

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, October 12th, 2015
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:

Mark Mazak - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Thomas Lukasewicz, **President - P**

Anthony Gangemi, **Vice President - P**

David Repchick - P

John Musewicz - A

Neil Furiosi - 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 this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The Oct monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 26th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov mid month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 9th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 30th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Dave Karr, Meade St.: Questioned intentions of the 101 acres. Maybe eventually get a developer in there and we can develop it.

Lukasewicz: When cleared up-construction road 1 mile long (Franko St to the 48 acres) agreement signed that the road had to be constructed within a specific period of time. Has to become a borough right of way. Gould was given authority to use to get to the 101 acres. Road goes up the middle of it. If we purchase it then we have the right to the roads and gives us 2 options to get in. A lot of options if we own it.

1. **Motion by Repchick** **Seconded by Mazak**

To submit payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$54,891.74 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$47,049.96. This represents the 2015 Commonwealth Allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid that was received on 9/24/2015 in the amount of \$101,911.70.

All in favor **Motion carried**

2. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Repchick**

To pay the balance of the contract owed to A.R. Popple, approximately \$33,000.00, upon completion of the punch list and approval by the Borough Engineer, Street Commissioner and Solicitor. In addition, Contractor will submit all required bonds prior to payment. (For Retention Pond Project)

All in favor **Motion carried**

3. **Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Mazak**

To hire Cocciardi & Associates to perform an Environmental Site Assessment and due diligence review regarding the potential sale of 101 acre parcel owned by Gould Electronics.

All in favor **Motion carried**

4. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Repchick**

To hire Rocco Valvano, Esq. as Throop Borough's title agent regarding the potential sale of the 101 acre parcel owned by Gould Electronics.

**All in favor except Gangemi
abstained due to professional
relationship with Valvano.** **Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Mazak**

To authorize Attorney Cimini to obtain an appraisal of the 101 acre parcel owned by Gould Electronics.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Mazak

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize Council President to execute a term sheet in connection with the proposed sale of the 101 acres owned by Gould Electronics upon approval of Solicitor, Louis Cimini.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Furiosi

To adopt Resolution #10 of 2015 appointing William Buza to the Civic Service Commission for a four year term.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Bob Magliocchi, Bruno Dr.: Questioned rumor of hiring a Borough Manager.

Lukasewicz: Council is entertaining the possibility of hiring a Borough Manager. It's in the infancy stages. Council is researching the Borough from top to bottom to see if needed and if it's the right thing to go forward with. We are a multi million dollar operation that is run on behalf of the 4100 citizens of Throop. We want to make sure that every tax payers money is spent in the most prudent and wise manner to the benefit of everyone in this town. It's something that may possibly happen and maybe next year. Still in infancy stage and a lot of research needs to be done. Want to make sure it's to the betterment of Throop.

Magliocchi: I don't see how it's better or useful. You 7 are up there to oversee the town and departments. Mary Ruth for example is at the civic center. If we hire a Borough Manager we have Mary Ruth as the Manager and then will have someone over seeing her and then relaying back to you. So I don't see the use for a middle person.

Lukasewicz: It all depends on how it is done and who reports to who and who instructs who. Almost every municipality has a Borough Manager. If it's done properly the ship can run very smooth and make it easier for the Department heads and every employee in the Borough. It can be a benefit to Council and everyone. If it's the right person it can really make things work efficiently. Not something that is being entertained because of the way the Borough is functioning now. It's functioning perfect. It's to ensure things continue at a proper forward motion. Council can only do so much. Helps if someone can direct in such a way can direct it down and there is accountability/responsibility. Just something we're entertaining and will be doing a tremendous amount of work and thought so it's done most effectively.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary