

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, July 11th, 2016
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:

Richard Kucharski - P

Vince Tanana - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

David Repchick, **Vice President - P**

John Musewicz - P

Bob Magliocchi - A

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

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

* Throop Annual Night Out will be held on Sunday, August 7th, 2016. Parade at 6:00 p.m., line up at 5:30 p.m., fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

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

* The August mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Aug. 8th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

* The August monthly work session/ meeting will be held on Mon. Aug. 29th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Questioned the \$6500.00 for the recruiting firm for a Borough Manager.

Repchick: Not to determine if we need one. To interview and do the whole process so that there are no politics involved.

Lukasewicz: The vote will be to start the process. This will start the process of recruiting a Borough Manager.

Kucharski: It will be a firm that does the recruitment. Will come in and talk to the employees and get an idea of what everyone does. Come up with a job description in conjunction with Council. Then will go out and advertise the position in a wide area including state and social media publications etc. Will prepare interview questions, do the interviewing and come up with 3-5 candidates to present to council and will give their recommendation on the best candidate would be and the council will do own interviews and hopefully make a choice.

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St.: Questioned audience comments on tonight's agenda items. Feels the added motions should be typed/written on the agenda so they, the audience, can read them to be able to comment on them. Not just comment on words said.

Lukasewicz understands his point.

Len Petroliaj, Sanderson St.: Questioned the purchase of more tasers. Asked if the insurance covers if someone dies or goes into cardiac arrest or if they are misused. He is against the purchase of any more tasers in the Borough.

Repchick added that they do have some already. Sure the insurance covers it. They have to be properly trained.

Petroliaj spoke of a borough going bankrupt because of an incident that happened & the insurance company didn't cover it.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: CDBG funds - Dunmore and Olyphant have water/splash pads. Can we use the money for that.

Repchick: Robin said couldn't use it for the Schoolside park.

Lukasewicz: It depends on the proximity of the area to the type of houses in that area and income in that area. Asked that Robin question if can use the funds for a splash pad.

Brown questioned what the church will be used for.

Lukasewicz: Nothing is finalized. Would like to see/contemplating senior living. Need a private entity to come in. 99.9% the borough is not the landlord of senior housing.

Brown recently heard that the Civic Center kids walk to Washington St park. Curious why there isn't something closer.

Lukasewicz added that thinks they go there because of the facilities. There is a kitchen, is a lot for the kids to do there. Pavilion for shade, bathrooms facilities etc.

5. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Tanana

To authorize Bob Lokuta to attend a Blight Property training webinar.

All in favor Motion carried

6. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize a donation of \$200.00 to each the Junior & Senior legion baseball teams to be used towards Regional playoffs.

5 in favor, Kucharski abstained- grandson on the team Motion carried

7. Motion by Repchick Seconded by Kucharski

To authorize the execution of the contract with Dehey McAndrew to help the Borough in a search for a Borough Manager with a \$1500.00 non refundable retainer and hourly rate not to exceed \$5,000.00. Maximum total \$6500.00.

**3 in favor; Tomasovitch & Motion carried
Musewicz against; Lukasewicz
abstained**

Discussion took place whether abstention counts as an against vote.
It is not a vote and is not counted as a vote

There were no audience comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary