

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, November 13th, 2018
Special 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:

Anthony Gangemi - P

Mike Chorba - P

Richard Kucharski - President - P

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Vince Tanana - A

Wayne Williams - A

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - A

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

* Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 - Spaghetti Dinner for Veterans at the Throop Civic Center from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meetings:

* There will be a Budget Work Session held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

* The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Nov. 26th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

* The December monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Dec. 17th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

4. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize council president to execute the Investment Objectives & Policies Statement for the Non Uniform and Police Pension Funds.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize council president to execute the contract with Vector Security for cameras at Washington Street Park.

On the question:

Gangemi: When are they going to install these?

Magliocchi: Well that's why, I was waiting for on the question but, I don't understand there is a motion passed. Why is this even here again? Why do we have people in place assigned these damn things and now it's getting vandalized and everything and they're not installed. This is just

Kucharski: I don't have an answer to that Bob.

Tomasovitch: This should've been signed a long time ago right?

Magliocchi: There is a motion passed, it was done, there is a contract, we put people in place to take care of the contracts and stuff and here we area again and then you wonder why nothing gets done in the Borough. It's just, it's frustrating. It got vandalized, if these were in at the time we would've had those people

Gangemi: Right, so when is this going to get installed?

Magliocchi: I couldn't tell you. I met with the guy, it was hot and sunny.

Kucharski: Louie had some questions with the

Magliocchi: There was something with the legal review that from what I understand is a basic contract company wide like ADT we signed them at the civic center and all this other stuff and all of a sudden now this is a problem we have to solve he's not here to answer that that's fine

Kucharski: He did change the wording. It had nothing to do with the monitoring.

All talking at once.

Hegedus: It was regarding the indemnification piece that they have to be held responsible for it. It's industry standard stuff and Louis was looking out for the borough and then you know it's a generalized form that talks about monitoring services and there are no monitoring services. From what I understand Mara explained it and they got it resolved.

Magliocchi: This went on for months.

Talking at once.

Gangemi: There was legal language I remember.

Magliocchi: But what I don't understand is that we passed a motion and he wasn't happy with the legal language and now he is why is it back on for a motion again?

Kucharski: I don't know.

Magliocchi: Just put the damn thing in.

Gangemi: Well maybe it has to be resigned with the legal changes so just, we'll do it.

All in favor

Motion carried

Gangemi: We should make arrangements. They can do that this time of year right?

Magliocchi: I would imagine. I met with the guy we knew exactly where everything was going to go we set it all up I'm not sure where their scheduling stands now hopefully it's better than we think but.

Gangemi: Somebody make a phone call and say let's schedule it.

Tomasovitch/Magliocchi: That would be Louie.

Hegedus: He needs to talk to Danielle Price, 800-222-6565 ext. 53158. And I no longer work there so.

Gangemi: Alright just remind Louie so we can get that going. Before it gets vandalized again.

Gangemi: The comcast thing just needs to be signed.

Galli: That just has to be signed.

Magliocchi: Actually I have a motion I want to put on. I didn't get up here to the Borough so, I want to put on a motion to authorize Robert Kalinoski to order a cart tipper for the packer in the amount of \$4,384.30. You guys saw in the email. I don't know if you guys know but countywide everyone is switching to those, waste management is switching to those It's just easier, liability standpoint, its easier on the guys picking it up they don't, we have guys getting hurt they don't have to pick up the can anymore, it's 8 seconds. Those cans hold 8 bags now that takes 8 seconds.

Mayor Tropiak: Does everyone have to have something at their house?

Tomasovitch/Magliocchi/Kucharski: No.

Gangemi: I thought that was discussed previously and the guys didn't want it. I thought this was brought to Councils attention one time before and it was voted down.

Kucharski: I don't remember it being voted down.

Chorba: It never made it to a motion.

Kucharski: It never made it to a motion. There were discussions. Robbie had some issues with it and then he was going to get some prices

Magliocchi: What we originally planned to do is what Robbie said was we were going to get one arm and try it out and then you could do a second arm so one for each guy and less labor intense. I mean if you go down to Wilkes Barre it has it, Naticoke has them. Everybody is getting them but once again Throop is always last. I want to get them instead of following everyone else.

Tomasovitch: I want to put a couple motions on too. I want to put a motion on to get a push box for the back hoe.

Magliocchi: the problem is what we have to take into consideration is that everybody says oh we wont get that storm like we did before. We can get it anytime. Right now we are out trucks. We have trucks with no plows. We need to be prepared and have all the trucks available. So we don't pay people to do

Kucharski: So that's what that is?

Tomasovitch: Yes. For the back hoe. I also want to put a motion on to get 2 plows. One for the Dodge and one for the Ford. Robbie's truck and the other red truck.

Galli: To purchase 2 plows?

Tomasovitch: Yes.

Gangemi: Why wasn't this stuff brought up when the department head was here? I'm voting no. I'm voting no.

Talking at once.

Gangemi: It doesn't matter. I'd like to hear his opinion. Sorry.

Magliocchi: Well that's how the Borough ran in the past on the department heads not council.

Gangemi: Well I just like to hear opinions. Ok. I told you before that I am not voting on anything that is brought up like this. I'm just not doing it.

Talking at once.

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: *Inaudible* Mr. Gangemi, why wasn't this discussed while the department head was here? In the past he had issues with it, were his issues legitimate?

Magliocchi: *Inaudible* assumption where he is unfortunately old school where you look at every other town is getting them there's a reason. And if I can make it easier for the guys to work, it's common sense. You make it easier for them.

Brown: Ok so is he the manager of those guys whose jobs you are trying to make easier?

Yea/no

Magliocchi: You can take that both ways. When I see guys digging holes 4 feet down and they make a machine so it's just unfortunately

Talking at once.

Kucharski: Here's what the issue is, these new garbage cans are 96 gallons

Magliocchi: They're over 100 pounds

Kucharski: They can't pick them up and more and more people are getting them

Gangemi: Isn't that violating an ordinance besides

Magliocchi: We've never enforced it in the last 6 years

Gangemi: I know but it's still on the books so it should be modified if you're going to do that.

Magliocchi: We already tried that and the issue is those cans we've had a guy go out hurt already. So we either pay liability, workman's comp and all that or we buy an attachment and make it easier for the guys. That's the objective to make it easier.

Brown: How does that attachment move that can?

Magliocchi: There's an arm that comes out of the back of the truck, picks it up and dumps it.

Gangemi: That's provided that the cans are right at the curb, right?

Magliocchi: No you wheel the can out like they do now, if you watch them in operation the can gets wheeled to the truck just like your normal can would it connects. If your can is smaller you don't have that arm they can just do that manually like they did.

Brown: So my question would be with the \$4,000.00 how many people in this borough have those types of cans?

Magliocchi: Lots. About half the town.

Brown: And my parents are in New Jersey and they have that system in place where it can just pick up the can and

Magliocchi: It's not the same system that's a *inaudible*

Brown: Something similar. You put your can out to the curb a machine picks it up and dumps it.

They lost jobs. So I'm really kind of curious

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: These are you need the operator on the back of the truck. So if there's one arm you need a guy for that arm and you need a guy for the other side of the truck. If there is 2 arms you need one for each can

Brown: Until eventually we get to the point where technology takes the place of jobs.

Hegedus: That's curbside pickup what she's referring too. Apples and oranges.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: *Inaudible* you would buy the trucks like waste management which our streets as Robbie said before are to tight for those. It's not going to happen you can't lose a job from these.

These are making their jobs easier.

Chorba: Well I think it's also a safety issue too.

Magliocchi: Yes absolutely. It's a big safety issue. I mean you know if you're out there everyday picking up 19 ton of garbage I think you'd prefer the arm. But I mean that's your opinion so anyway there is a motion on.

Kucharski: Any other comments?

Kucharski: Alright the one about the MMO

Galli: Ok so are we going to put it on now?

Kucharski: Well you said it has to paid right?

Galli: Yes. To submit the payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$173,069.56 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$128,450.34. This represents the Boroughs share for the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (additional \$50,000.00 included in both plans). And that we voted on.

Kucharski: That was recommended by Duda.

Galli: Right.

Kucharski: We have been doing that the last couple years.

Galli: Yes.

6. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Gangemi

To advertise for a public hearing on November 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm for 2 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Kucharski: There was a letter from Jack Varaly. Was there and email or was it a letter in our packet?

Galli: I think it was in an email.

On the question:

Tomasovitch: Wait which one are we doing the payment for the uniform or are we doing the zoning ordinance?

Galli: The public hearing for the zoning ordinance.

Tomasovitch: Ok because we didn't do the first one yet.

Kucharski: This was, we kind of got off

Tomasovitch: Ok.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. **Motion by Magliocchi**

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize MaryRuth Tanner to purchase cheerleading uniform shirt/shorts combinations at approximately \$17.00 each.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. **Motion by Gangemi**

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize Council President to execute the contract with METS.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. **Motion by Magliocchi**

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Robert Kalinoski to order a cart tipper for the packer at a cost of \$4,384.30.

4 in favor, Gangemi against

Motion carried

10. **Motion by Tomasovitch**

Seconded by Magliocchi

To purchase a push box for the back hoe.

On the question:

Gangemi: I would've preferred that Robbie was here just to

Magliocchi: Well Robbie is I'll tell you what Robbie is going to say, you don't know with that storm we got last year I already talked to him about it. The storm we got last year is very rare but my opinion is I would rather be prepared than unprepared.

Gangemi: Yea well I would've liked to hear that from him so.

4 in favor, Gangemi against

Motion carried

Galli: And the last one I have is to purchase 2 plows. 1 for the Dodge and 1 for the Ford.

Tomasovitch: Yes. As long as they are set up.

Magliocchi: Well they have to install them.

Tomasovitch: The yellow truck is horrible in the snow. We're down trucks.

Magliocchi: We should've had a new truck already but we don't.

Tomasovitch: We have to be prepared.

Kucharski: Well why would we be putting one on Robbie's truck. It was never on there before.

Tomasovitch: Well you never know *inaudible* trucks. What are you going to do.

Magliocchi: Inaudible 2 trucks. I'm not against it. I talked to Robbie about having, the way a lot of other towns do it is like I had this conversation with him, this is where there is differences where Dickson City has all their guys out plowing of so it might take them 4 hours to do the whole town where if they only have a couple guys out it takes them 8 hours. They're rushing around. Safety. You know they are trying to get the streets cleaned up where I think we should have most all of our plow trucks out and then the town gets done in a couple of hours instead of 8 hours. It's more, nobody is rushing the streets and I know this for a fact by some of guys will even tell you they are even rushing to get a lot of the streets done. Well we have the equipment use it. Let's start using it. So it takes 2 guys to do the whole town 6 hours well if you brought in the 5 for the 5 plows the whole town is done in 2 hours. Cost wise it is about the same.

Gangemi: Well I'm just saying Robbie has been doing this a long time and it may be right it may be wrong but I would like to hear from the department head before I would vote on something like that. That's my opinion. So.

Kucharski: Well I think with respect to his truck because I know I mean he's out and about as the roads are being plowed and I mean so would it be practical to have a plow on that truck.

Tomasovitch: Yea and want me tell you why because last winter the big yellow truck was stuck in front of my house. Robbie is trying to get it with a shovel he couldn't get, if he had a plow on it the driver could've got into the plow truck Robbie's plow truck

Magliocchi: I had this issue awhile ago when a, I think back then when Tommy was on, the comment was made by him that well we bought that truck for Robbie.

Kucharski: I remember.

Magliocchi: Last I checked we bought it for the borough not an own personal use truck. That's my opinion of the truck so I would like all the trucks at least capable of doing what it's supposed to do.

Tomasovitch: We don't need spreaders.

Magliocchi: I mean really if you think about it an F250 or 350 truck he has, that's not a driving around truck. He doesn't go off roading in the woods, construction like off site. He should be driving around in like a ford ranger or something like that technically. That's a truck you put to work. Noone buys that truck to drive around. That's my opinion on that truck. But I've had that for the last few years. This isn't anything new so. With that being said

Gangemi: Well that's a different issue.

To purchase 2 plows, 1 for the Dodge and 1 for the Ford.

On the question:

Kucharski: Again I have to agree with Tony I'd be for the plow for the one truck but

Gangemi: I'm surprised he hasn't asked for it.

Kucharski: Well

Talking at once.

Gangemi: I know it doesn't make sense that's why I wish he was here to ask that question because if it is bad he

Magliocchi: The trucks not drive able, it doesn't matter, the trucks not drive able. They can't even use it.

Tomasovitch: The yellow one?

Magliocchi: No the plow truck that we lost the red one the frames rotted. We're waiting for a new one. That won't be in for a year and a half. So right now you're down a plow truck.

Gangemi: Right.

Tomasovitch: And the yellow one. You can't use the yellow one.

Gangemi: Right so why isn't he bringing it up? You know what I'm saying? Bring it up then.

Magliocchi: He should but he doesn't and I shouldn't have to do it for him.

Gangemi: And neither should she.

Tomasovitch: and the yellow truck you cannot

Magliocchi: that's only good for like the blizzards and stuff and it's actually not even that good in a blizzard to be honest with you. It's not a dual

Gangemi: You are out of my expertise

Tomasovitch: Nobody wants to drive that truck in the winter because you get stuck everywhere.

Chorba: Well why don't we just do 1 plow for now and talk about Robbie's truck.

Gangemi: I would still like to know why he didn't bring it up. That's all I'm asking.

Magliocchi: If I didn't push him to order a new truck we weren't getting a new truck so.

Gangemi: Well I'd like to ask him the question. I'd be more than happy to vote on something if I could hear his opinion and why it wasn't brought up.

Tomasovitch: Well I think we need at least 1 plow.

Magliocchi: Let's put it this way, 1 truck is down. You don't have a plow this year. So we could wait for his opinion and possibly need it because it's not ordered or we can order it and then you can ask him why didn't you tell us to order this.

Gangemi: I mean how is he going to plow the town if he has a plow down? It doesn't make sense why he is letting it - let that occur.

Magliocchi: I can't answer that. There's a lot of questions like that I'd like to *inaudible*

Gangemi: Well I would love to ask him that question. A council person has to bring it up when he should be bringing that up. Just doesn't make sense to me.

Magliocchi: Well in the executive I'll bring up a lot of stuff that I shouldn't be bringing up that they should be bringing up so. That's the whole point.

Kucharski: So what are we, we have a motion and a second

Magliocchi: What I would probably do is if you are going to buy the plow I would do if you are going to do 1 plow for now I would get a V Plow for the alleyways so it's easier for them to plow. Then you have the option to have it straight or V. That's a better way to go.

Chorba: The V plows, do we have any V plows?

Magliocchi: No. And some of those alleys are really tight which makes it easier for those trucks to get in with the v plow. So if you are going to do that I would put the motion on for a V plow.

For them to purchase a v plow.

Tomasovitch: Alright.

Kucharski: Alright so we are going to amend that motion?

Magliocchi: To purchase a v plow for the Dodge pick up.

Galli: Ok but we have a motion here. It was made and second.

Magliocchi: So we have to make a motion to rescind it.

Kucharski: Well it wasn't voted on.

Gangemi: As long as they agree to change it then you can change it.

Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Magliocchi

To purchase a V Plow for the Dodge Pick Up.

4 in favor, Gangemi against

Motion carried

Magliocchi: I mean with being said like you said we shouldn't be bringing up a plow how many times did I bring up the Kenmore truck to order? Lots. How long did it take to get it? Months, just to get specs. Now he says the swat loader, and I'm not just picking on him it's just the point that we get paid to make decisions monthly not to run the borough but I can guarantee you majority of this council runs the borough because it is not being ran.

Brown: Isn't that why we hired a borough manager?

Magliocchi: Yes. It is. You are correct. Right and I'm not going to argue that one with you.

12. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To submit the payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$173,069.56 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$128,450.34. This represents the Boroughs share for the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (additional \$50,000.00 included in both plans).

**All in favor except Tomasovitch
abstained on Non Uniform**

Motion carried

There were no audience comments.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary