

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, March 14th, 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

Mark Mazak - 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 - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O’Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session was held at 6:00 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

* Throop Civic Center will hold the Children’s Easter Party on Saturday, March 19th, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12 pm.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The March monthly work session/meeting will be held Mon., March 28th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Hegedus: Questioned if will be making a motion regarding 522 Dunmore St - Giving them 90 days.

Lukasewicz: yes.

Hegedus: Are you going to then begin the process today as well to run concurrent with that so that you don't have to drag it out 180 days like you said it will take 90 days for the Borough to do anything else.

Attorney Cimini: It doesn't make sense for us to do anything. We would have to contact all of the heirs. The best thing is that he gets the quiet title action and then we have someone to serve/deliver mail to and have a responsible party. If they don't do anything to the property we will have someone to serve.

Hegedus: Will we do something to protect the property from anyone going in and in habiting it at this time in the condition it is in and if something should occur now what do we do.

Lukasewicz: Had someone say they would be responsible for it 2 years ago and they didn't do anything said would do.

Hegedus: so here is the real life problem and scenario. If the structure does catch on fire and someone tells a firefighter or first responder that they think someone is in there and they go in there in the condition it is in and we lose a life of a first responder or firefighter over us not putting/taking the responsibility we have been put on notice tonight officially for the third time by this attorney and no action is being taken. We need to take some kind of action to protect the firefighters - first responders wether it be police, fire or ems. We've been lucky

Lukasewicz: I like what you said Andy and I think that's what needs to be conveyed. With this motion tonight they should be aware that they need to secure the doors on the premises and the windows so noone can get in.

Attorney Cimini: The problem is finding the people to list them in the quiet title. That's the issue.

Lukasewicz: There was a way this could've be handled and it wasn't done properly. And now we are in a predicament.

Bob Lokuta: To add to this - we have a similar situation that developed on Coppernick St.

Lukasewicz: Bob please - We have 1 now that we aren't doing anything with. The other one should be the same thing. Noone is taking responsibility on the other one.

Attorney Cimini: It's a good thing that they get this quiet title. Someone to send a letter too. All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: In the motion we will include to secure it. Immediately

Attorney Cimini: Send a letter and include noone is allowed in the property so that if something did happen.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: Do the same with the other property (Coppernick St)- send a letter.

Attorney Cimini did send a letter to Italy. Still waiting on a response.

1. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To allow 90 days for the procurement of the action of quiet title for 522 Dunmore St. By the individuals that are taking responsibility at this point in time and for it to be secured, looked at and make notification that noone is in there and then to secure it so it is not a safety hazard.

All in favor **Motion carried**

Lukasewicz asked Lokuta if there was ever an inspection/report of the property (522 Dunmore St.) to see if it was sound.

Lokuta: Yes.

Lukasewicz: They wanted it torn down. If 90 days comes and goes that because of the report that's on file from Manny Ponds that it be put out to bid and torn down.

Attorney Cimini: Doesn't it say that it is in horrible condition but could be rehabilitated if the right things were done?

Repchick: Of course that was 2 years ago and nothing was done.

Attorney Cimini stated that the letter says it can be restored but if it is left unattended it is an issue for the neighborhood, and eye sore. Dated April of 2014. Permission to tear down.

2. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Repchick**

To request Penn DOT to do a Traffic and Engineering Study on Boulevard Ave. To eliminate parking on the East side.

6 in favor, Lukasewicz abstained so noone says trying to better himself with property there **Motion carried**

3. Motion by Repchick **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To accept the proposal from Verizon to purchase 6 tablets for the police vehicles at a cost of \$5,580.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Mazak **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To schedule a meeting immediately with the Borough Engineers, the responsible parties and the principles and their Engineers for Schoolside Estates Phase II.

All in favor **Motion carried**
Lukasewicz stated has been abstaining on everything with Mark Kosik but voting for it because feels it is the right thing to do.

5. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Musewicz

To authorize Attorney Cimini to research having someone oversee Schoolside estates Phase II.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: Questioned status on Oleckna St. Project.

Lukasewicz: Oleckna St - status

Attorney Cimini: Spoke to Dominick Rinaldi and the easements are being prepared.

Dave Karr: St. John's Church - anything

Lukasewicz forgot one motion wanted to put on. Have been trying to buy the old Gombar property. We made an offer of \$40,000.00 The realtor and bank dragged us threw year process and now want \$88,000.00. Now the rectory we can put out to bid to tear it down.

No audience comments on the below motion.

6. Motion by Repchick

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Robert Kalinoski and Jack Scheuer, Borough Engineer (if needed) to prepare bid specs and put out to bid to tear down the Rectory.

Karr asked if going to try to tear down the rectory without getting the property next door.

Lukasewicz - we are not getting the property next door. Refuse to pay \$88,000.00

On the question:

Mazak stated that Andy want to do some firemen work in there before it gets torn down.

Hegedus would like to do some training in there. Truck Company operations and stuff like that.

We've been through the building and it is structurally sound.

Lukasewicz: If you do it in the next couple of weeks that will be fine. I want it down as soon as possible. Now we have to make a decision on the church.

Repchick and Magliocchi are for tearing it down.

Tomasovitch-we need senior living.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz if you have an opportunity go in it and through it. Complete steel frame work.

Haven't made decision because we thought would have the rectory torn down and the house next to it.

Magliocchi asked what plans were then.

Lukasewicz our plan was senior housing and leave the church possibly. Now back to square one.

Next meeting we will talk about the church.

Magliocchi: Noone realizes the liability we have with the civic center kids walking to

Washington St park with the busy roads. He would tear both down and put a park there for them and have the parking lot.

Lukasewicz We will have a lengthy discussion next meeting.

Mazak there are a lot of things we can do with it and agrees with Lukasewicz on the structure. A lot can do besides recreation. We have some money budgeted in areas may not use. A library. Repchick says good idea for a play area for the kids. Lukasewicz schedule a meeting for the 21st for general purposes. Work Session starting at 6 and meeting follow. Finally at that point where we can decide.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience comments continued:

Hegedus: Access control at the Police Structure. If the borough continues to grow as far a properties thinks it is time to look at technology out there and come up with a plan. Assess what department heads need and everyone can work from the cloud system. One provider that you can continue to grow with. Instead of piece meal like doing. Accountability is the number one thing. Think about planning for this stuff.

Lukasewicz: spoke of old recording system.

Mayor Williams added that have a line item for it in budget.

Motion to adjourn.

Dave Magliocchi, Simpson St.: Questioned if asking the landfill for any more money for raising the landfill.

Repchick stated have had plenty of meetings with him.

Tomasovitch: We've had meetings with him.

D. Magliocchi: So where are we at. Are we asking for anything, are we getting anything. We are sitting here doing nothing.

Attorney Cimini: We have a contract with the landfill.

D. Magliocchi: I believe you can breach the contract. So it's a done deal. You can't ask for anymore money because of the contract?

TAPE ENDED

Lukasewicz: so now we have to try to find another area for senior housing.

(?): What are we doing daily, weekly, monthly to stay on course. What's your plan.

Lukasewicz: We just got back to square one on senior housing. It appears what we have there may not be conducive to senior housing.

B. Magliocchi: Confused by what was said here. It is structurally sound but too expensive to do something to reconstruct it.

Lukasewicz: It depends what you want to do with it.

B. Magliocchi: I would rather not save a building for historic reasons. Tear it down and we are a step closer to moving forward.

Lukasewicz: That may happen. At next meeting if a lot of people want it torn down then it can be torn down. Or you can maybe decide to have it looked at and used for another use. Next meeting will be crucial point.

(?) Seniors that are living in apartments around here. Families have moved out - Seniors have moved out of town to other apartments. Would like to stay in town but can't drive far. Would like to be with friends. Opens housing for young people that moved in to town.

Lukasewicz hears it from seniors everyday.

(?) I will be here every month to make sure we keep getting

All talking at once.

(?) Spoke of field and adding more dirt and not being able to use it. Money hole.

Lukasewicz: It was just constructed last Spring. Issues were addressed last year. Anticipated would have to do some work on it this year because it had issues. Nobody expected to be able to just jump on the field and use it. Shouldn't be used until it is ready.

All talking at once.

Magliocchi: Should've put a motion on to get a bid to rip down the rectory and the church because we will get a better price to get both down. Not saying have to but can get bid to do both. Then you can decide from there. If you planned on the high rise the church was coming down anyway.

Lukasewicz: The church was not coming down. There was options for the church. There was never the thought of tearing it down if we didn't do the high rise. It's a sound building the can be retrofitted and used for something but if there are 4 votes up here that want it torn down then it will be torn down.

B. Magliocchi: So you were keeping the church

Lukasewicz: no we weren't tearing the rectory down until we knew if we were getting the property next to it because we would've torn the 2 of them down at the same time. That's why we were waiting. There was never a discussion of tearing down the church.

Mazak: We never got an opinion form an engineer/architect in regard to the church what so ever. We don't have any input and we are saying about building and tearing things down. Let's get some input from the professionals. We are making statements here about putting the elderly in there and tearing it down.

Tomasovitch: St. Michael's in Jessup they just did that over for senior living and I heard it is gorgeous.

Discussion took place regarding one million dollars for senior housing and the little league field. Lukasewicz said that senior housing is going to be done by private entities.

(?)questioned who the entity is - Do you have one. Spoke of money coming in from the landfill. Why can't we just get it done.

Lukasewicz feels he should look at the budget and see what is coming in and out.

Attorney Cimini: This gentlemen comes here and wants senior housing - we've talked about it. We never heard from the public that there is a real need for it. Now there is a need for it. We need to address it. Have meetings. Only a few people who run senior living. Bring them in and show them the town. If we made this available to you would this work for you. Now we need to address it.

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St.: You heard my views on the church. Questioned when next meeting will be to discuss the church.

Lukasewicz: The 21st at 6:00pm

Tropiak: Heritage of this town.. Keep that there. Putting something in there - great idea. If you put it on the historic register and you would get money to maintain it too. Doesn't have to be torn down. That's our heritage.

Magliocchi: We have to do something with it.

Lukasewicz: We've been spending a lot of money over the past few years maintaining it.

All talking at once.

Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary