

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Thursday, May 10th, 2018
Special Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.
for General Purposes

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 - A

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

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

Work Session/Meeting Schedule:

* The May mid month work session/meeting will be held Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

* The May monthly work session/meeting will be held Tuesday, May 29th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

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

To hire Katlyn Knebl as a part time police officer pending all clearances.

On the question: Kucharki asked if anyone is related.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the proposal received from Appel Technology Solutions, LLC for a surveillance Camera for the Police Station at a cost of \$5,449.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To donate the police motorcycle to the Olyphant Police Department. The bike is not to be for resale if it is no longer needed it will be returned.

All in favor **Motion carried**

8. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an amendment to the Sunny Day Ordinance, where by the required amount to fund the Sunny Day Ordinance will be amended to read "in an amount up to 10%" of each quarterly check received from Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

On the question:

Barnick: What's changing?

Magliocchi: It's changing up to 10%.

Galli: Up to 10%.

Barnick: From?

Galli: Now we have it 10 - 30% and we've only been putting in 10%.

Kucharski: Past practice is at 10.

Galli: We've been putting in 10% every month we never, there was 2 months in 2015 where we put 20.

Barnick: Why do we have to advertise to change the Ordinance if it still falls in the parameters of *inaudible*.

Magliocchi: Because

Kucharski: It could be less than 10%

Magliocchi: We are putting \$360,000.00 in that account every year where we are cutting our budget short sometimes with emergencies and stuff so this year we might only put 8% in it and we would break even where we won't put the borough into debt when we can still be ahead on both accounts.

Kucharski: Plus give us little more capital expenditure money.

Magliocchi: Right. I mean it is just one thing after another with the borough with updating stuff and it's just a matter of time before it all comes at us at once and

Tanana: Half a million dollars on the borough garage to be redone.

Magliocchi: Should have never cost us nothing.

Tanana: Actually we should've borrowed that off the Sunny Day Fund but we didn't

Tomasovitch: I think they went to court for that.

Tanana: They did and they lost. But I mean it was \$500,000.00 and they basically had to redo the whole sheening of the building - a building that is 10 years old. Because it wasn't done right to begin with. I mean these things are going to start popping up now.

Magliocchi: Everything is getting old.

Tanana: Everything gets old

Tape Ended.

Magliocchi: Second oldest he has ever dealt with is what he said when he was up there. The park.

Kucharski: I thought he said the oldest.

Magliocchi: Unfortunately it's always like it's not broke don't fix it but it's almost like we wait until somebody gets hurt before you spend money and then it's going to cost triple when, let's face it the lawsuits today

Tanana: It's better to be proactive than reactive.

6 in favor, Barnick against

Motion carried

Tomasovitch questioned the last girls name that was hired for the police department.

Galli responded and spelled it.

Magliocchi: It's another girl that's a good asset. Was talking to somebody and a lot of people are going to K-9's anymore. I talked to Keith about it before. He said there is a lot of money involved in them but you wouldn't believe how many departments are moving to K-9's and stuff like that.

Kucharski: It's very expensive.

Magliocchi: That's what I heard it's like 15 grand a year to keep one but they're such an asset.

Kucharski: Even to buy one too.

Talking at once - Inaudible

Magliocchi: You have to get that dedicated officer.

Kucharski: The county has one. Anything else for Council.

Magliocchi: Robin if you can get this ordered ASAP that's all. This way we get it locked in and see if we can get a schedule estimated time of delivery.

Chorba: His name is Sean Plank. That's who I was dealing with. Here is his number.

Kucharski: I just wanted to bring something to everyone's attention. I had 2 fairly lengthy conversations with Bob Robbins. He called me after the last meeting saying that the neighborhood watch in general was very upset. They think that taking the Mayor's budget away that it was all directed towards them and Dennis Pabis's wife, he said she was actually sitting here crying when you mentioned well let the DPW guys go pick up, go get the flowers and somebody who, as somebody who has been planting flowers for 20 years I know I mean I sit there and I, before I go I vision what I am going to put here, and here and here and I actually make sure that I strategically pick out everything, but she did that too

Magliocchi: But that's not what was said, what I said was you pick them out and have the DPW pick them up.

Kucharski: I know. They just took it all out of context. So I said Bob, and I explained the whole briefing behind it

Williams: But the amount they were asking for them, that's crazy

Tomasovitch: \$600.00 for flowers is ridiculous.

Kucharski: It was 400 I think.

Tomasovitch: No.

Williams: I used to spend \$175.00 for all 4 planters.

Magliocchi: Listen I don't care if it was \$1000.00 the whole thing was is All talking at once.

Tomasovitch: They have money in their budget.

Magliocchi: Even if I don't expect them to pay for it

Tomasovitch: I'll get my own. Who waters them?

Kucharski: They do.

Tomasovitch: I did.

Kucharski: You watered the one there they watered all the other ones.

Magliocchi: Like I said obviously they took it the wrong way because it was almost like I told them that.

Magliocchi: From a borough stand point I don't look at you just hand an organization money and they do what they want with it where you could went and picked out 10 daisy's whatever you want to call them and all that nonsense whatever type of flowers and we would pick them up. It wasn't hard

Kucharski: They bought a lot of perennials last year, perennials are more expensive

Magliocchi: I don't care if it cost 1000.00 and I didn't have an issue with the price the thing was we have an account we have our guys go get whatever flowers you want and whatever type of flowers, we weren't picking them out

Kucharski: That's the point I was making they really took pride in doing that. Anyway the bottom line is

Williams: You don't want the perennials in those baskets anyway.

Tomasovitch/Kucharski: No. They have the perennials at the signs.

Williams: I understand that but they were talking about getting perennials for the baskets also.

Magliocchi: If you talk to them, tell them when they are going up and they want to pick them out we'll have a DPW guy up there with a truck and that's all they're doing.

Kucharski: Well the bottom line is that they are not going to do it.

Magliocchi: Then tell them thanks anyway.

Kucharski: So we either have to leave them how they are or come up with plan B.

Williams: If they don't want to do then I'll go do it.

Tomasovitch: We'll do it.

Magliocchi: We'll have the DPW do it. What's it going to take.

Tomasovitch: I will pay for the flowers at the one across the street from my house.

Williams: She just put flowers in it today.

Tomasovitch: Did she, Michelle did?

Williams: Yes.

Kucharski: Actually, and I've said this many times that probably for the last 10 years I have been buying at Clarks Summit State hospital they have a green house there that it's therapy for the patients and I was there today and I bought 10 flats of 48 each and 3 hanging baskets for \$165.00.

Magliocchi: Listen, I wasn't against them doing it that's all I'm going to say.

Kucharski: They took it wrong.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi; Listen no offense and no offense to you Joe but the Mayor prior to you was out of hand with his beautification budget.

Kucharski: That's what I told them that's what happened

Magliocchi: That's the bottom line. We didn't even know where it was going. He was writing checks left and right.

Kucharski: I talked to Bob he was on the phone with me for 45 minutes I said Bob I got to go, he said where are you going.

Tomasovitch: I'm sorry but

Kucharski: And then he called me back later in the week. And he said he talked to them and they don't want to do it.

Tomasovitch: That's ok.

Magliocchi: And then the other big thing was you can't go out and spend \$3000.00 and do what you want to do. We have to vote on it so why should everybody vote on it and which we have never turned you down on anything you've wanted anyway.

Mayor: I didn't instigate any of this.

Kucharski: No. They just took it the wrong way and

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Tomasovitch: I have a very bad outlook on them and I'm not afraid to say it.

Talking at once.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary