

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Special Work Session/Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members of Council:**

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

**Announcements:**

The Shred Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

- \* The Oct. mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The Oct. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Kucharski: Met with Tony Rinaldi a few times at the Oleckna St property and if you've gone down that way you'll notice that they did actually clean it up some. They were going to try to grade it a little bit and Tony was concerned that by disturbing the earth it may cause more harm than good. So I called Robert and he looked at it and felt the same way. As it is now it is compacted, felt that if you moved the dirt, loosened it up it would only cause more run off problems so as it is now it is passable, they cut the brush, they cut the grass and someone can at

least walk there without having to go into the road.

Tomasovitch: It looks good.

Kucharski: I would like to start the budget process early this year. The budget requests were sent out to the department heads. Were they returned yet Robin?

Galli: No they were not returned yet.

Kucharski: So once they are returned we'd like to take a look at them and probably have a special meeting just for the budget so we can sit down and discuss it. I don't want to wait until the last minute.

Galli: I didn't give them a deadline but when we do it we have to advertise that it's a budget work session.

Kucharski: Ok . Ask them if they can get it in by the next meeting. The October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Galli: Ok. So you want to see it before we schedule a work session?

Kucharski: Yes. Don't we typically do that?

Galli: Well usually when we have the work session that's when they get it in by.

Kucharski: Tell them to get it in and we can take a look at it so at least we aren't looking at it cold for the first time and then we will schedule a special meeting or work session just for the budget.

Galli: Ok.

**There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.**

**1. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 council meetings.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**



**5. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$16,730.19</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$1,051,906.58</b>
Civic Center Account-FNCB	<b>\$1,625.59</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$23,885.37</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,456,476.55</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,215,407.82</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$432,266.00</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,198,598.10</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To pay the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter allotments to the Emergency Services for the Borough of Throop. \$5,906.25 each to Hose Companies (Hose Co #1 and Volunteers #3) and \$1,500.00 to Dickson City Ambulance. Hose Company #2 refused this quarters allotment. If they need it they will ask for it.

On the question:

Williams: I was instructed to speak on behalf of Hose Co #2 and forfeit this quarters allotment. And just give it back to the Borough being that we're having issues down there and we have enough money to cover the bills. If we run into a problem or something we'll come back in.

Kucharski: We appreciate that gesture.

Discussion took place on changing the motion.

Galli/Williams/Kucharski: Still paying 1 and 3.

Attorney Cimini: Then amend the motion.

Tanana: For Hose Co #1 and Volunteers #3.

Cimini: Exactly - Yes.

Kucharski: So then we will note that they refused the money. So at the end of that note that Hose

Co #2, Wayne Williams representing Hose Co #2 indicated that they will not be needing this particular allotment this quarter. If needed they'll ask.

Tomasovitch: If they need it they'll ask.

Cimini: You guys are ok with the amendment?

Tanana/Tomasovitch: Yes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$100.00 payable to Commonwealth Financing Authority to accompany the application for Local Share Account Funding (LSA Grant) for the Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the resignation of officer #39 as of September 14, 2017.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$14,565.35 to Penn Commercial Vehicle Solutions for American la France truck.

On the question:

Barnick: What are we going to do with the original motion of the money — it was less. We made a motion to carry that out.

Magliocchi: Right we are just basically making the amount difference. You're still putting the motion on the same.

Attorney Cimini: There was an original motion to pay. So that motion already passed?

Galli: Yes.

Kucharski: That was to proceed to have the work done and now we got the bill and it's a little higher.

Attorney Cimini: There is already a motion passed to pay whatever so technically this motion was to just to pay the balance.

Tomasovitch: So we should just have the balance there.

Attorney Cimini: Yes. From what I understand there was already a motion. That passed.

Galli/Kucharski: It was a different company.

Attorney Cimini: So there is a motion to pay a different company? So rescind that motion and then pass this motion.

Hegedus: Mazur in Jessup. They couldn't do the work. We waited almost 4 months for them. They couldn't get it in. He was one of the 3 bids though.

Tanana: Motion #11 from 4/24/17.

Kucharski: So that should be motion #9?

Galli: But we have a motion and a second by. We have a motion on the floor.

Attorney Cimini: Table this motion.

**Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To Table Motion #9.

**All in favor**

**Motion tabled**

**10. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To rescind Motion #11 that passed on 4/24/17, authorizing payment to Mazur Diesel for the American LaFrance Truck.

**All in favor**

**Motion passed**

**11. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$14,565.35 to Penn Commercial Vehicle Solutions for American la France truck.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Williams**

To adopt Resolution #11 of 2017, a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit a Local Share Account, Monroe County Grant application for Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

**All in favor Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Magliocchi**

To accept the financial requirements and minimum municipal obligation budget for 2018. The police pension plan in the amount of \$134,663.00 and the non uniform pension plan in the amount of \$188,651.00 as prepared by Duda Actuarial Consulting.

**All in favor, except Tomasovitch abstained form the non uniform Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Williams**

To authorize Council President to execute the letter of support for the local share grant.

**All in favor Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Williams Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the proposal received from Mariotti for the cabinets for the civic center office at a total of \$4,835.00.

**All in favor Motion carried**

**16. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal received from Champion Granite for the counter top in the civic center office at a cost of \$3,000.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**17. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal received from American Janitor for the civic center gym, floor at a cost of \$4,100.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**18. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize the planning commission to prepare text and map of the proposed zoning ordinance and hold a public hearing and report to Council regarding the Rinaldi property.

On the question:

Barnick: Is this going to cost us anything or is this what Rinaldi

Kucharski: Well this is just the process of, they need a zoning change and Bob is saying that it is not a zoning change such as the one we just went through on Marshwood Rd but it's an overlay so

Tanana: A citizens amendment.

Kucharski: It's a citizens amendment but he said it's an overlay. We haven't done that before.

Attorney Cimini: It's a second citizens amendment its just the same procedure but different request.

Kucharski: But it doesn't cost us anything. Planning has a hearing and then it comes back to us. We have a hearing.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Kucharski: Robin notify Bob to notify the planning commission.

19. **Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To allow 5 members of the Zoning Hearing Board to attend the Sub Division & Land Development Course at a cost of \$100.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Official Comments:

Kucharski: Lou, something on the action list asking you to call DEP to find out what #24 is - KSL General Plan Approval Applications - Portable Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Equip. & Assoc. Non road Engines.

Attorney Cimini: I think that I responded to that. Talked to Dan O'Brien and that was portable rock crusher.

Kucharski: Ok you did send an email about that I believe.

Attorney Cimini: Yes. So there is one in Higgins now and it is going to come up here. It's going to be temporary, 75-90 days.

Kucharski: The other thing is the issues that were brought up, the concerns about the landfill and the group going up to address them.

Attorney Cimini: Yes the issues were forwarded to the landfill's attorney.

Kucharski: So he would set up the meeting?

Attorney Cimini: Yes. I am waiting for him to set up the meeting.

Audience Comments:

Andy Hegedus thanked council for the support on the vehicle. And I will get something in writing. Also we had a very serious accident on Saturday. Someone was putting a political yard sign up and the T stake hit the gas line at 147 Dunmore St. So just caution everybody if you're out there just be cognitive of underground things. That could have been an absolute disaster. It could've been 8 inches. We've seen them 3 inches deep. When you are going to somebody's house take a quick look at where the gas meter is and go on the other side of the house.

Tomasovitch: Robin and Renee just make sure that everybody that comes in the building signs in and out. Please.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary