

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, November 28th, 2016
Budget Work Session 6:00 p.m.
followed by
Monthly Work Session/Meeting**

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 - 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 - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Butash Pharmacy was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the Pharmacy and Post Office Service in the Borough for 66 years.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Dec. Mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Dec. 12th, 2016 at 6:30p.m.

* The Dec. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Dec. 27th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Joe Tropiak, Phillips St: Questioned if there is going to be a motion accepting the proposal of the Goodman St. property.

A discussion took place regarding the Goodman St property and the Borough can't do anything with it. Only a piece of land.

Tropiak: You are buying buildings with no clear path on what to do with them, I would say if you get that one back on the rolls instead of tearing it down and creating a problem sell it to me. I'll buy that building.

Repchick: We can't - there are mold problems in those structures. They have to be remediated.

Tomasovitch: We have to put bids out. We would have to put it in the paper and bid those properties out.

Repchick: I don't think there is one Councilman here that wants to get rid of that land. The borough wants the land, it doesn't have much land.

Tropiak: I am questioning why is the borough buying land.

Tomasovitch: We bought that because we thought it would be in the best interest because we bought the church.

Repchick: She is right. The other one we had to tear it down and then we got stuck with the lien - on Goodman.

Tropiak: Just wanted connection between the both.

Repchick: The only reason we purchased this one, one came with the church and the second one - and the reason we are trying the third one is because the borough right now really has no land and if we do something in the future in regards along with the church we can use the property. That is why.

Magliocchi stated that he wouldn't say he is opposed to getting rid of it all though. He didn't think it was a good idea from the start. It's almost been a year to get a bid to rip them down. We don't even know what we are going to do with them. Need a bigger piece of property for what we want to do.

Tomasovitch doesn't think we have any interest in getting rid of it.

Tropiak: What should be done is consider putting it out for bid and I can bid on it or anybody else can.

Repchick: That is up to the majority of Council.

Magliocchi: This is where I get aggravated to Joe, like you said - get it done, we've been trying to make a decision since January since I got here. We don't know if we are coming or going with those properties. We need to do something. They have been there too long.

Tomasovitch: Can I ask you Joe what you would plan to do with it?

Tropiak: I would get it back on the tax rolls and I would rent it out.

Repchick: One building you can't. It's bad.

Tomasovitch: There is too much mold in it.

Tropiak: Are we talking about the building next to the rectory?

Kucharski: No the rectory.

Magliocchi: Are you thinking of apartments in the church?

Tropiak: You bought the church and the rectory and you find out there is mold in it so you are stuck right there. Now you have the next building. It is in good shape. There is nothing wrong with that building. I was in there.

Tomasovitch: The problem is the wall between the rectory and the house.

Tanana: That house is destroyed. Whoever owned it last time.

Tropiak: There are new windows, I was in there. It is in good shape.

Magliocchi: The wall that is there is going to be a fortune for us.

Tanana: It was cheaper to buy Mr. Gombar's house than to rectify that wall.

All talking at once.

Tropiak wants to buy it back to get it on the tax rolls.

Tomasovitch: It was on the market

Repchick: and nobody touched it.

Jim Barnick, George St.: Questioned what is of value in the 522 Sanderson St. Property besides the fence.

Tanana: Cast iron radiator Jerry Barone wants to get because he has that in his downstairs.

Tape Ended.

Repchick: Robin put a motion on for Robert to get everything ready to be put out to bid - those two structures - within a month minus the fence and the 2 radiators.

Barnick: The guy that tears it down will probably say here Jerry take this with you.

All talking at once.

Galli questioned what properties they are.

Repchick: 522, the rectory and the garage.

1. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Kucharski

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Oct. 24th, Oct. 31st, Nov. 7th and Nov. 14th, 2016 council meetings and the Sept. 26th, 2016 Public Hearing.

On the question:

Tanana: questioned if the motion that needs to be changed is one of these Minutes being accepted.

Galli: September 19th.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Tomasovitch

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"	\$73,257.73
Paid bills:	\$138,142.58
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$463,216.67
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$13,778.20

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Magliocchi

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

Motion carried

4. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Kucharski

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Kucharski **Seconded by Musewicz**

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$6,050.00 for the 2017 retainer for the Borough of Throop Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans. (Payments will be paid from the assets of the funds \$3,025.00 from each fund, Police and Non-Uniform).

**All in favor except Tomasovitch
abstained on the non uniform and
Repchick abstained on the police** **Motion carried**

8. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Musewicz**

To reimburse Elizabeth O'Brien in the amount of \$43.00 for clearances needed for Civic Center employment.

All in favor **Motion carried**

9. Motion by Musewicz **Seconded by Kucharski**

To enter into an agreement with Tru Green to service all four ball fields for a total cost of \$5,100.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

10. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Musewicz**

To allow Mary Ruth Tanner to carry over unused sick time as in the past.

On the question:

Kucharski questioned if we have any policy in terms of the maximum amount that can be carried over

Repchick: That is a good question.

Tomasovitch: We do for the contract but they don't follow the contract.

Repchick: They follow the policies book which has to be redone.

Magliocchi: Department heads, salaried people do not carry over sick time. If we have in the past it's fine but I think in the future it needs to change. You take sick days off but who records it? I'm not saying her.

Tomasovitch: It should be recorded as a boss. Somebody should record it.
Kucharski thinks we have to update that employee handbook.
Repchick agrees.
Tomasovitch questioned if they have carried them over before.
Galli: yes.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Musewicz

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Attorney Cimini to send a letter to Jack Scheuer, Borough Engineer that Council has received complaints regarding Bruno Dr. And the sewage enforcement officer has looked into it and because of the complexity of the situation we would like to expedite this process and have Jack Scheuer contact DEP and do whatever have to, to get this out to bid as soon as possible.

**All in favor except Magliocchi
abstained**

Motion carried

12. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept James Barnick Jr's proposal dated 11/28/16 for the offer of purchase of 818 Goodman St for \$12,000.00 contingent on Attorney Cimini's review and the Borough Code.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion carried Tanana

Seconded by Musewicz

To amend the motion passed from the September 12, 2016 meeting regarding the police promotions (Motion #11) to say promotion by Civil Service rules and regulations. Two positions, a Sargent and a Captain.

On the question:

Kucharski questioned testing the patrolmen also.

Tomasovitch: Working on the promotion first.

**All in favor except Magliocchi
due to lack of knowledge**

Motion carried

14. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Kucharski

To adopt Resolution #12 of 2016. Providing for the furnishing of electric street lighting service to the Borough of Throop.

Repchick added that this is changing all of our street lights to LED. It will cost us \$1900.00. We will save \$140 a year and the only reason the savings is 140 is because PP&L actually owns the street lights. Only a little savings but the lighting is substantially better, brighter and there is a 40 year warranty on the bulbs.

Tomasovitch questioned who pays for the bulbs when have to be changed.

Repchick: Us

Magliocchi We won't have to pay for anything for 40 years

Conversation took place on who pays for it now.

Galli: Fee we are paying is for 12 lights. They are still under contract. The other 374 we aren't paying for to get changed. Just the 12 that are under the 10 year contract.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Kucharski

Seconded by Musewicz

To enter into an agreement with PP&L regarding changing the street lighting to LED and to execute the contract.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To advertise the proposed 2017 budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Kucharski

To accept the proposal for the installation of the scoreboards at a cost of \$1500.00 and to give approval to have the electrical work done.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to put out for bid the demolition of the 2 properties (522 Sanderson, and 520 Sanderson) within a month with the exception of the fence.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments:

Tomasovitch questioned the mandatory overtime starting December 1, 2016.
Galli, Attorney Cimini: It's on hold.

Tanana questioned if heard anything of the meeting date with Mr. DeNaples.
Attorney Cimini stated that he spoke to the secretary last week and she said after Thanksgiving.
Attorney Cimini will get a date tomorrow.

Galli questioned the Tiffany properties and if anyone had a chance to look at them.
Magliocchi questioned why he wouldn't offer to them to the people next door.
Tomasovitch: One we need.

Barnick: the other they just figured it would be better for the Borough to have them.
Repchick: Send an email to Robert that he has to look at the Tiffany properties and provide a response by the December 12, 2016 meeting.
All talking at once.

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: Questioned what was talked about being put on hold.
A discussion took place regarding the house at 520 Dunmore St.
The Mandatory Overtime was put on hold.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary