

**Minutes**  
**Throop Borough Council**  
**Monday, June 11, 2018**  
**Special Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**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 - A

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel issues.

Kucharski: I just wanted to make note, many of you may have seen this but in the Sunday Times I believe it was not this weekend but the weekend before there was a list it talked about the tax burden and it looked at the median residential assessed values and the median earnings for workers and as it turns out Throop's tax burden per \$1000.00 of earned all taxes is the lowest in the county. It is \$57.30 per \$1000.00 income. The highest was Clifton Township at \$154.00 and then Scranton at \$145.00 so just wanted to point that out and thank everybody on council for a good job keeping the tax burden very low. Sometimes we get asked what do you do for the senior citizens well this is something that I think and not only the seniors but we do for everybody. I think it is noteworthy.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The June monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The July mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The July monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.



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

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

4. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

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

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

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$100,681.35</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$1,178,567.45</b>
Civic Center Account-FNC	<b>\$6,749.60</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$15,549.39</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,833,030.50</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$256,506.04</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,625,020.75</b>

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

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the Throop Borough Planning Commissions recommendation and Throop Borough Engineers plan review and approve Schoolside Estates Townhouse Development Project, as per the Planning Commissions recommendation letter dated May 11, 2018.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To adopt Resolution #8 of 2018, a resolution that the council of the Borough of Throop is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the FFY 2017 CDBG Program Administration.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Ordinance #10 of 2018, an ordinance amending section 1(A) of the Sunny Day Fund Ordinance (Ordinance #6 of 1993) to adjust the dollar amount to be deposited into the Sunny Day Fund from the quarterly checks submitted by Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To deposit 5% of the Host Municipal Landfill Fee check received April 2018 in the Sunny Day Fund MMKT checking account at FNCB.

On the question:

Kucharski: Just to make note, we want to try to move the Borough forward and there are several projects that we'd like to get done, we talked about sidewalks and a whole host of other things and we feel that we are still putting some money in the fund but rather than the money sitting there we are using it to benefit the Borough.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$7,050.00 for 117 Dunmore Street Sewer Project. Pending approval from Attorney Cimini and Robert Kalinoski.

On the question:

Williams: Is this the one with the problem with the curb or no?

Magliocchi: No this is the sewer.

Tanana: That was a sewer that was broken that Robert lost the camera line in it or the jet line or something. They lost that in there.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$15,950.00 for the Washington Street Playground Project. Pending approval from Attorney Cimini and Robert Kalinoski.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$6,150.00 for additional work completed on the Washington Street Park Project. Pending approval from Attorney Cimini and Robert Kalinoski.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: was this for the moving of the

Magliocchi: yes It's all the extra site work. I'll tell you that came out fantastic. The site work is fantastic.. Worth every penny.

Kucharski: Yes I was just going to say that.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$11,700.00 for the Demolition of 522 Dunmore Street Project. Pending approval from Attorney Cimini and Robert Kalinoski.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize Application #2 payment to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 for the retainage of the Milnerhaus Sanitary Line Extension Project. Pending approval from Attorney Cimini and Robert Kalinoski.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

15. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To accept Gould's offer to subdivide and transfer the property needed for the Sulfur Creek easement to Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To purchase a net for the scoreboard on the old boys field at a cost of \$950.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the proposal from Paramo Landscaping to trim shrubs, weed, edge and mulch at the Civic Center, the Borough Building and to trim the weeds and edge and mulch at the Little League at a total cost of \$1,850.00 pending authorization or approval from the Teamsters.

On the question:

Tanana: Have to check with Robert because it is a Union building. It may be a violation of *Inaudible* contract.

Kucharski: They did it last year.

Magliocchi: Well I think the only issue it comes into is *inaudible*, they have plenty of work right now. I mean if they are ok with it. It doesn't matter to me.

*Inaudible*.

Kucharski: Lou do you want to check tomorrow?

Cimini: Yes. Just put pending authorization or approval from the Teamsters.

Tanana: I just don't want to

Magliocchi: No I understand I just think that they are slammed right now. They have a lot of work.

All in favor

Motion carried

**18. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To allow Mary Ruth to have summer hours at the Civic Center. Weekdays close at 8:00 pm and Weekends close at 7:00 pm. As long as nobody is there.

On the question:

Magliocchi: What do you mean pending if noone is there? They are going to stay later if someone is in there?

Galli: Well if there is people there right isn't that the way it is?

Tomasovitch: Yes.

Galli: The Seniors are there on Tuesdays so they stay open on Tuesdays.

Zilla: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tanana: If you have 15 kids over there you're not going to, you don't want to close.

Kucharski: Exactly.

Tomasovitch: The weekends nobody is there.

Kucharski: Especially the weekends.

Tomasovitch: If it's raining or she has a lot she will stay open.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**19. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal from Gerek Paint to paint the Police Station at a cost of \$5600.00. Includes labor and materials.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**20. Motion by Chorba**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal submitted by WKL to prepare concept drawings and design study for a new fire house and borough building and other services as identified in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**21. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To sell the 2016 Tahoe to Archbald at a cost of \$28,000.00 and the 2014 Caprice to Archbald at a cost of \$8,000.00 and the vehicles are not to be delivered until new police vehicles arrive.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Discussion took place regarding a Motion for traffic studies.

**22. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to do traffic and engineering studies for stop signs at the corner of Schoolside Dr and Varsity Dr; the corner of Sanderson St and Ramona St, and for the placement of 2 speed bumps on Sanderson St in front of the Little League park.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**23. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To hire Robert Quinlan for DPW summer help at a rate of \$13.00/hour.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**24. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To hire Matthew Washo for DPW summer help at a rate of \$13.00/hour.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

25. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To hire David Kashmer for DPW summer help at a rate of \$13.00/hour.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

23. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To hire William Tratthen for DPW summer help at a rate of \$13.00/hour.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: These guys can only work 32 hours right?

Magliocchi: Well technically they can go up to 38. Right?

Cimini: Yes.

Kucharski: They work 4 days / week.

Magliocchi: But if there was an issue or a call off we could

Kucharski: But normal shift would be 32.

TAPE ENDED.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Tomasovitch asked Galli if we sent out letters to get the books from the organizations that we gave money too?

Galli: We did. Letters were sent out.

Tomasovitch: Ok.

Magliocchi questioned if we know where we are with those speed limit signs that we ordered.

Galli: I ordered them. I sent an email today to see where it's at, they said 6 - 8 weeks so we really shouldn't get them until the middle of July. They said they'd try to rush them.

Audience Comments:

Barbara Zilla: Questioned the planters around town, other years flowers were in them and as of the beginning of June there were no flowers in them.

Tomasovitch: I am getting to them. I have been busy.

Magliocchi added that he didn't think the crime watch wanted to do them.

Kucharski: No they don't. The neighborhood watch, they will not do it this year. There has been a misunderstanding unfortunately and

Galli: I did talk with the DPW but they've been busy. I'll talk again.

Tomasovitch: By Monday I should.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary