

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Monthly Work Session/Meeting**

**The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

***“God Bless Our Troops and the Coalition”***

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

John Musewicz - P  
Jim Barnick - A  
Rich Kucharki, **President - P**  
Charlene Tomasovitch - P  
Vince Tanana - P  
Wayne Williams - P  
Bob Magliocchi, **Vice President - P**  
**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - P  
**Mayor** - Frank Shimkus - A  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P  
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

- \* A special Budget Work Session will be held Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- \* The Oct. monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The Nov. mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

Andy Hegedus: in regards to the relief allotment. This is down considerably. Since the past couple years almost \$4000.00. The insurance that the relief association buys runs about 22 - \$23,000 a year. This will be the first time in several years that the relief will have to kick in to the resources of which there is about \$58,000.00 remaining to pay for the life insurance and medical insurance policy for all of the firefighters in the town. I just wanted you to be aware of that. There may be someone coming to talk about the relief and get some support for the insurance because we'll be upside down.

Kucharski: How did we arrive at that figure?  
 Hegedus: It's determined by the State. State controlled. It's Fire Tax.  
 Kucharski: What do you suggest that we do?  
 Hegedus: Would ask council to help pick up the difference to help continue the life insurance policies and the medical  
 Tomasovitch: Why can't we wait to get a letter from them?  
 Hegedus: I'm just bringing it up now because it's on the agenda items.  
 Kucharski: Can you have them present something?  
 Hegedus: Sure. What I'd like to do is get the premium amount first for next year because based on some of the things that are said I don't know if we're going to have as many firefighters on the books next year as we are talking about so maybe it will be less. I'm just trying to maybe forewarn that we may have to come and ask for some money so we don't have to dip in to those funds that we use to purchase equipment and stuff like that. I'm sure Wayne and Vince could talk about that. They were both on Relief. Wayne is still on Relief.  
 Magliocchi: the only thing I will say to that is that I have no issue giving the money as long as I can see it is needed.  
 Hegedus: Well it is cover the insurance.  
 Magliocchi: I understand that but you said it is going to put you upside down.  
 Hegedus: The annual premium puts us upside down. It's about 23-\$24,000.00.  
 Magliocchi: You're saying that the firehouses equipment for that is what you're saying out of their own account?  
 Hegedus: I don't understand your question. It's all 3 companies.  
 Williams: I think you need to find out exactly what the premium is going to be before we go and make any kind of judgement.  
 All talking at once.  
 Kucharski: Alright if you all can get together with the relief association and let us know, make a formal request in terms of what you need.  
 Hegedus: I appreciate that. Thank you.

**1. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$20,740.11 to the Throop Volunteer Firemen's Relief Fund. This amount represents the 2017 Commonwealth Allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

**All in favor except  
 Williams abstained  
 (On Relief)**

**Motion carried**



**5. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Musewicz**

To hire John R. Varaly Associates to complete an overall of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Sub Division Land Development Ordinance as per his proposal.

On the question:

Williams questioned if this was budgeted or is this something else we are just throwing in the budget?.

Galli: We'll have to put it in the budget for next year.

Williams: Ok.

Kucharski: We talked about it all year.

Attorney Cimini: If you don't want to do all three next year, and want to just do the zoning ordinance next year. However you want to do it.

Tanana says to get them all done.

Kucharski: Yes and the price is reasonable. Then we are done.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Musewicz**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal received from Pabco for the purchase of yard waste bags at a cost of \$3,263.85.

On the question:

Tanana: Is this where we are going to limit to 2 bundles only.

Kucharski replied that it will be a separate motion.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

A discussion took place regarding the amount taking and taking for neighbors.

Dennis Pabis: I live in the townhouse complex. We're 10 homeowners down there. Sometimes I come up and I'll ask for 5 or 6 bundles to cover everybody. Do I have to have every owner come up and get them?

Magliocchi: Or call in. How do we really know they are for, I'm not saying

Both talking at once.

Magliocchi: Not everybody is honest. I'm not saying you.

Kucharski: It is really becoming problematic when people are coming up and asking for 10 bundles.

Galli: We usually order once a year and we only got through the spring season with them.

Pabis: The grass growing this year was unbelievable.

Kucharski: It was.

All talking at once.

Kucharski: We are just going to try this and see how it works and if it is an issue we will have to revisit it.

**7. Motion by Musewicz Seconded by Tanana**

To limit yard waste bags to 2 bundles per month.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

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

To accept the proposal received from Busch Systems for the purchase of Recycling Bins at a cost of \$1,772.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To hire Tyler Chulvick for the Full Time Assistant Director position at the Civic Center at the rate of \$14.00/hour with a 90 day probationary period.

On the question:

Musewicz questioned if he gets benefits.

Tomasovitch replied no. Not right now. We didn't tell him he'd get benefits.

Magliocchi: Inaudible. It was offered before and everyone else in the borough does have them.

Musewicz: Does he know he is not getting benefits?

Galli replied that she wasn't on the interview.

Kucharski: Does he know he is not getting benefits?

Williams: Yes. Unless you want to put in there 6 months probationary period and revisit benefits then.

Galli: In the employee handbook we have now it is 3 months probation. In the past it was 3 months.

Kucharski: 90 days probationary period.

Galli questioned that it is \$14/hour.

Kucharski/Tomasovitch: Yes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Audience Comments:

Andy Hegedus: Attorney Cimini hasn't the law changed in Pennsylvania that cannot go longer than 60 days without offering benefits to an employee?

Attorney Cimini: Not that I know of. Will look into it.

Magliocchi: The only thing I say to that is Inaudible.

Magliocchi: That prior position had benefits. So if you are going by what it used to be that is the way it used to be also.

Tomasovitch: That is why we put it up to \$14/hour because we weren't offering benefits.

Hegedus: I was just asking so that it wasn't overlooked and somebody gets jammed up.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary