

**Meeting  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, June 25<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** - A

**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:**

Mayor Tropiak: Email on visual signs - approval - wanted something in writing.

Cimini: The issue was there is only 1 sign that is approved by PennDOT. I spoke to PennDOT and they said as long as it is a temporary, portable sign they basically are ok with it. We spoke to the rep from the sign that everyone likes the one that is in Green Ridge and everything was worked out the price was ok and now she sent me an email that in order for council to purchase them they need a statement signed that says, sorry for the delayed response I have been out of the office for quite a while training people initially I explained our issue with PennDOT as we are still waiting approval. There is a loophole for temporarily placed portable radars but before we can release it to you we need you to send us statement that says, I would like to purchase the product for portable use and temporary placement on private property using private funds. If this applies to you we can send, please send us an email with that phrase, I'm sorry for the confusion and complication. Or you can continue to wait a little bit longer for the product to be approved by PennDOT.

Tanana: How did Green Ridge *inaudible*

Cimini: They must have signed it. I called her back 3 times to ask her

Tanana: Because I'm sure they didn't use private funds.

Cimini: I left a message that we could correctly state that it is portable and temporary but we can't say that we are using private funds.

\_\_\_\_\_: Or private property really.

Cimini: Or private property, right. So I am waiting for her to call me back. It says it's unbelievable that PennDOT has only approved one sign in the entire state.

Tanana: That doesn't surprise me.

Williams: I was just in Pittsburgh and they are all over the place.

Cimini: The same one?

Williams: Pretty similar.

Tanana: *Inaudible*.

Cimini: So there's a couple of options, I can call PennDOT and ask them do they plan on approving another sign in the near future I think the answer is no and if they won't accept this statement that takes out the private property, private funds portion then I think we are back to the other sign.

Tanana: *Inaudible*. They probably went through the same thing. I'm sure.

Kucharski: Well look we've been without them for this long maybe if we can get a sense of how long it may take which is probably not going to be possible. Well Lou see what you can find out and then we'll

Cimini: Yes hopefully she calls this week and I'll say the only thing we can do is say that we would like to purchase them for portable and temporary placement period. If that's the case then we'll sign that.

Kucharski: Ok.

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

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

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

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

**2018 BITUMINOUS PAVING PROJECT:**

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>	<b>BID BOND/ CERTIFIED CHECK</b>
American Asphalt Paving Co. 500 Chase Road Shavertown, PA 18708	\$208,923.00	Yes
Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. 3298 Lake Ariel Hwy. Honesdale, PA 18431	\$236,089.75	Yes

**1. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the bids received for the 2018 Bituminous Paving Project and to award to the lowest most responsible bidder, per recommendations of Borough Engineer, 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 June 11, 2018 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**3. Motion by Williams**

**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>\$83,962.53</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$142,551.49</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$239,283.65</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>\$19,071.05</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, Williams on  
daughter & Kucharski on granddaughter**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of May 31, 2018 and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$83,309.03</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$979,250.37</b>
Civic Center Account-FNC	<b>\$2,440.84</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$25,589.16</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,835,472.09</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$256,669.43</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,416,667.34</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$2,790.90 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. for 117 Dunmore Street Sewer Repair, pending approval from Robert Kalinoski and Attorney Cimini.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by**

To re-advertise for part time summer help for the Department of Public Works.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: Why are we doing that?

Kucharski: That's my question.

Tomasovitch: Because Robbie said he is going to pick 2 more people

Kucharski: Right and that's the very next motion.

Galli: Bobby called and said he wanted those motions. One to readvertise and one for Robert

Williams: But he has 2 other applicants doesn't he?

Kucharski/Tomasovitch: He has more applicants.

**Lack of second**

**Motion failed**

Tomasovitch: If he doesn't get any from there than we will give him authorization to advertise again. I would put that maybe in the second one. If he doesn't get the 2 give him the authorization tomorrow to re advertise in the paper.

Kucharski: Add it to the motion.

Tomasovitch: Instead of waiting for the next meeting.

Kucharski: Sure. We're late now.

**9. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to hire up to 4 part time summer help employees for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$13.00 hourly. If the applicants are unavailable re-advertise for part time summer help. Upon hire, Robert will inform council of new hires.

No audience comments on the change.

On the question:

Williams: How many part time do we have now?

\_\_\_\_\_: 2 I believe.

Kucharski: 2

Williams: So we are giving him the authority to hire 4 more so

Tomasovitch/Kucharski: No 2 more.

Kucharski: To hire up to 4 so we have 2 so it would be 2 more.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To send letters to Dickson City Teener League, Holy Cross High School and Sandlot Baseball Team requesting a \$300.00 donation for field maintenance and supplies.

On the question:

Tanana: We let Crush softball and other travel softball teams use the little league complex they should also donate to maintenance also.

Tomasovitch: You're right.

Tanana: So I mean if you're going to everybody is going to have too.

\_\_\_: Agreed.

Tomasovitch: What are you going to do when there are tournaments down there?

Tanana: Exactly. I mean these travel teams are going to have tournaments down there, our guys are maintaining it, I mean it is what it is. We're going to ask for one or 2? Everyone that uses the fields has to give something.

Some talking at once.

Tomasovitch: Well you know what - we are public fields.

Tanana: Right and there is kids from Throop on every single one of these so

Kucharski: Right

Tanana: The whole thing is, is that it is either everyone is going to pay or nobody is going to pay.

Kucharski: What Dickson City Teener league I wasn't aware Dickson City Teener league used it - I know it's Dickson City legion

Tanana: Right and the junior legion.

Kucharski: Right and we give them a donation

Tanana: Right we give a donation and we're going to ask for money back? Like that's

Kucharski: It doesn't make sense.

Tomasovitch: No I don't want my name on there.

Tanana: It's either all or nothing in my opinion.

Kucharski: You're right.

Tomasovitch: They are public fields.

Tanana: One your asking a team we give a donation too. And we don't ask anyone else. We don't charge the Booster club for using the fields, we don't charge the little league for using those fields. Technically if we're going to everybody is going to have too because we maintain them. I mean we've already had an issue where the booster club and little league people were out there with rakes moving the diamond tech stuff that we just purchased and put down because they didn't know what they were doing and they didn't want to get trained by the people who knew what they were doing. That's the part that got me. Is the fact that we offered to have the 2 DPW guys that are always down there doing it, they never had people to do it the right way and then they - when it was raining they raked *inaudible*

Kucharski: Did they take us up on the offer?

Tanana: They were supposed to but noone ever reached out to Robbie. So it's either all or nothing in my opinion.

**All against**

**Motion failed**

(Tomasovitch: now that we talked about it against)

**11. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To advertise and do what is required to prepare for a Public Hearing before council on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., to consider a proposed amendment to Throop Boroughs Zoning Ordinance and Map to create a mixed use district on a 38 acre parcel owned by Greenview Development.

A discussion took place regarding what time it should be at.

Cimini requested 5:30 however Chorba cannot get here until 6:00.

Cimini feels will need longer than a half hour but depends on public comment. It could be over in a minute or if there is a lot of interest in the project it could be awhile.

Kucharski: Lou and I talked about this earlier today, the fact that a lot of people don't know anything about this project and they are all going to be getting letters and it is going to be posted. So it probably will generate interest probably particularly from Tiffany Estates residents because it's right across the street although I think it is certainly a positive project but

Cimini: And this is just to change the Ordinance. It's not to approve any plans that still has to go to planning. So the question is do we start earlier with less than 7 or do we wait, I don't think a half an hour is going to be enough time but

Tomasovitch: I think we should wait for Mike to be here.

Chorba: I can try to sneak out but I don't know what schedule is like day to day.

Cimini: Start at 6 and see. Do that.

Kucharski: So do we want to bump up everything or not and just play it by ear.

Cimini: Well we'll advertise, when it says to do what is necessary to prepare that is get a court reporter, advertise in the Times so we have to do all that so we'll start at 6:00.

Chorba: Who knows 81 could have no traffic that day.

Talking at once.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize the Borough Engineer to review the Dunmore Street sewer line up to Line St.

Chorba: There's ways we can cut the cost down on this project because typically we do our laterals curb to curb and we replace everything with clean outs. If we just do the main and tie in, if the laterals are still good we could just do the main and cut some costs down. If Robbie is for that. I'll have to talk to Robbie about.

Tanana: This is just to authorize the

Kucharski: the engineer to do a study right

Tanana: well yea to design

Chorba: design and get the specs out

Tanana: bid specs

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**



and speak and find out what's going on?

Kucharski: It's not a bad idea.

Tomasovitch: They only got \$100.00 last time and will only get \$100.00 this time so

Kucharski/Williams: This is the first time

Tomasovitch: Ok if they want the second allotment

Kucharski: I was talking to *Inaudible* a member and he said oh we're only getting 100 and I said well hey. Cooperate.

Tomasovitch: Right. Can we - can you send a letter?

Cimini: Yes

Tomasovitch: We're doing our part let's see if they'll do theirs.

Kucharski: Exactly.

Tomasovitch: We want to help them just like every other company.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Galli: Questioned if the Resolution was going to be put on.

Kucharski: I was going to ask that. What's everyone's pleasure for the re appointment of an individual to the zoning hearing board..

Tanana: I know 2 people on the zoning hearing board approached me and were complaining about this individual so

Kucharski: And same thing here.

Tanana: And one of them is, I mean, one of them is a really good guy and doesn't really complain.

Kucharski: Right, exactly.

Tanana: I think if we are paying somebody that amount of money per month they should at least

Kucharski: And the complaint was that they don't go out and actually look at the property first before they come to the meeting and then they have no idea what is being discussed.

Tanana: The whole point is that's their job. If they don't have time to do it just like inaudible just like us if you don't have time to do it why would you run.

Kucharski: So table it at this point?

Tanana: I would see if they have somebody in mind. Send a letter to the Chairman of the Zoning Board.

Kucharski: Lou maybe you can get together with Bob and they can have a discussion and ask for any other members.

Tomasovitch: Maybe one of the alternates would take it.

Tanana: That would be the best thing because they said the alternates actually are doing more.

Kucharski: One thing I forgot to talk about in the work session was there is a meeting Thursday at the Washington Street Park with Don Dolan who is the solicitor for the school district. There was some discussion about the Borough being potentially interested in purchasing some property for the, from the school district, but I mean and Lou maybe you learned more since but in our discussions we weren't exactly sure what property was, we were interested in and you know where it was and what was the purpose of doing it. Now I understand that Bobby had some

discussion about opening up a road from Underwood Rd. to the park. Now I've heard there was also discussion about perhaps opening Washington Street up to Underwood Rd or down further perhaps opening it up to the existing the parking lot the dirt lot behind the field that the district owns but there was nothing concrete.

Williams: The discussion I had because it was actually something that when I was first appointed Mayor it was brought to my attention about moving the basketball courts and tennis courts out behind left field giving access from Underwood Rd. So that people from Schoolside could utilize the park easier. This way there would be somewhere else to put the splash park when we get to that point. And just utilize a larger walking track, a bigger parking area for the games that are up there.

Tomasovitch: So how much do you want like from the school how far back?

Williams: I think we just have to see what's up there, what's available and what they're asking for it.

Kucharski: Mike in your opinion I know you're

Chorba: I know when we sold the land to Mid Valley that all went with 13 acres and when we sold the land there was a big, Mid Valley had a 10 year plan at the time let's call it where they were moving the football stadium, they were moving schools, they were juggling things around that whole underwood corridor was supposed to be a new school, a new stadium since then nothing has ever happened and you know nothing has ever come of it so I don't know if they are still interested in doing it.

Williams: I was told they couldn't build any structures on that land because of the some court testament was done *inaudible*.

Chorba: Yea see I don't know about that but all I know is that they had a giant 10 year plan or 20 year plan maybe let's call it

Kucharski: Well they have an ultra modern sports facility.

Chorba: It was quite impressive what they had at the time when we sold them the 13 acres.

Kucharski: Let me ask you this Mike, maybe it's not a question you can answer but let's say we wanted to build a road from Underwood Rd to the parking area. I mean you are talking pretty big bucks aren't you?

Chorba: No because it's really not that far. As long as you have the subbase to build the road up and there is no water ways there which I don't think there is, I don't think there is any creeks or anything there. It's not really, it's all just fill.

Tanana: Eddy Creek runs

Chorba: Eddy Creek runs there?

Tanana: I don't think towards the Washington Street end I think more towards Murray Street.

Cimini: *Inaudible* the new flood map.

Tanana: It's more toward Murray St. than it is toward but you have to watch because it kind of winds when it crosses Underwood Rd. it does go up and then, you have to watch where Eddy Creek goes.

Chorba: As long as you got the fill the embankment it's not really that

Kucharski: So it would be a million dollars or is that

Chorba: Nah. *Inaudible*.

Tanana: But here's the other thing I thought we talked about possibly redoing the outfield at Washington St and get rid of that rock shell

Chorba: You get rid of that rock shell if you flop it over and

Tanana: Flop it over to the gully

Chorba: and you start building up

Tanana: That's your perfect solid base right there.

Kucharski: So basically we are more interested in the existing dirt parking lot which Mid Valley owns out to Underwood Rd. Is that

Williams: *Inaudible* behind left field. Basketball courts and

Kucharski: That was all part of it

Tanana: kind of like from Washington St to existing where Washington Street is now down basically toward to the end of the dirt parking lot where Mid Valley owns pretty much out to Underwood.

Kucharski: Ok but I don't think it would be a good idea to open Washington up to Underwood because I think you'd have an Edgar St issue where people would be cutting through and Washington Street *inaudible*

Williams: they have it you can get in from both sides but you could only get to the middle you can't pass right through.

Kucharski: Ok.

Tanana: No. I would think a parking area *inaudible* a parking area and a nice walking trail

Kucharski: So at least we know what we are going to be discussing.

Kucharski: One other thing that I mentioned when Robbie was here, the Dickson City Legion is hosting a regional tournament, some kind of play off tournament on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> - the 29<sup>th</sup> and they haven't put in a formal request yet but my son who's involved with the team said the team manager was asking if it would be possible if during the tournament if the pavilion kitchen could be available for them to use to sell refreshments and food and what not. Some people think it's, on the team, think it's a bad idea because are people going to want to walk all the way up to the pavilion from the field but I said I would just bring it up at the meeting here tonight for discussion and I don't even know Renee if there is any thing booked. Plus I mean at a lot of fields they just put up a tent with a grill and whatnot.

O'Malley: There is a birthday party on the 28<sup>th</sup> there.

Kucharski: Ok so.

TAPE STOPPED

A discussion took place regarding: As a result of the part time police officers the actual motion to hire should be made after the officers have their certifications.

17. **Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Williams**

All Part Time Police Officers hired will not receive Oath of Office until have certification.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Tomasovitch: There is a lot of overtime over there.

Kucharski feels should have structure out of the academy.

Tomasovitch: There is.

Williams: Nothing was followed with the last 4 hires.

Mayor: I had a talk with the Chief and feel he got the message. It was a lesson learned.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary