

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monthly 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:**

Mike Chorba - P  
Jim Barnick - P  
Rich Kucharski - **President - P**  
Charlene Tomasovitch - P  
Wayne Williams - P  
Vince Tanana - P  
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**  
**Solicitor** - Louis A. Cimini - A  
**Mayor** - Joe Tropiak - P  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P  
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - A

**Announcements:**

- \* An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel issues.
- \* A representative from Lackawanna County Treasurers Office will sell Dog Licenses at the Throop Municipal Building on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm.
- \* A meeting is scheduled with Borough Fire Chief and Board Members of the three volunteer hose companies on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for Operational Procedures and General Purposes.

**Work Session/Meeting Schedule:**

- \* The January monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The February mid-month work session/meeting will be held Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The February monthly work session/meeting will be held Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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



**5. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Williams**

To grant permission to the Mid Valley Teener League for the use of Washington Street Ballfield for the upcoming 2018 Spring, Summer and Fall baseball season (Mr. Bill Shevchik will schedule the field).

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To rescind Motion # 21 passed on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a motion appointing Louis Cimini as Borough Manager.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To add duties of Borough Manager to those of Solicitor Louis Cimini as a professional service, at a fee of \$50,000 annually to be effective immediately.

On the question:

Barnick: How can you do this? There is no ordinance stating we have a Borough Manager. It doesn't exist. So how can we just appoint? You can't.

Kucharski: We are actually doing it as a professional service. We are adding the duties of. He is not the Borough Manager but he is being assigned the duties and it's being done as a professional service.

Barnick: Whatever. We don't have an ordinance stating we have a borough manager so he can't be assigned them duties therefore he cannot be over anybody else he cannot tell anybody else what to do and what if somebody were to have a problem with him or argument with him and then they wanted to sue now we are liable because he could lose his heirs and omissions insurance because - why? Because it is not being done right?

Kucharski: We were given advice that this was the way we could proceed so that's - the motion is set forth. Any other questions?

Barnick: On the question what is his job description?

Kucharski: He'll be adding the duties of Borough Manager.

Barnick: What is the job description?

Kucharski: Borough Manager.

Barnick: What's the job description of that? Because that has to be in the advertisement with the ordinance as well.

Kucharski: It's not an ordinance. The ordinance hasn't been written at this point because of course Lou isn't here and he is the one responsible for writing the ordinance.

**6 in favor, Barnick against**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To advertise Ordinance #2 of 2018, an ordinance creating the position of Borough Manager for the Borough of Throop.

On the question:

Barnick: What is going to be the job description for the advertisement?

Kucharski: It has yet to be determined. That will be determined when the ordinance is prepared.

Barnick: Well that had to be in with the advertisement as well.

Kucharski: Right. So it hasn't been prepared. We are just putting the motion on to authorize the ordinance to be prepared and then it will be duly advertised.

Magliocchi: That's pretty much how we do all our motions.

Kucharski: Yes.

**6 in favor, Barnick against**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To hire Brandon Straub as a Full Time Police Officer as certified by the Civil Service Commission, pending completion of physical, psychological and drug testing.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To hire Nicolas Kasperowski as a Full Time Police Officer as certified by the Civil Service Commission, pending completion of physical, psychological and drug testing.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment # 2 in the amount of \$30,404.05 to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company for the 2017 Paving Project, with approval from Borough Engineer, Robert Kalinoski/Street Commissioner and Atty. Cimini.

On the question:

Tanana: Was the punch list done from this? Is this the one we had the issue with the punch list?

Kucharski: I believe Robert said they are and then  
Chorba: The driveways are done.  
Tanana: The driveways are done?  
Barnick: He said this was our retainer.  
Kucharski: Right and then we also have the bond.  
Magliocchi: Your good? Because you're over there.  
Chorba: Yes. I'm fine.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize Woodchuck LLC to cut and remove 2 pine trees from 522 Dunmore St at a cost of \$1,475.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize Cocciardi & Assoc. to do air quality and mold testing at the Civic Center as a result of the water damage at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: Do we turn that into insurance than?

Magliocchi: Well we have a \$2500 deductible so I think the damages, depending what they add up to be. I don't really see in house - unless we're probably going to do the labor so it depends what the total is going to be but I don't really see it going much more than the deductible. It's going to be up but

Kucharski: Again Robert said he had a meeting with the adjuster last Friday.

Magliocchi: We'll see what the best idea is.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To hire Corey Shevchik as the full time Assistant Director at the Civic Center at \$14.00/hour with no benefits.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

15. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To accept the proposal from ADT for 1 DVR 16 channel Tribrid, 3 Outdoor Dome Cameras & 24 /4CAT5E CMP BX Blue 5 C's at an installation price of \$1,200.00 and a monthly recurring services charges of \$87.25.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

16. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To accept the proposal from QQ Stone & Cabinet, LLC for the Civic Center basement counter top and sink at a cost of \$1,100.00 and for the back splash at a cost of \$180.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Williams: Would like to do re appointments of the part time police officers for 2018.

There were no audience comments on the following motions.

17. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To re appoint Richard Barbolish as a part time police officer.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

18. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To re appoint Christine Bonavoglia as a part time police officer.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

19. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**  
To re appoint Nicholas Ganz as a part time police officer.  
**All in favor** **Motion carried**
20. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**  
To re appoint Lewis Kline as a part time police officer.  
**All in favor** **Motion carried**
21. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**  
To re appoint Kathleen Petti as a part time police officer.  
**All in favor** **Motion carried**
22. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**  
To re appoint Eugene Ruddy as a part time police officer.  
**All in favor** **Motion carried**
23. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Magliocchi**  
To re appoint D.J. Sekelsky as a part time police officer.  
**All in favor** **Motion carried**

24. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To re appoint Frank Tanana as a part time police officer.

**6 in favor,  
Tanana abstained**

**Motion carried**

Mayor Tropiak if you could send a letter to all the other officers thanking them for their service.  
Magliocchi: We will get you the names of those not re appointed.  
Kucharski: Joe you will have to discuss with Keith that those not re appointed will have to return their equipment and badge etc.

25. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

For all part time officers not re appointed to return all of their equipment, badge, etc.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Audience Comments:

Greg Budzinski, Charles St: Questioned what ever happened with the splash park.  
Kucharski: Good question. Nothing. I'd like to take a look at the strategic plan that we put together last year. We did accomplish some things and then there is a wish list and one of them is of course a splash park. The more we looked into it - it's a rather costly proposition but it is certainly something we would like to move forward.  
Tomasovitch: Anything like Clark Summit's is a lot of money.  
Kucharski: But there may be grant opportunities and that is certainly things we are going to look into.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary