

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Monday, February 26<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 - A

Richard Kucharski - President - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Vince Tanana - P

Wayne Williams - P

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**

**Solicitor/Borough Manager** - Louis A. Cimini - P

**Mayor** - Joe Tropiak - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Moment of silence in observance of the individuals that were shot and killed in Florida.**

**Announcements:**

Mayor Tropiak: We talked about the accident that happened down there in Florida, just so we make an effort to make sure that we are all protected. With the children I am talking about. So we can work on something to make sure it happens then we won't have to apologize about what we didn't do. I would just like something to get done.

Kucharski: Very pleased to hear that it will be a weekly meeting at the school district as opposed to a monthly. That will really give us an opportunity to really do some of those things. I know as you and I talked Joe, that is absolutely something, some sort of active shooter drill would be very timely. I think it has been awhile since they had one at the school and certainly we never had one at the civic center so.

Tomasovitch: When was the last one?

Claudia Kausmeyer, Meade St: About 8 years ago.

Kucharski: So it's time.

Rob Kausmeyer, Meade St: Are we communicating with the school, like with you guys, the cops, the school. Because I know there is tension between our cops and the school. I know

Kucharski: Well now they are going to have weekly meetings. Keith and the Mayor are going to meet with the superintendent.

R Kausmeyer: Just so we know. It's time to put your big boy pants on because eventually, I hate to say it but, it might come here. You don't know. I think it is time everybody gets on the same page.

Tomasovitch: You don't know.

Kucharski: Absolutely.

R Kausmeyer: Puts all their past behind them and focus on the children.

Kucharski: The Mayor is on top of it and again he will be participating in those meetings and that is something that we would highly recommend as I said it is very timely since it's been 8 years.

Kausmeyer: Yes. Just like the Mayor said, I don't want you to have to go back and apologize to parents of what we could've did.

Magliocchi: I'll tell you what, it is sad some of the stuff that they are doing in schools but I saw this one school, I mean it is just so high tech it is just ridiculous, but all the teachers wear panic buttons on their fobs.

C Kausmeyer: They are live feed cameras, there is no delay in time. They have hot spots that if the, first of all the doors are bullet proof, they have these hot spots in the ceiling that someone would activate it and it's like smoke that comes down and it disorients the person.

Magliocchi: So the guy can't shoot or see what he's shooting. It's like a \$400,000.00 system. The smoke system. It is, it's sad

R Kausmeyer: Compared to a child's life

Magliocchi: Right well that's what I am saying it's sad it comes to that but like you know you could always take steps. You don't have to have bullet proof doors but you can get those door strikes that they call them *inaudible*. But that is more or less on the school.

Tomasovitch: I know but even if we start somewhere  
Talking at once

Tomasovitch: the Boroughs and ask would you be willing to help us do something for the schools?

Magliocchi: That's why my biggest *inaudible* for the last 2 years was a police officer at the school everyday. And I haven't stopped and trust me I still get on it when I have to. Whether I am getting it done or not I'm trying. That's all I have to say.

### **Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The March mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

\* Fire Companies Follow Up Meeting, March 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm. We asked them to get together and start dialog and then come back to report to us their results. And again the overriding concern is simply the future of the Throop Fire Department in light of some issues that have occurred and again we want to be proactive there also and to work with the fire companies and ensure there is an open dialog and everybody works together. For the betterment of the citizens of Throop.

Magliocchi read aloud Motion #20 to be added. (Abolishing Planning Agency - Re establish Planning Commission)

Andy Hegedus added that there is a Fire Meeting on March 8, 2018.

\* The March monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

**1. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council meetings.

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**2. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Magliocchi**

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"	<b>\$47,060.53</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$341,744.24</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$601,102.40</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>\$8,145.79</b>

**All in favor** **Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch abstained on husband, Kucharski on granddaughter** **Motion carried**

4. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - <b>FNCB</b>	<b>(\$87,866.15)</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - <b>FNCB</b>	<b>\$1,329,712.76</b>
Civic Center Account-FNC	<b>\$1,369.07</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$49,894.52</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,564,040.19</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - <b>FNCB</b>	<b>\$129,381.31</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,220,468.12</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize final payment in the amount of \$2,983.17 to Wayco, Inc. for the Bruno Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.

On the question:

Chorba: Are all their bonds in place? For maintenance?

Magliocchi: I think Robbie was good with it correct?

Galli: Robert is ok with it.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$1,700.00 to HSA Associates for emergency generator engineering services.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To adopt Ordinance #3 of 2018, an ordinance prohibiting parking along the southerly side of Edgar Street between Charles and Copernick Streets and to prohibit parking on the northerly side of the 600 Block of Edgar Street due to reduced sight distance along the horizontal curve.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To adopt Ordinance #4 of 2018, an ordinance authorizing truck traffic beyond Line Street in accordance with a January 2018 supplement to an August 2017 Line Street engineering and traffic study.

On the question:

Kucharski: Confused by the wording - authorizing truck traffic. I thought we were prohibiting truck traffic.

Magliocchi thought we were authorizing local.

Tanana: This was after Robbie did the traffic study for the turning radius down the bottom, Esther and Ollendike & Ollendike and Cypress street that that truck could make that radius so its authorizing it that he can.

Cimini: The recommendation in the engineering and traffic study was to authorize truck traffic as per the study. The first study was that you could not then the gentleman said it was hurting his business and Robbie went in and did another study and the recommendations, there were 2 recommendations in the study, 1 we had to acquire a bunch of right aways but the second recommendation, the one that is authorized by this ordinance but it does require some work on behalf of the borough. It's not just pass it and it's done. I forget exactly what has to be done according to the plan.

Magliocchi: Want to wait until Robbie is here next meeting?

Kucharski: So we want to table this?

Cimini: You should. I mean Robbie did the study you should talk to him about it.

Tomasovitch: What happens if something happens right now that *inaudible*

Magliocchi: Right now I think *inaudible* right now but there was issues so I think we are ok right now as long as we don't stop it. So if we hold off on this and get more info from Robbie

Tomasovitch: Is there any damage being done to that yard?

Magliocchi: It only happened once. That was the only time they ever came up here and complained. That wasn't this guys truck either it was just a lost truck I mean you can get that

Tomasovitch: Anywhere

Kucharski: Well look it's been like that for how long.

All talking at once.

Magliocchi: I mean look how much they drive down this street and there are no truck signs. I see one every half hour.

**Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To table Motion #9.

**All in favor**

**Motion tabled**

**10. Motion by** **Seconded by**

To adopt Ordinance #5 of 2018, an ordinance requiring a \$1,000 per lot fee to be used for Throop Borough Recreation/Parks for any subdivision with ten (10) lots or greater.

**Motion failed due to lack of motion**

**11. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To add Sanderson Street sidewalks between Dunmore and Cypress Streets to the Boroughs sidewalk bid package on the opposite side of the street that PennDot is not including in their project.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Williams**

To hire Brittney Eggert as a part time child care provider at the Civic Center at the prevailing rate with a 90 day probation period.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

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

To authorize the application for a 902 Recycling Grant.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize filing the application for the DCED Act 13 Flood Mitigation grant program and authorize Borough Engineer, Reilly & Assoc. to prepare it.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the municipal lease quote received for the 6 police vehicles with cameras for the 3 year term of \$70, 667.00

On the question:

Tanana added that's to replace 6 vehicles.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**16. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To proceed with the Borough wide Community Survey for the Comprehensive Plan.

On the question:

Tanana: That's the survey. It's going to go out to every resident?

Galli: It says borough wide.

Kucharski: That will cover it.

Tanana: The original thing from the planning was to get a, do a 10% or 20%

Kucharski: That was from Jack Varaly.

Talking at once.

Tanana: So everybody is included so nobody can say why didn't you pick me?

Kucharski: We'll get more feedback.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**



**17. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Resolution #4 of 2018 appointing Dennis Pabis as an alternate to the Planning Agency.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**18. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To purchase an irrigation system for the softball outfield and the old boys outfield and to be installed in house.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**19. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal from RJ Walker for a water cooler at the Civic Center at a cost of \$739.68.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**20. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Williams**

To advertise an Ordinance abolishing the Throop Borough Planning Agency (Ordinance #6 of 1994, #13 of 1994 and #6 of 1997) and re establish or create the Throop Borough Planning Commission with specific powers and duties to be established by Throop Borough Council.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Tanana: I would like one more motion to be added. To submit quotes for consulting services for the, Environmental consulting services, concerning the gas plant that wants to be constructed in the borough.

Cimini: I will get a professional services contract, someone to oversee the project.

Tanana: Because we are going to need it.

Magliocchi: Want to put it on for a motion anyway? Just to get bid specs.

Tanana/Magliocchi talking at once

Cimini: I will just put it out and see what I get in response and then you could vote on it next meeting.

Magliocchi: Do you have anybody in particular

Cimini: I'll look into it. Whatever I get I will pass on to Council.

Kucharski: Alright.

All talking at once.

Tanana: I didn't know if you needed a motion or not.

Cimini: Not for professional services.

Magliocchi: I would say just look into the, I don't know what they guys name is but I know *inaudible*, the guy that was the consultant for the Jessup power plant. Just to see out of curiosity.

Audience Comments:

Mr. Zilla, What are the chances of putting a public address system in here?

Kucharski: There's a mic, we have one. I see speakers.

All talking at once.

Mrs. Zilla: We don't hear half of what's said.

Kucharski: Do we still have the equipment?

Galli: I believe we still have it.

Kucharski: And where is the control? The amplifier system?

Galli: It was right underneath. Everything was taken out.

Kucharski: Look into seeing if we can have that re installed if we have it.

Tomasovitch: See if it works.

Mr. Zilla: Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary