

Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, April 30<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

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

**Announcements:**

\* A CDBG Public Hearing will be held on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. prior to the mid month work session/meeting.

\* Borough Shred Event, Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 10-1 in the Borough Parking lot.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The May mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 p.m.

\* The May monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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

522 DUNMORE STREET BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT

COMPANY/ADDRESS		BID BOND/ CERTIFIED CHECK
<b>Brdaric Excavating, Inc.</b> 913 Miller Street Luzerne, PA 18709	\$15,200.00	X
<b>MHW Construction, LLC</b> 1006 Sunset Ave. Clarks Summit, PA	\$12,900.00	X
<b>Scranton Craftsmen, Inc</b> 930 Dunmore Street Throop, PA	\$11,700.00	X
<b>N.P.D. Demolition</b> 116 Monahan Ave Dunmore, PA 18512	\$28,400.00	X

Kucharski: Looks like the lowest bidder is Scranton Craftsmen so then we will refer it back to Rob and Lou.

Inaudible.

Kalinowski: It's a little bit higher than I expected. *Inaudible* those trees too.

Kucharski/Barnick: I thought the trees were a part of it.

Kalinowski: It is that's why it's a little bit higher.

Kucharski: They are included in the bid.

Kalinowski: It's included in the bid so that's why it's high.

Tomasovitch: Well then that's not too bad.

Cimini: Rich just so we have a record of this. The property has been vacant for 35 plus years.

Mr. Glinsky has been taking care of the property but we've had engineers go in there twice, the fire chief has gone in there twice. The property, there was a recommendation that it should be condemned. As far as who owns the property, that's a mystery. There is *inaudible* spread out throughout the country. So what I would like, I think that we need somebody to video tape the exterior of the building and the interior in the event that an heir surfaces from some state and says that, I don't want them to say that there was something valuable inside that the Borough *inaudible* so this is so it's all documented because I can't foresee what is going to happen. I got a call from a lawyer in California representing the estate of an heir and I sent her a picture of the house and she said thank you and hung up and I never heard from her again.

Kucharski: Ok well then who can we get to do the video. Hire somebody or?

Kalinowski: The camera that I used to have *inaudible*.

Hegedus: I'll go over with a couple of the guys. We'll videotape the whole thing.

Kucharski: Fine.

-----: Still pictures.

Hegedus: No problem. There's nothing in there anyway. Those people who were petitioning on and on and on they cleaned it out.

All talking at once.

Hegedus: *Inaudible*, coal stove.

-----: Couple of couches. *Inaudible*.

CHorba: Watch they'll want that coal stove.

Kucharski: Ok so then can we have a motion to accept the bids received for 522 Dunmore St building demolition and to award to the lowest most responsible bidder per recommendation of the solicitor and the street commissioner.

**1. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the bids received for 522 Dunmore Street Building Demolition Project and to award to the lowest most responsible bidder, per recommendations of Street Commissioner and Solicitor.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**2. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**3. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

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>\$90,962.87</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$116,007.05</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$1,220,631.59</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>Mar - \$15,519.40</b> <b>Apr - \$19,313.56</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

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

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

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

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

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

6. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Chorba**

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

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$71,801.66</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$555,665.03</b>
Civic Center Account-FNC	<b>\$7,427.62</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$15,531.45</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,830,669.13</b>
Sunny Day Fund-CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$256,348.02</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$8,971,379.33</b>

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

7. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To adopt Resolution #7 of 2018, a resolution authorizing Street Commissioner to execute PA DOT Agility Program agreement or amendment on the Boroughs behalf.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

8. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize council president to execute the agreement between Lackawanna County Department of Economic and Community Development and Throop Borough, an agreement regarding conditions and assignment of responsibilities for the LSA Grant.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

9. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize council president to execute the joint permit application for Sulfur Creek Stream Stabilization.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

10. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**

To rescind Motion #2.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

11. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting with Fire Company, March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

To cut Hose Co #1's allotment to \$100.00 quarterly until further notice.

On the Question:

Barnick: I think there's got to be a better way to go about it to be honest with you. Not just to cut their funding. There got to be another way but

Magliocchi: With that being said though #2's was cut also for not showing up at a meeting. These guys are not even participating in anything that we want to do. There's a big difference personally

Chorba: Or participating in training

Magliocchi: If you really analyze when we cut #2's to compare the issues between both, fair well more to happen to #1 than #2 personally.

Kucharski: Let me ask this, when is the next allotment due?

Galli: June.

Magliocchi: Well if they change it by then, then

Kucharski: Right.

Magliocchi: What we have to realize it's for the town's best interest and the safety of the residents not the fire house.

Tomasovitch: Right.

Magliocchi: That's my main concern right now. For them not to be able to work with us I mean think about it they wouldn't even do a feasibility study where that's to see if we could financially benefit the town.

Cimini: Just to straighten this out myself, do you think this is a good idea? Ok forget that question.

Hegedus: I'm never going to say take money away from anybody but at some point in time here what are we going to do to resolve this? It is wearing and tearing not only on the 7 council members but on the 35 members that are consistently responding to calls in this borough.

Cimini: That's what I am getting at.

Hegedus: That's the piece that is getting to be

Cimini: Is it more of an issue of not responding?

Magliocchi: I think it's everything. Me personally.

Hegedus: I think the issue of non response and listen let's be clear of what the expectation is. It's one thing to drive that vehicle to a call, it's another thing to have man power on it. The way it's coming now is they do not have sufficient staffing to send that piece of apparatus out. 2 people on that piece of apparatus does not qualify as that apparatus being, participating in the incident.

Magliocchi: Well you just answered my question.

Hegedus: That is not a good thing.

Magliocchi: So with that being said would this be a fair question, the repercussion of #2 for their actions I think it would be fair to enforce repercussions on #1 and their actions.

Hegedus: I am not going to say cut anybody's allotments. I am not going to say that. But in the same sense how much more are we all to be subjected too?

Kucharski: Again, I tried to break the ice. We had 2 meetings. Look all we want is to

Hegedus: My question is, is that correspondence going to be posted publicly to for people to see that they told council they are not interested in sitting down to discuss?

Magliocchi: Well you just did now.

Hegedus: It is now?

Magliocchi: It is now.

Hegedus: Will it be part of the minutes so that when people go online and read the minutes of

what's happening at these meetings that they will see that an official correspondence was sent and says they are not willing to negotiate or sit down or even talk about anything.

Magliocchi: You just did right now.

Tanana: If it's not marked confidential then the public has a right.

Magliocchi: No but he's asking and I just said you just put it on right now. That's all in the minutes.

Hegedus: I'm just asking if that should be part of the minutes.

Kucharski: It is.

O'Malley: Everything from the Pledge of Allegiance until the meeting is adjourned is in the minutes.

Hegedus: But my question is, will the physical email or letter that was sent be part of the minutes.

Tomasovitch: What number was it in the packet?

Hegedus: I have not seen the letter.

Tanana/Galli: That was correspondence.

Hegedus: It's correspondence.

Kucharski: Well again all correspondence is public information unless it's marked confidential.

Magliocchi: It's not marked.

Tanana: Unless it's marked confidential it is public information.

Magliocchi: We could probably make it post to this meeting just to understand why the motion was made I think is probably what you are getting at.

Hegedus: Well it's just - it's so that everybody has been made aware of this.

Magliocchi: No I get what you are getting at, I would agree. I mean the problem is like I said if you compare what the repercussions were for fire houses if you did it to #2 and don't do anything to #1 then you need to take everything off the table with the fire houses and leave them alone and don't bother them anymore. Don't get involved and whatever they provide they provide to the town which I don't think is correct.

Hegedus: Well I think tonight because April 27<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the letter right, for all the companies to respond if they are going to participate? Shouldn't that be read specifically that they have declined to do that and not just very cavalierly say it's part of correspondence?

Chorba: It's #26. It's in the packet.

Tomasovitch: Alright read it.

Magliocchi: Yea you read it then you're good. And then it will be in there.

Chorba: It is addressed to Throop Borough

Cimini: Wait Mike is it, I don't have it pulled up here. Is it marked confidential?

Kucharski: No.

Cimini: Ok.

Magliocchi: It shouldn't be anyway. Go ahead Mike read it.

Chorba: It is addressed to Throop Borough, Attention Louis Cimini

## Feasibility Study

Dear Solicitor/Borough Manager:

Throop Hose Company #1 is in receipt of your letter dated March 27, 2018 concerning participation in a feasibility study to determine if consolidation of all Throop Fire and Emergency services is recommended.

On April 8, 2018, at the regular monthly meeting of Throop Hose Company #1, your letter was read to the membership and the question was voted upon.

Please be advised that Throop Hose Company #1 has chosen not to be a participant in the

study.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact President Dave Benson at (570)383-1019.

Respectfully,

Jim Parette  
Recording Secretary

Magliocchi: There you go.

Kucharski: Ok any other question?

Chorba: We haven't gotten anything from #2 or #3 right? You guys are in agreeance correct?

Hegedus: Right.

Chorba: So you guys

Hegedus: Didn't we send an email?

Chorba: We don't have nothing in our packet.

Kucharski: I didn't see it.

Barnick: It doesn't matter. If I disagrees

Hegedus: Volunteer Hose Company of Throop is 100% interested in sitting down for the feasibility study.

Kucharski: So is #2.

Magliocchi: Which can't be done without all 3 so it's not going to happen.

Tomasovitch: Yea we need all 3 to get it done anyway.

Hegedus: We could still do it on our own though.

Magliocchi: On our own yes. It was a lot easier with the state doing it.

Tanana: You can go off of 1994's feasibility study.

Kucharski: Alright anything else?

Cimini: I mean my only concern is that we should be I understand that we issued an ultimatum and I think *inaudible* Fire chief will agree but trying to force consolidation is to me from everything I read is never the answer so I think the focus needs to be on you know response rates and whether the borough - what I was getting to at the beginning of the meeting whether the borough is funding an essential service or if they're just throwing money to a club that has no manpower or let's just leave it at manpower to get out and fight a fire so I think that's where the focus needs to be not you don't want to participate in the study so you're *inaudible* something more important than that.

Magliocchi: The training.

Cimini: Another important factor, training.

Magliocchi: It's not so much the study but not participating with the Borough in general is a major issue. I mean the Borough is one. And if you don't want to participate with any of us does that include the other fire houses? We don't know. I mean we aren't getting any feedback from them. It's just we want nothing to do. I mean that's basically what we are getting.

Kucharski: Bobby has his opinion of forcing consolidation I don't know if that is shared by everyone

We can't

Kucharski: I know we can't too but

Tomasovitch: They don't want to participate in anything so we are giving them \$100.00.

Kucharski: Again I tried twice, we had 2 meetings just to open the dialog that's all, sit down and talk, and we got nowhere.

Magliocchi: Well even the thing not even just forcing consolidation not saying forcing

consolidation because we can't make them but trying, I mean we are spending money to show them what they can have to make them want to participate in one fire house and come together as one community. Can't do anything. You can't even show them something they don't even care - you can have a 10 million dollar building in this packet and they could care less. It's what they want and that's it. I don't think that is the best interest of the town or the residents. I'm sorry. That's how I feel.

Kucharski: Alright any other questions?

Magliocchi: The only thing I am going to add to this is, everybody remember what they did to #2 for not showing up at one meeting never mind everything else that is going on *inaudible*.

Kucharski: Do you want to add that to the motion?

Magliocchi: No just the comments.

**6 in favor, Barnick against**

**Motion carried**

**13. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To allow Tom Renkel to donate labor and material to be donated by Glecko Paint to paint the 2 dugouts, the stand and the shed behind the stand at the old Little League field nothing at the new field pending review by the solicitor.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To purchase and install protective nets for the scoreboards at the Softball and Little League fields.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To purchase a new scag at a cost of \$13,500.00.

On the question:

Barnick: I think it's a waste of money.

Magliocchi: Well Robbie recommends that we can use a new one so. Like I said we are going to have to spend some money to catch up on equipment that was never purchased in the past and there is a lot of stuff that unfortunately it falls in our hands to have to spend more money to catch up on what was lacked by previous. That's all I am going to say to that.

**6 in favor, Barnick against**

**Motion carried**

**16. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To purchase a gas roller with drum at a cost of \$18,035.00.

On the question:

Tanana: Was that on co stars?

Kucharski/Tomasovitch: Yes.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**17. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To purchase a batting cage at a cost of \$5,868.00 for Washington Street Park. The installation is not included and the concrete pad and turf is extra.

On the question:

Tanana: This is to replace the old broken down one at Washington Street?

Kucharski: Correct.

Magliocchi: I would add to that motion with concrete pad and turf also.

Tomasovitch: That's not included in the price.

Galli: That's extra.

**6 in favor, Barnick against**

**Motion carried**

**18. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To purchase a Trail King EK 14U trailer to transport the roller and other rented equipment at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Chorba: Same trailer Robert showed it's just got ramps on the back end instead of tilt. Same size.

Magliocchi: So that's going to be cheaper.

Kucharski: Now will the roller be able to go down that?

Chorba: Yes.

Kucharski: The ramps aren't too wide?

Chorba: Yes. There is no way for the roller to tilt the trailer.

Magliocchi: You do it for a living so I am going with you.

Kucharski: Right.

Chorba: You would need a bucket or excavator or roller to tilt the trailer.

Kucharski: So do we want to say at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Magliocchi: Yes. It's going to be cheaper.

On the question:

Tanana: Was that on co stars?

Kucharski: No. He said they didn't have it.

Tanana: Do we need to get bids?  
Cimini: No it's under professional.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**19. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment to SA Architects for professional services for the DPW building at a cost of \$3,123.00 and that is less the 10% retainage.

On the question:

Magliocchi: It's for the architect for the roof project?

Galli: Yes.

Kucharski: For the whole project right?

Cimini: Yes.

Magliocchi: Should we make him wait until the project is completed or it doesn't matter?

Cimini: Robert's opinion was withholding 10% is sufficient.

Magliocchi: Ok so that's paying him but still withholding 10%.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**20. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To authorize payment to Industrial Electronics for the radio at the pump panel at a cost of \$965.52 for the fire company.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**21. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment to Industrial Electronics for the knox box in the Pierce at a cost of \$225.00 and to reprogram the radio in the knox box key release at a cost of \$125.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**22. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment to McCarthy Tire to replace the damaged tires on the Pierce at a cost of \$1,083.26.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**23. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To reimburse the Volunteer Hose Company of Throop \$1009.00 for the knox box key release on the Pierce.

On the question:

Andy Hegedus: So you're all aware, when we got rid of one of our vehicles there was a knox key release in it and we tried to use that and the county will no longer allow us that knox has discontinued those key releases and they're just a new version of them that no longer are they released by the county. We have individual codes for each firefighter that has access to take that key out of there so that there is an audit trail. We tried to use an old one and now all it is is scrap metal so we went, and Vince will tell you, several meetings contemplating not purchasing it and we finally had to bite the bullet because we didn't have it. It wasn't a luxury item.

Kucharski: Ok thanks for that.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**24. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment to Pisarchik paint and body for the command car repairs at a cost of \$800.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**25. Motion by Chorba**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To reimburse the Volunteer Hose Co of Throop \$2,411.00 for insurance for the Pierce.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Magliocchi: One thing, I don't know how you guys feel but I know #1 with the issues there, #2 right now both of them don't have allotments I think now we don't do something and step back I think we should plan for another meeting whether it's individual fire houses or something to move forward with each fire house so we can resolve this issue. It's something that I don't want to

leave a dead topic for awhile and then if people do run into funding issues and they are getting out or whatever the case is I'd like to have a game plan where we know where we stand and what everyone is going to do at this point.

Williams: Inaudible.

Magliocchi: Well I'm just saying. That's fine whether, we can do whoever wants to come to one and if somebody wants to do it separate

Kucharski: I don't think we should do it separately personally.

Tomasovitch: No.

Magliocchi: I'm just saying it's something I wouldn't leave a dead topic now with all the issues right now.

Kucharski: Lou can you look into it - we don't need a motion or do we?

Clmini: No.

Kucharski: Alright set a date and then we'll notify all the companies and we'll schedule another joint meeting here.

Tomasovitch: Have it on a Monday please.

Clmini: Monday?

Tomasovitch: Yes. I won't be here at the next meeting.

Hegedus: Do you want to talk real quick about the conversation that took place about paying the fire departments bills? The Fire Companies bills. Rather than or is that something you want to wait until the next meeting?

Inaudible.

Hegedus: I am only bringing it up because you said after the first quarter we were going to talk about it. Just a reminder.

Kucharski: Well this kind of changed things so let's talk about it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary