

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, August 20th, 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 - A

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

Kucharski: Offered a sincere thanks to all the volunteers and our borough employees for all of this in very very trying circumstances. Just a complete *inaudible* the rain *inaudible* was unbelievable and as Rob talked earlier we had man holes flying off and several homes were filed with sewage from the sewers , the water coming through their sewers so again, you're saying there was almost 20 plus people there

Hegedus: 19 firefighters. I don't know the official DPW

Kucharski: I did stop up there about 10:30 and everybody was really

Both talking at once.

Hegedus: We wrapped up 2:30 in the morning. We went to help Olyphant. Because they, we were caught up with all of our calls and everybody was good so we went to help Olyphant with some calls and then Tuesday we had 14 calls so we were going all day Tuesday. I took a work from home day and we were out all day. The worst part about it was the majority of the people that got water had never gotten water before. That was the unfortunate thing.

Kucharski: So again just a sincere thanks. Great job, well done and thank you volunteers and our employees for the work that they did.

Kucharski: Was an article in the paper on Saturday concerning the issues with Hose Co. #1. You know I did talk to a reporter and the only comment I wanted to make there was that a comment attributed to Dave Benson and this is nothing personal against Dave, I respect him 1000% and his family. His dad was chief and president and Dave is president so they've given their life really to Hose Co #1 so it's nothing against him but just, his remark that this is simply small town politics is absolutely positively not true. I've said this a million times before and I'll probably say it a million again it's about the health and welfare of the citizens of this town. That's our primary responsibility as members of this council and that is our main concern with trying to look forward for the future of the Throop fire departments. Has nothing to do with small town politics what so ever.

Tomasovitch: I didn't like that.

Kucharski: So I just wanted to set that record straight. I wanted it to be part of the minutes. Any other announcements Mayor?

Tropiak: Nope. One thing I just want to mention related to that notifying the people that is involved with funds, expenses, we all got emails on that.

Hegedus: you're talking about the declaration of emergency?

Tropiak: There was an email out on it that you could, the residents could apply or

Hegedus: Well there's a process and if you'd like I'll explain it real quick what your *inaudible* is that Mayor Tropiak made a declaration of Emergency for Throop Borough based on everything that was happening. I found out that Jim Kuzmak the EMA director was unavailable so I kind of took over the role while everything else was going on. I called the Mayor, he came right down, we created the declaration of emergency and I did that through Rich Barbolish with the county. Now the county has declared a state of emergency for flooding so you saw in the email today I forwarded to Jim Kuzmak explaining that we have all the document the addresses and now what those people need to do is we need to help them get the damage assessment form which is generally just a piece of paper and if they have filed an insurance claim with the dollar amount. It's going to be an extremely extremely high threshold for flooding. Never in the past for this type of flooding have we received any money. I think what we did was very proactive just in case something really disastrous did happen like it happened down in schulkyl county but from a flooding perspective we're just not going to get the, I don't think we're going to hit that threshold. You really need to have a municipality

Kucharski: Well we went through it

Tomasovitch: I don't think we hit it last time either right?

Kucharski: No we went through it in the winter so

Hegedus: Well they had set the threshold and a it was a very specific time frame and fortunately we didn't have the damage that is required to really get anything from the federal government. I don't think. We all do it in emergency management as a proactive. So that's all. I wouldn't want anybody expecting that they are going to get any money for this. At this point. If it happens it's terrific, we've got everything documented.

Tropiak: Well the residents will know it then.

Hegedus: Right, absolutely.

Tropiak: That's the important part one way or the other.

Tropiak: The historical society is working on those DVD's to get them on disks. I was talking to

Char about that and so then we'll have a meeting some place one of these days Char. See what we are going to do concerning the 125 years. Mentioned one thing they had, I saw in the paper about the they had horse and buggy rides. It was a company that was doing that *inaudible*.

Kucharski: One more thing, I got an email from Cassandra Coleman just announcing that the governor's cabinet there would be 4 or 5 members that were going to attend a community meeting it's in Wyoming Area High School but I can't open the email here right now and I just saw it later today so maybe I will forward it to Renee to forward to everyone in case anybody is interested in attending.

**Announcements:**

\* An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The Aug. monthly work session/meeting for Monday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. is cancelled.

\* The Sept. mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

\* The Sept. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**1. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**2. 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"	\$79,955.50
Paid bills:	\$82,964.23
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$310,950.66
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$10,017.97

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch  
abstained on husband and Kucharski  
on granddaughter**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Chorba**

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

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	(\$34,560.79)
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$1,391,169.40
Civic Center Account-FNC	\$2,450.69
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	\$53,330.62
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	\$3,880,195.28
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$4,233,636.42
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$256,991.25
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,783,512.87</b>

**Kucharski added that the fund statement grand total now sits at \$9,783,512.87. And at least in the year and a half or so that I've been here that's the most that that has ever been. I don't know historically in the past if it had ever been more but I just think it is noteworthy that we're putting less money in but we still have more in there.**

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

6. **Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To donate \$100.00 to the Mid Valley Spartan Cheerleaders designer purse bingo.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

7. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Tanana**

To donate \$500.00 to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

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

To authorize the installation of an inlet and cross pipe to resolve the water ponding issues on Mruck Street.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Tomasovitch: The person we have doing the animals, is he still doing them? Or are we having problems with him picking him up or

Kucharski: Al Shultz?

Cimini: Do you have a listening device inside.

Laughter.

Magliocchi: Long story short there is an issue, there are meeting to see if they can work out the issue or possibly move on to someone else.

Cimini: No Bob was deciding whether or not he was going to

*Inaudible*

Magliocchi: I was actually thinking and I don't know if you guys want to but the bank called Robin and I was thinking of maybe putting \$1 million into a CD that the interest rate is 3% the highest it has been in a long time. Where if we put 1 million into it, one of our CD's is up in May

Galli: 3 of them are up in May

Magliocchi: Right now we are getting 1.75 on that it's up to 3% now so I figure you don't know how long it might be like that for awhile but if we put a million into it we still get that million back plus interest. But the only thing that unless you want to keep it the same I mean it is something else to talk about but the interest that we make on the CD's, so just say that you put in 5 million we'll get back in 3 years 450,000 or whatever, that

TAPE ENDED.

Magliocchi: I think it's something to jump into while it's up now anyway *inaudible* then we get our million back regardless in May. What do we have available? Over \$4 million right now?

Galli: In the Sunny day

Magliocchi: No not in the Sunny day. Just in our general

Galli: What do you mean in the general?

Magliocchi: The money that we can spend. Like the Sunny day we can't touch.

Galli: The sunny day we can't touch.

Magliocchi: Right our other account.

Tomasovitch: I thought it was from the sunny day you were talking about.

Galli: We go from the general fund money market so we have like probably, In the general fund we have \$1,391,000.00.

Magliocchi: Ok so what do we have available in the sunny day that's not on CD's right now not on a current CD

Galli: In the sunny day fund now that is not on CD's is 3.8.

Magliocchi: So we have 3.8 I mean if you guys feel 2 million is good I don't know but we're getting back 2 million next year that wasn't *inaudible* so it would only be we would have 2 million on reserve that we could touch, 2 million coming in what 6,7 months and then that will free up like 4 million.

Kucharski: So these will be coming due in 6 months?

Tomasovitch: May and June. May and June they're up

Galli: Yes we have May, June and I think August we some more coming.

Tomasovitch: I think you have 4 don't you?

Galli: They're all coming due up to December.

Magliocchi: There is one in 2019 correct?

Tomasovitch: Yea.

Magliocchi: So we'll get most of it back so I don't know if you guys, that's high at 3%. I don't know how much you want to put in but if we put in 2 million we still have available to take out of sunny day for emergency 2 million in there but we'll actually have 4 million again around May and June back in the account to keep it basically where it is now.

Kucharski: So can you talk to the bank or

Galli: Yea.

Magliocchi: We did already but we have to make a motion for that.

Kucharski: Want to do it now or wait until next month?

Tomasovitch: It could change. I think we should do it now.

Magliocchi: I would, I mean listen we're not allowed to touch the money unless there is an emergency so we still have 2 million on reserve we put 2 million on that CD we're making 3% and then in 6 months we're basically getting released those 2 CD's and we'll have back up to \$4 million anyway. So it's

Cimini: You can just even a motion to authorize it and then pending we can talk to the bank and let them know what we're thinking.

Kucharski: Ok.

**9. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize a transfer up to \$2 million into a CD at a 3% interest rate or higher.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

A discussion took place regarding getting Attorney Cimini a Borough phone.

Magliocchi: Well there are 2 options if you go that route. Would you rather an allowance where you keep one phone or do you want to carry 2 phones. Where, I forget what it costs but I think it is \$80 a cell phone a month then we can give you \$80 a month and you can keep your same phone so you don't change unless you want 2 phones. I don't know.

Tomasovitch/Magliocchi; It's up to you. Talk to Robin.

Kucharski: Ok so we'll defer that.

Cimini: I'll talk to Robin about it.

No audience comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary