

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, June 27, 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 - A**

John Musewicz - P

Bob Magliocchi - P

Solicitor - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Wayne Williams - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Work Session/Meetings:

* The July mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday July 11th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. **Motion by Kucharski** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the May 31st and June 13th, 2016 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Musewicz**

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"	\$50,806.33
Paid bills:	\$100,012.39
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$139,128.80
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$12,910.28

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Kucharski**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

4. **Motion by Musewicz** **Seconded by Kucharski**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **May 31, 2016** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$124,844.40
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$1,754,530.00
Civic Center Account-FNCB	\$505.73
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	\$9,933.86
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	\$2,799,320.54
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$4,137,818.00
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$307,947.29
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,135,199.82

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Kucharski

To pay the quarterly allotments to the Emergency Services for the Borough of Throop. \$5,906.25 each to all Hose Companies (Hose Co #1, #2 and Volunteers #3) and \$1,500.00 to Dickson City Ambulance.

**All in favor except Tanana
abstained from Volunteers Hose Co
because he is a member**

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Musewicz

To reimburse Jordan Kucharski in the amount of \$45.75 for clearances needed for Civic Center employment.

**All in favor except Kucharski
abstained - granddaughter**

Motion carried

8. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Kucharski

To authorize payment in the amount of \$225.00 to Drew Bednar for 101 Acres title search.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned what this is.

Lukasewicz: when thinking of buying the 48 acres it is for the title search

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Kucharski

To adopt Resolution #5 of 2016, a resolution to revise the Official Sewage Facilities Plan of Throop Borough to accommodate the sewage of Schoolside Estates Phases I & II.

**All in favor except
Tomasovitch abstained -Works for
Developer**

Motion carried

10. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Tomasovitch

To adopt Resolution #6 of 2016, a resolution to revise the Official Sewage Facilities Plan of Throop Borough to accommodate the sewage of Milnerhaus Kennels.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Kucharski Seconded by Musewicz

All requests for training's are to be presented to Council 30 days in advance.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize Officer Marc Murcko and Officer Chris Mazzucca to attend a 3 day advance pistol/Carbine training at a cost of \$750.00 each.

5 in favor, Tomasovitch against

Motion carried

13. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to work with an electrical engineer to prepare specs for a generator for the Civic Center.

On the question:

Magliocchi: questioned when planning on doing it. Bid could change next year.

Lukasewicz: It could be this year or next. Can put a clause in there that only good for a certain period of time.

Magliocchi: Would do it that way. Those projects change a lot.

Lukasewicz: Feels that if have the money will probably do it this year if the bids come in right.

Last time had numbers of 50,000-60,000.

Tomasovitch questioned if could get grant.

Lukasewicz maybe request from the county because will be a safety command center. Robin contact Joyce and see if there are any avenues that we can explore.

Tomasovitch would like to see Brian West from Farina's office. He was working on it. Don't know what came of it.

Tanana also added to ask Rich Barbolish since he is the county coordinator. He may know if money is available.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the extension request letter by Robert Sayers for 45 - 60 days for the quiet title action on 522 Dunmore St. Attorney Cimini to include in letter that as stated in prior meeting will board windows and doors and take responsibility for it and also to find out if there is fire insurance on the property. Any further extensions will be looked at.

Kucharski: Weren't we also going to include that this would be a final extension.

Lukasewicz: Maybe include some language in there that we have been very cooperative up to this point and any further extensions will be looked at.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the proposal for hardware for the flags and banners at a cost of approximately \$810.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Musewicz

To accept the proposal for the welcome banners at a cost of \$570.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize the purchase of Yard waste bags and Recycling bins for bottles and cans and newspapers at a cost as per listed on the memo.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize Attorney Cimini to contact Dehey McAndrew to get some available dates.

**4 in favor, Tomasovitch against,
Lukasewicz abstained because
may go for the job**

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: Questioned Hughes old bar and the property across the street - grass is high.

Lukasewicz asked that Bob be made aware tomorrow.

Karr: Property across from me on Meade St. is a mess and hasn't been cut in months.

Questioned the Mayor if still has movie night across the street.

Mary Ruth commented that haven't scheduled anything yet because just finished doing summer camp. Going to be looking into it. Was forwarded some movies.

Karr: Questioned if the rental inspection was settled yet.

Attorney Cimini: No

Magliocchi: On Dave's subject...Understand keeping the town clean but when we are taking care of the Oleckna and Pancoast property - technically we shouldn't be taking care of those properties because if we aren't sending them a letter we shouldn't be sending anyone in the town a letter. If that's private property, like the sidewalks being shoveled/snow blown whatever. I don't see how we are taking care of somebody's property without sending them a letter and sending them a bill like we do throughout the town. I don't know what the tie is there but totally against doing those properties without sending a letter and a bill of us maintaining them. It's private property so everyone we've sent a letter to can come her and have a gripe because we take care of that property and don't send a letter or charge.

Tomasovitch: Past practice maybe.

Magliocchi: It's discriminating. Can't take care of somebody's property and not the rest of the towns. Technically I can come here and ask to cut my front yard because I don't feel like doing it. I clean my curb so-so should every other property owner.

Discussion took place regarding the state roads. And taking care of properties.

Kucharski questioned what gets done and if a vendor comes in and does them. And we pay them.

Lukasewicz: We pay it and lien the property.

Magliocchi doesn't understand why we're not doing that. He went down and cleaned the property. Other yards get cited. He should get the same as everyone else.

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Any response from the last meeting with the letter being sent?

Attorney Cimini questioned if Mr. Dart came to see her.

Delawder: Nobody came to see me.

Kucharski: There was a letter in our packet

Tomasovitch: that he was supposed to contact you.

Attorney Cimini added that when he got off the phone with him he said he was going to see you today and that was last week. He said he would send an email once he met with you.

Lukasewicz: We will check on that for you.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Regarding the schoolside estates playground. Sounds very expensive. How many children are actually right now. We have approximately 400 children in Throop?

Magliocchi added that probably 100 of them are up there.

Brown: How many playgrounds do we have here?

Lukasewicz: 5 or 6. We've been very lucky that we have been able to get funds to establish and maintain playgrounds.

Brown and Lukasewicz speaking at once.

Lukasewicz: Money can be allocated anyway that people want it allocated. Yes. Are you against the park up there?

Brown: I was trying to get the facts together. I know I take my grandchildren to the park. Just wondering what kind of investment is this. Paying for parks that aren't even used.

Tomasovitch: I'm sure that one will be used.

Magliocchi: The parks around here are starting to get older where now you are starting to get new

developments and that's where a lot of the younger population are moving too.

Brown: When you drive through there I see a large amount of homes with built in swimming pools and playgrounds. Curious if it will be used. Looking at at least \$500,000.00

Lukasewicz: Probably looking at \$250-\$300,000.00 up there over a period of time. We can keep it to whatever amount we want too. Speaking for myself, there are a tremendous amount of children up there. And it is probably the newest part of town. There's a lot of young couples with a lot of kids. When I walked that area almost every house that I knocked on it's rare that 2 or 3 kids don't come to the door.

Brown: I understand but will the children actually go to the site.

Lukasewicz: I'm sure they will.

Magliocchi: Plus you have the other development started that will be another 60 homes which will bring more kids there.

Lukasewicz feels it is a very important thing to do.

Brown: Throop is a very small area and we have 4-5 playgrounds already.

Magliocchi: In there own location and have no access too.

Brown has 4-5 mile square mile.

Magliocchi: They don't drive so technically you have to pack up the kids to go to the park. Lives by Washington St so his kids can walk there. If want to go to schoolside they can't walk there.

Brown: I have to drive my grandchildren to Washington St park not everybody has one.

Lukasewicz added that in his neighborhood the kids used to go to skunk hollow or bellman st. We are very fortunate that we can do this.

Tomasovitch questioned that when Schoolside went in there was a clause or something that was put in to put a park in.

Magliocchi: So much for each lot

Lukasewicz: That's for the next phase

Magliocchi: There was also \$10,000.00 put in

Lukasewicz: There is going to be some money put in.

Brown: Civic Center - piece mealing what needs to be done.

Lukasewicz We're not piece mealing. We're just doing what needs to be done for maintenance wise at an acceptable pace without overburdening the Borough,

Magliocchi: I'm not going to disagree with that.

Brown: Well I just see a lot of projects. Just get it done

Magliocchi: Move in and out and do 100% and don't go back.

Petroliaj: The corner of Dunmore & Simpson - There is a resident there that parks his car very close to the stop sign. When you're coming out from Simpson you have to go into the middle of the road.

Lukasewicz: Robin notify the Chief that there were concerns brought up regarding parking near that intersection and that parking should be enforced according to state code.

Magliocchi: Is it the stop sign between Cypress and Dunmore or Dunmore & George?

Petroliaj: East side of Simpson St. And the corner of Dunmore.

Tomasovitch added that it's bad on Green St too. Can't see when coming out of the alley.

Petroliaj: Questioned if the garage doors can be painted to match the 2 new doors

Lukasewicz: At least maybe paint them for now.

Petroliaj: So what do we/who do we have to do to do that?

Lukasewicz: DPW could paint them.

Petroliaj: Who's in charge of DPW?

Lukasewicz: Robert.

Petroliaj: Next question I'd like to put on the record and not over talking Why isn't Robert or the Chief here. They get paid very well to be here. The Borough pays them very well and other staff members are here. I've been included in 2 other Borough's, Peckville & Harrisburg, and the Chief was always there and the street commissioner was always there so if anybody in the audience had a question about the streets or something that has to be done they were there to answer the question. You release them all the time and I don't understand that. So I want to make sure that is on the record that's the second time I've said that. And it's not right. Third time I'm going to the papers.

Magliocchi: I have to agree with that. There are plenty of times and I don't think it's just you. There are plenty of times that we ask and they're not here. I have to agree with him. Something should be put in where we make a motion that its mandatory that they stay 1 meeting a month or both meetings but you have audience questions at the end most of them are useless if they are not here.

Lukasewicz: Understandable.

Petroliaj: Keep going over and over.

Kucharski: You're right

Lukasewicz: We'll have them sit here then. They'll sit the entire meeting. If that's what Council wants.

Magliocchi: Well the thing is we can't answer all his questions

Lukasewicz: No we can't. He is not here to answer his questions I understand that.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: Mr. Petroliaj thank you for bringing it up they will sit here anymore.

Petroliaj: Last thing. I think training for police anything just because if they were brought into a court of law and asked if they have been trained or have been offered training it would cover the whole borough from being sued. I think training is very important with Police to be able to cover themselves and the Borough.

Lukasewicz: We've always pretty much whatever they requested, we allocate money for training, it's just we'd like to know what they are going to ahead of time.

Andy Hegedus: What about the demolition of the 2 buildings now?

Lukasewicz: We are waiting to find out about the other property. Waiting for a response.

Hegedus: So do we have a time frame so that we can go over to train in the rectory.

Lukasewicz: I would assume training as long as it's coordinated properly

Hegedus: Well I want to do it as close tot he demolition as possible because we want to cut up things.

Lukasewicz: We are waiting for a response from the owner. Short period of time.

Hegedus: Not even so much Gombar's house because it looks like the front porch is going to fall over tonight but the rectory itself.

Lukasewicz: You brought up a good point because now it is our responsibility.

Hegedus: The other issue is you said you were going to look into having somebody go in there and assess if they were going to take any of the built ins out or anything like that. I think that now is the time to do it.

Lukasewicz: If you could have the DPW guys put private property signs up on that Gombar

property tomorrow.

Hegedus: The built ins in the rectory are nice and somebody may be able to use them.

Lukasewicz: The fences bring big bucks.

Hegedus: we want to coordinate as closely as possible. And is the garage going to be included in that.

Lukasewicz: It's going to be sooner than later. Yes. If you can ask for a response from them within 15 days or something. The other property owner.

Attorney Cimini: Ok.

Lukasewicz: A request to me, an individual that passed away not to long ago and his fiancé just moved to town on North St. Was a Marine. Brought a trailer and have it on North St Asked if they could keep it over here in the Church parking lot for about a week or 2 until someone from the marines comes to get it. Anyone have a problem with it. Okay.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary