

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, January 30th, 2017
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** - A

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

David Repchick, **Vice President** - A

John Musewicz - P

Bob Magliocchi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - A

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Feb. Mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Feb. 13th, 2017 at 6:30p.m.

* The Feb. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Feb. 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attorney Cimini: Tom Lukasewicz's resignation should be put on as the first motion. Whether you want to accept it or not. There is no vacancy on Council until the resignation is accepted by Council. Once it is accepted you should put someone's name up for Council President to run the meeting. That's what you have to do for this evening. You then have 30 days from the day of the vacancy to fill the spot. That's the procedure.

Tomasovitch questioned putting it in the paper.

Kucharski questioned if have to accept it.

Cimini: It doesn't have to be tonight but within a number of days.

Audience comments on 1st motion:

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St.: Questioned if the people already gave their names that would like to apply for the job of Council.

Kucharski: No. We just found out.

Tropiak questioned when you apply.

Kucharski: If anyone is interested send in a letter-resume to the Borough.

Tom's seat is up so it would run the rest of the year. You'd have to run in the primary.

1. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the resignation of Thomas Lukasewicz.

All in favor

Motion carried

Discussion took place of appointing a president. Will wait until Repchick is present. Musewicz, Pro Tem, will run the meeting.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Questioned the name of the person hiring for the civic center.

Musewicz: Bill Shevchik. He is actually seasonal help for us for Washington St park.

Brown: Seem to do a lot of hiring as needed.

Magliocchi: We do a lot of hiring.

Brown: Are these people actually used.

Tomasovitch: He does work from March until October. He does the Washington St Playground.

Brown: The last couple meeting you have voted to hire people as needed.

Magliocchi: She is right. It's saying as needed but we are still hiring.

Tomasovitch: He won't be on the payroll unless Eugene or Zaz cannot make it.

Brown: Question is, Are there statistics showing that these people hired as needed how often are they used. Are they working part time, full time, occasionally.

Tomasovitch: Depends, the civic center they are used as needed but everyone has so many hours. They are part time.

Brown: They are working?

Tomasovitch: They are working. Everyone that is over there is working.

Musewicz: That would be a question for Mary Ruth or obviously

Magliocchi: Well Mary Ruth didn't actually ask for it. You asked for it.

All talking at once.

Brown: Looks like there is a very big deficit on the report.

Tomasovitch: I think it is because there are a lot of kids in school.

Brown: What we are spending far out balances what's being brought in. I know it's not there to profit.

Magliocchi: I've asked plenty of times and you get the answer well it is there to make some profit.

Brown: Who pays for that deficit. It looked like a million dollars. A very large amount.

Magliocchi: We are. Tax payers. No it's like \$400,000.00.

Brown: The sheet on the wall.

Dolan: That is not the financial statement. That financial statement is what they put in the budget this year that wasn't budgeted. She does normally go into the negative but it's not a lot. They put more things in that they bought that we had to put in. That's why it is like that. If you look at the budget last year, there were a lot of things they put over there, that council said we needed that wasn't in the budget.

Brown: That is the answer I was looking for. I love the place. My grandson is over there as much as possible.

Dolan: You have to remember that the building wasn't put there to make a profit. This year is more because they added more things that weren't budgeted. I know that because I do their books.

Kucharski: Just to make a point to the as needed. So the only 2 employees that get approved leave over there are the director and assistant director. The part time employees do not. So if they miss they don't get paid. Then call in an as needed and it balances.

Brown: I get that. I just hear a lot of we are going to hire as needed.

Dolan: They are staying within. He already works here.

Brown: He can be hired as needed and work 5 days/week.

Tomasovitch: He will only be used if Eugene or Zaz is not there.

Brown: Questioned the landfill income down. Why is that.

Galli: \$10,000.00

Tanana: Drilling stopped so weren't getting the drill cuttings. Less tonnage, less money.

Tomasovitch: They started back up I think.

Brown: There was a conversation about Turkey Hill. Is it going back in up there?

Tomasovitch: No it is going to be a sandwich shop I believe and a beer place to get 6 packs.

Magliocchi: Like convenient in Olyphant.

Tomasovitch: There were a lot of issues with permits because of zoning, and it's on a state road and there are no gas tanks there now.

Brown: And what's the story with the cell tower. It's going to be at Scranton Craftsmen?

Tomasovitch: Yes. They applied for it and came to zoning. Zoning said no. They brought it local and it was denied. They went to the state and

Attorney Cimini: They appealed to appel court. The zoning solicitor went down and argued it and found that they had to remand it to the zoning board.

Brown questioned how close it will be to residents.

Tomasovitch: Not close.

Brown: How close it not close.

Talked about how will be disguised. Flag pole or tree.

Mark Kosik added that he didn't know the zoning went through.

All talking at once.

Jerry Barone: Is somebody watching the part time employees time that they only go a certain

amount of hours so you don't end up hiring permanently?

Tomasovitch: Yes

Musewicz: Robin has been watching.

Tomasovitch: And I have been watching it.

Musewicz: If anybody doesn't know that Civic Center is going to be 20 years old this year.

2. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Dec. 27th, 2016 and Jan. 9th, 2017 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

3. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Kucharski

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"	\$118,702.27
Paid bills:	\$73,845.57
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$1,201,279.78
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$14,988.87

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Tanana abstained on brother, Tomasovitch on husband and father, Musewicz on daughter

Motion carried

12. Motion by Seconded by

To submit payment in the amount of \$100 to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the application fee for Water Quality Management Permit.

13. Motion by Kucharski Seconded by Tomasovitch

To table motion 11 and 12 until the Presidents seat is filled.

All in favor Motion carried

14. Motion by Magliocchi Seconded by Kucharski

To authorize payment to the Sunny Day Fund in the amount of \$172,288.00, this represents the second payment for the Pierce Fire Truck.

All in favor Motion carried

15. Motion by Magliocchi Seconded by Tanana

To request Penn Dot to perform a traffic and engineering study on Marshwood Road at LVIH off ramp.

On the question:

Kucharski: Who requested that?

Magliocchi: A resident called and complained of accidents with tractor trailers coming around. They didn't know where to go so they called the state and they told them to contact the municipality. We got Robert and he said have to do a study.

Kucharski: Do they want a traffic light?

Magliocchi: Signs.

Kucharski: So we don't have to pay for any of this do we?

Magliocchi: Same thing that was done on the boulevard with the no parking. Conduct a survey.

Tomasovitch: As long as we don't have to pay money for this.

Kucharski: Well Penn DOT does it right.

Galli: We just have to request it.

All in favor Motion carried

16. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the proposal received from D & M Fireworks, for firework displays for the Booster Blowout and Annual Night Out. \$5,000 deposit due.

On the question:

Kucharski: So obviously the Booster club is having

Tomasovitch: Yes they are having it 2 days this year. A blow out.

All in favor

Motion carried

Tomasovitch: The booster club this year are not charging an entry fee because they made out so well this year on everything and they still have a lot of money in the bank.

Tanana: Registrations for girls softball.

Tomasovitch: Even if they are out of town. Just for the girls.

17. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Ordinance #2 of 2017, an ordinance accepting a Deed of Dedication from BGM, Inc for certain roads, storm water and sanitary sewer improvements within Schoolside Estates Phase I pending the following:

1. The issuance of a letter of credit by BGM for repairs to a certain 48 inch storm pipe identified by Robert Kalinoski
2. The issuance of a letter of credit for paving repairs identified in a proposal submitted to BGM by Stafursky Paving dated January 26, 2017 in the amount of \$9,450.00.
3. Revision of easement language to be reviewed and approved by Jack Scheuer and Robert Kalinoski

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Magliocchi

To donate \$100.00 to Mid Valley Elementary PTA's Purse Bingo.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski: Right and these were just violations. No fines or anything at this point according to the letter.

Tomasovitch doesn't think they get many.

Andy Hegedus questioned if it was an oversight that the Emergency Services allotments didn't go out for December. Historically receive payments in March, June, September and December. It's going to be understated for 2016. And the expenses will be overstated for 2017. That was part of the reason that our information crossed in the mail with the insurance company and thanks to the borough for picking up that \$2900.00 on the Pierce we were able to do that but I know other companies were banking on the allotment the end of December and I was asked to ask if it was an oversight. So will get 5 checks this year now.

Musewicz: Yes. Apologize for any inconvenience.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary