

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, May 9th, 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 - A

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* An executive session was held Thursday, May 5th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

* The Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, May 30th, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

* Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building and 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on Boulevard Ave.

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The May monthly work session/meeting will be held Tues. May 31st, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

* The June mid month work session/meeting will be held Mon. June 13th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

* The June monthly work session/meeting will be held Mon. June 27th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Jim Caria, Dunmore St.: Charlene says I'm down the field everyday. There's a reason. A lot of mud and rain over the last week and a half and I'm down there to check it. Put foot on the dirt and see if water is coming up. I am responsible for the safety of the boys. If there is any kind of lawsuits I get hit and it could get worse. Not sure where she heard this but now she knows.

Tomasovitch: Bottom line is you're not going to be in trouble. We're going to be in trouble.

Caria: For what?

Tomasovitch: Because you don't own it. The borough does.

Caria: Right. I'm responsible for the players.

Tomasovitch: We have Rob & Robert down there they will come to us first.

Caria: I am responsible for the safety and it's the main issue. We know you own it.

Tomasovitch: And these guys have the last say in it. Not you, not John. Rob and my brother in law.

Caria: I'm going to say it again. I am responsible for the safety.

Tomasovitch: If you get hurt down there who you going to come after us - us. You shouldn't be down there bottom line.

Caria: I don't have to come after anybody. You're changing the subject.

Tomasovitch: No I'm not.

Caria: The boys field is pretty good. It takes up the water good. It's the new field. We have to make sure. It's wet and we have to make sure it's not slippery and the grass is not wet because the kids could get hurt. Now Rob has the authority to stop it but we still have to check it. We have to make sure they don't get hurt. That's a big issue with little league. That's the only reason I'm down there. I don't go in the stand. I don't do this I don't do that. You must be getting badly informed. I check it everyday. I don't bother any of the maintenance workers. It's a big issue safety. That's what I do. Little league comes to me.

Tomasovitch: Maybe it should be checked later. 3:00 - 4:00

Caria: If somebody comes down there they weren't told to go down there. I will check it in the morning and see how it is. I decide and I call the coaches and say it looks good you may be able to play tonight.

Tomasovitch: That's right where you are wrong. Right there.

Caria: Wait a minute.

Lukasewicz: Can I ask something? Blacky you say that you are in charge of the field for little league. Are there certain restrictions that little league puts on the individual little leagues that they have to have a safety guy that checks the field?

Caria: There's a lot.

Lukasewicz: What I am asking is are you doing it on behalf of just yourself or on behalf of little league baseball because they need somebody to do it?

Caria: There are lots of safety rules. Lots.

Lukasewicz: That's the only point I am trying to make. I think little league has specific rules about the field.

Musewicz: Safety Officer. Safety is their #1.

All talking at once. In a manual.

Lukasewicz: If there is something like that then we need to know that because he is only doing what is required by little league.

Nobody wants to overstep our bounds.

Mazak: I think a perfect way to solve this is Blacky just go down there after 3:00 when the workers are gone.

Dave Magliocchi, Simpson St.: Are you saying you can't go down there while there are workers there? It's a public place.

Caria: I check it. Coaches call me. I tell them It looks good but I will check it again at 4:00. If I don't go down there and say it's not playable what happens is 2 teams come down there and they won't be able to play unless we told them it's playable and come down.

Lukasewicz: I understand. We have a process now. Robert is going to make a decision by 12:00. Now John if you could provide to us what little league says that they have to have a safety officer. There's nothing wrong with him looking at it so he can contact people.

Magliocchi: Technically it is open to the public so we can't tell him he can't.

Lukasewicz: Wait a minute we are going to get to that. Somebody is - they are borough fields and borough fields are put in place to be used for the games for specific teams we have down there. If a DPW worker is working down there on that field noone is allowed on that field. But it's a borough park and if your dad wants to go down and walk around he can & do whatever he wants.

All talking at once.

Magliocchi: If Rob's working on Little league field - should be able to go on other field.

Lukasewicz: If something at little league says he should look at the field to say something that there is a rule in the bylaws that you have to have someone look at the field.

Magliocchi: Is the park closed when the DPW workers are down there because technically it is a public park. I don't care if he's for the little league or isn't how do you keep him off the field.

Lukasewicz: I thought we defined somewhere that the fields are to be used by the 2 teams that use the field..

All talking at once.

Attorney Cimini: The fields are designated for baseball. They get scheduled first. Beyond that it's open. I think the issue is with the DPW. If there is a DPW worker on the field I think for safety reasons you don't want people on the field. If a rake is left & someone steps on it. It is reason enough if DPW workers are on the field you don't want people walking around.

Magliocchi: So you're saying I have to schedule through the borough if I want to bring my kids there if there is no scheduled things between the organizations? Then it isn't a public field.

Lukasewicz: Technically yes.

Attorney Cimini: You don't need permission but if you wanted to reserve the field for a certain time you would.

Magliocchi: If I want to go down at 1:00 and Rob is working on the other field & I want to play a game with my kids I don't have to schedule practice. I would have to call Robin first?

All talking at once.

Magliocchi: So if I want to play basketball at Washington ST park I have to get permission first?

Lukasewicz: If the field is fixed for the night by Robert's guys.

Magliocchi: You can't keep the people off that field. It's public. It's a conflict. You can't do that. If they don't have a game or practice you can't keep them off the field.

Lukasewicz: We'll have to research this. If a field is fixed for a game that evening

Magliocchi: Who's to say it wasn't fixed the day before.

Lukasewicz: If that field is fixed for a game someone can go down and do whatever they want.

Magliocchi: It's open. The only thing you're going to have to say is if Rob's on the boys field everyone is going to have to stay off it. When he goes to the other field have at it.

Tomasovitch: Wasn't there a problem with people closing the gates at 6:00 pm too?

Magliocchi: Yes - from what I understand the gates are being closed early. Yes.

Kucharski: The new field is under lock and key. I don't know about the others.

Tomasovitch/Magliocchi: No it's not. It's open now.

Magliocchi: The only way you can keep someone off the field is if DPW workers are on the field. For safety reasons can't go on it.

Lukasewicz: If guys working on a field can't go on it. Once they're done anyone can go on it.

Washington field or any field can walk on it - play baseball on it.

Caria: What time are the workers done?

Tomasovitch: 3:00 - 3:15. Blacky my thing was that there were coaches going down there asking is the field playable today. First of all it's not for them.

Caria: They'll be told about it. It's not their job.

Caria: The old field really not just a practice field. We have 3 coach pitch teams and 2 t ball teams and that's strictly for them. We had to shuffle a 9 & 10 game over there because of the mud on the new field and wet grass but we don't want to do that.

Lukasewicz: It's not going to be allowed. It is going to be strictly for the younger kids and the other field for the bigger boys. That's the way it's going to be.

Caria: If you want a schedule we'll get you one and a manual.

Musewicz: Blacky how many years have you been checking the field for safety concerns?

Caria: 46 years. Everybody has had someone down there playing.

Musewicz: You've been checking for safety concerns for 46 years.

Tomasovitch: Nobody is saying anything about the safety. Saying it's the borough's field. That's what the only gripe was.

Caria: We know. We signed it over.

Tomasovitch: well John doesn't get it.

Caria: This thing that's going on down there between the booster Club and Little league - we think we have to have you people come in and make a decision.

Mazak: I said that.

Lukasewicz: Blacky we have until Monday. If it gets to that point that's what we'll have to do.

Caria: Have heard things today that aren't true. Charlene you don't know the other side.

Tomasovitch: I know both sides and he's saying only his side. Noone has Lori here.

Caria: Everything you said was the other side and you don't know our side. There's about 2 things that have to be settled that's all. The meetings went good.

Kucharski: do you think you can settle them on your own rather than

Caria: We tried to settle on our own and they put the locks back on.

Kucharski: Rather than wait until Monday if that's the case then let's just schedule an executive session or whatever we have to do and meet. Unless you think

Tomasovitch: I want to put a motion on that Lori Cortazar be in charge of all the stands down there. She'll know where the money is going and will write the checks. If we're getting involved that's what I want. I want a motion that Lori Cortazar will be in charge of the stands.

Musewicz: She can't be in charge of the little league stands. Absolutely not. It's a different entity.

Caria: It ain't going to happen.

Mazak: Can I ask you a question Blacky-as president of the little league? Does the Little league have books from the previous years, records, all the money that was brought in and spent?

Caria: I'm not sure. I don't know but if anyone would like to see it.

Mazak: Yes I would like to see it.

Caria: Come to the next meeting and we'll give you one, a copy.

Mazak: No I'd like to see it. I'm not going to the meeting.

Caria: I'm not passing it around town.

Mazak: Why not?

Caria: Why should we?

Mazak: Why shouldn't you?

Caria: If you want to see it - if anyone would like to see something you'll get it.

Mazak: I want to see it.

Caria: We'll give you it.

Mazak: Thank you. You'll drop one off to Robin tomorrow?

Caria: Ok. Good enough.

Mazak: and that's the report that little league has to send in to Williamsport that says how much income you brought in and how you disperse?

Caria: how much we spent - everything.

Mazak: Will you drop it off to Robin so I can get it?

Caria: We don't hide anything. Anyone can see it.

Caria: There has to be a decision made down there. Tired of bickering back & forth. No reason for it. I want Charlene to hear the other side.

Musewicz: I left that meeting because I was afraid of my well being. I didn't want to get anywhere near that meeting.

Lukasewicz: It was said well when those fields were dedicated last summer and I don't understand what's happened to now but me personally, I thank you for everything you've done down there for all those years. Let's resolve it and be done.

Caria: The biggest job was

Lukasewicz: Everything is wonderful down there. We'll fix it. Like we have in the past.

Dave Magliocchi, Simpson St.: There's not much to say in this organization. So it doesn't matter. I will say one thing about the Throop Booster Club that everyone is saying don't know the other side. They came to an agreement. The little league is the one that keeps changing it. The agreement is there they keep coming back and they want to change it. The locks are on there tonight. They didn't cash the check or anything from the little league. They didn't do any of that. They put them on there because they can't come to an agreement. Our agreement is what Lori wants. She's in charge of it and they don't like the way she is doing it and that's the way it is.

Tomasovitch: because she is having a paper trail.

Musewicz: It's not the booster clubs building.

Dave Magliocchi: You come back with another statement saying we want this now. It was already a done deal. You want to do it your way or no way.

Lukasewicz: What's going to happen if there is no resolution.

Tomasovitch: The borough will take it over.

Dave Magliocchi: The borough should and split it between them. Have someone come in from out of town to run the stand and say here's what you do. No one is in charge. Have a vendor come in and sell their stuff and give a profit and be done with it and now you know where everything is and you don't have to worry whose in there taking or eating or whatever.

Lukasewicz: It's a lot of childish stuff.

Dave Magliocchi: It's for the kids. Its pathetic. I got a guy down there ripping my sign off of the fence that somebody seen. I know who it is and they know who it is.

Bob Magliocchi: Tom it's actually not funny because they damaged the fence and there was a witness that seen it.

Lukasewicz: somebody was ripping the sign off.

Tomasovitch: Yes.

Bob Magliocchi: Somebody at this table is who it was & it's a touchy subject right now and I'm not going to get started on it.

Mazak: Somebody ripped his sign out?

Tomasovitch: They tried to rip it up

Mazak: And there's a witness?

All talking at once.

Dave Magliocchi: Neither one of these organizations should run those stands and something needs to be done and you're in charge of that field.

1. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Repchick

To donate \$200.00 to VFW Post # 7251 and \$200.00 to the American Legion Post 180 towards Memorial Day Services.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To purchase material needed to cut a pathway from pitchers mound to home plate and dugouts to home plate on the old boys field at the Little League.

On the question:

Musewicz will be abstaining on this due to the process that took place to get to this point.

Wasn't the way it should've went down. Phone voting should be stopped.

Mazak added that there was no phone voting because I was one of the ones called and I did not phone vote. My vote is taking place in public right now. In regards to the motion I am for the pitchers mound but not for the pathways from the dugouts. Not sure if I can do that or not.

Kucharski added that he was not called by anybody for the record.

Musewicz said he wasn't called either.

Repchick: I was.

**5 in favor, Musewicz abstained
for reasons stated, Lukasewicz
against**

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: That's different. Snooky takes care of that field.

D. Magliocchi: Have to do it for that too not just the others. The little league plays there too.

Lukasewicz: Snooky will have to call Robin.

D. Magliocchi: Why is Snooky in charge and Robert in charge. Why not just make one guy in charge.

Tomasovitch: Blacky for the boys, whoever for the girls and Snooky for Washington.

Lukasewicz: Everyone let Robin know by lunch time.

All talking at once.

Lukasewicz: Snooky takes care of that field completely. Robert doesn't go near that field. The DPW guys don't go near it.

Magliocchi: So we are leaving the liability up to them not managers. So if someone gets hurt on that field then

Lukasewicz: Then Snooky can call Robert to let him know and if he has a problem with it he'll take a look at it. This is for Washington St also. There will be a chain of command there also.

**All in favor Magliocchi abstained
because he is a member**

Motion carried

Lukasewicz: If anything we accomplished something. We have some rules to go by. When we took over that field we all knew this was going to happen.

6. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Repchick

Coach pitch and T Ball teams are allowed to play on the old field. No 9, 10, 11 or 12's.

On the question:

Musewicz: That's minor and major league

Kucharski: As Blacky said there are times that the new field is not playable and they switched those older kids to the old field. So they can't do that anymore?

Musewicz: And there's no girls game.

Magliocchi & Tomasovitch: It's a safety issue.

Musewicz: Even when there is no girls game?

Tomasovitch: No 9, 10, 11 or 12's on that field.

Blacky: 9's & 10's don't have the power to hit over the fence.

Lukasewicz: If there's no girls game than there's really no safety issue.

Musewicz: If there's no girls game/practice can the 9 & 10's play on that field.

Tomasovitch: Yes. Alright.

Lukasewicz: We don't want to lose playing a game.

Dave Magliocchi, Simpson St.: What if there is a family over there playing with their kids.

Tomasovitch: Bottom line my motion is going to read No 9, 10, 11 or 12's on the old field ever.

Lukasewicz: And the problem that comes in with that is if they can't get on that other field then the schedule is going to get backed up.

Mazak: They are done playing baseball in June. Am I correct?

Musewicz: No July.

Mazak: You're finished in July with All Stars? When do they start.

Musewicz: Yes - June.

Tomasovitch: There is no screen there to protect the ball.

3 in favor, Magliocchi abstained Motion failed
due to being a member, Kucharski
Musewicz & Lukasewicz against
Mayor Williams Against

Lukasewicz: Mayor what do you think?

Tomasovitch: It's a safety issue. That's the bottom line.

Musewicz: If there is nobody playing on the girls field we should be able to sneak a game in. If there is no girls on the girls field.

Mazak: You can't do talk now. You can't do that.

Lukasewicz: We're off the question.

Musewicz: I thought we were on the question. I'm sorry.

Illegal vote.

Mazak: Accept your apology John.

Mayor Williams asked that the motion be reread .

Galli reread the motion.

Mayor: On the question: Wasn't that field supposed to be a practice field also?

Tomasovitch: No

Repchick thought it was.

Lukasewicz: It's on the vote so it's up to you.

Mayor: I thought it was supposed to be a practice field. Against.

Tomasovitch: Well on the record - If someone gets hit over there I'm not getting sued.

Mazak: I would like to put a motion on.

The old field is not to be used for practice by the so called big team and the 9 & 10 except if there is no girls game/practice then they're allowed to practice.

Why would they want to play there? We built a new field for them.

Kucharski: If the field is soggy & wet and it's not playable and there are no girls games they can play there.

All talking at once.

As long as there is no girls game or practice going on on the girls field a little league game can be held on the old field or practice.

Dave Magliocchi: Or if there is a family what do you do?

10. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by

To put Lori Cortazar in charge of the stands at the field.

For lack of a second Motion failed.

All talking at once.

Tomasovitch stated that she wanted it on the record that she wanted her in charge.

Lukasewicz: If they can't iron it out then we'll figure something out. Hopefully we don't have to get involved.

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: The Throop Neighborhood Watch Association will be picking up debris from the Borough Building down Sanderson to the Little League and on Oleckna St. On May 14th at 10:00 am. Anyone is welcome.

Dave Magliocchi, Simpson St.: Bruno Dr. Septic system. Anything happening with that as of yet?

Lukasewicz: Attorney Cimini - anything?

Attorney Cimini: I spoke to Bob Lokuta on Friday-he is dealing

Lukasewicz: There's been discussing here several times of it and they're still

Dave Magliocchi: It's been going on since August and nothing has been resolved. Just didn't know where we're at.

Lukasewicz: Can we have at least a status report of it next meeting.

Attorney Cimini: I will ask Bob.

Kucharski: What's the status of 522 Sanderson St.

Attorney Cimini: The deposit was sent in. The sales agreement was mailed out today. The sales agreement is by June.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary