you about the expansion?

Lukasewicz: Do you know how many times I have asked to proceed. Bobby there is nobody that fought as hard as I did about that expansion.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: You just have an axe to grind with everybody

Snooky: That schedule that we have is only for December and January. And it is forwarded to the Civic Center.

Magliocchi: Snooky you have the referees there, I asked a question why that's all I did. It has nothing to - did you ever hear me say I don't want you in there?

Snooky: No. I just wanted to explain it. That's all.

Magliocchi: I understand that because I know how a lot of this stuff works and it's a lot of friends.

Snooky: like I said we are here 20 years and now it's coming up.

Magliocchi: I brought it up because somebody brought it up to me. I am sitting in this sit for you guys. So if you bring something up to me and I don't bring it up then there is no point of me being here. That's the way I look at it. I found out and I got the answer. That's all it was simple thing. Just because he thinks I have axes to burn, I talk to you all the time at the baseball field so I don't know where your problem is that I don't like snooky or whatever the case is but

Lukasewicz: I didn't say you didn't like Snooky.

Magliocchi: Then what is it burning?

Lukasewicz: I didn't say that. There was never an issue for all these years and all of a sudden it becomes a big issue.

Magliocchi: It wasn't an issue. I asked a question.

Snooky: If there was ever a conflict with us being over there - If there were ever a conflict in 17 years, and the Director said there was something going on well then we don't meet.

Magliocchi: And that's fine. I asked a question. That's all I did. But when I get last meeting your pissed off we are paying a \$400.00 bill because I have to live next to a sewer smell and you smell it 10 blocks away and you get in on that class action lawsuit and your going to sit here and bitch over that.

Lukasewicz: Keep going. Keep going.

Magliocchi: The alley way you wanted to do next door to you. It's all about Tommy that's the problem. What Tommy wants.

Lukasewicz: Keep going. Keep going. What is this Tommy town?

Magliocchi: Actually you are probably right. We should start naming it Tommy town.

Tomasovitch: Do we have to argue. Please.

Both talking at once.

Tomasovitch: Tommy you're the president please stop. Bobby please stop.

Both talking at once.

Magliocchi: When you bitch about something and do the same thing.

Lukasewicz: So in other words you can't get your agenda done because you don't know how to do it. That's what this comes down too.

Magliocchi: What did you get done. You probably can't even name it.

Lukasewicz: I don't have to tell you what I've got done.

Magliocchi: Oh wait you got the no parking sign down by your garage.

Lukasewicz: You are something Bobby. It takes a long time to grow up.

Tomasovitch: Go ahead Denise.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Regarding Throop finances. There was a motion that said something about paying for the basketball players to be in a league? I didn't understand what that was about.

Repchick: The biddy league?

Tomasovitch: Yes. We have 4 teams they are charging us for 3.

Brown: Who is charging us?

Tomasovitch: The league.

Snooky: The entry fee.

Brown: Questioned The \$2.00 charge to go to watch the basketball game.

Tomasovitch: This is different. This is for the boys to be able to play in the league.

Kucharski: The registration fee to play in the league.

Tomasovitch: The \$2 fee goes to the civic center.

Discussion that it goes to the ref's.

Snooky: No the civic center doesn't pay for the ref's. Every town or team that comes in to the civic center pays for the ref. The only ref fee we pay is when Throop is on the road.

Brown: So when the referee's are having a meeting over there it is actually bringing money in

Tomasovitch: The kids don't have to pay to get in the game just the parents. The \$2.00 goes back to the civic center.

Brown: So those teams are bringing money back in to the civic center?

Tomasovitch: Yes.

Brown: Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary