

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, October 15th, 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 - A
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 - A
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

There was an executive held this evening at 5:30 pm for personnel issues.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * A Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
- * The Oct. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Oct. 29th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Nov. mid month work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Nov. 13th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Nov. 26th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: Questioned Motion #5. Why would someone just donate a parcel of land to us.

Cimini: Tiffany Estates is trying to close out their corporation. They cannot close out until all the lots are either sold or disposed of. Andy Summa has asked the borough, I’m going to say for at least a year maybe longer, he wanted to donate 3 lots to the Borough. 2 of those lots the Borough did not want because there was some water issue with those 2 lots. Those 2 lots have been sold as

unbuildable to a third party. They were actually in the borough. So that leaves the one remaining lot that the borough already has an easement on which he wants to donate to the borough. We never had an issue with that. With that being said if we accept that he can close out the corporation for Tiffany Estates and he's done.

Kucharski: And like he said we have an easement but we have access to

Gangemi: The townhouses

Kucharski: Access to the townhouses

Pabis, Bellman St.: Drain System

Kucharski: and the drain system back there.

Brown: the area where the little complex will be built.

Kucharski: Rinaldi?

Brown: Yes.

Kucharski: No this is Tiffany Estates.

Gangemi: Across the way.

Brown: I'm a newby here pretty much *inaudible*. So we're not planning on doing anything with it?

Kucharski: No.

Brown: Ok. Thank you.

Kucharski: And it's better that we own it as opposed to just having the easement. The price is right.

1. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial in the amount of \$150.00 for the 2018 State Aid Allocation for the non uniform pension plan and \$150.00 for the 2018 State Aid Allocation for the police pension plan (payments will be paid from the assets of the funds).

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To grant conditional approval for a lot line change, combining both lots, 100 Dunmore Street and 114 Dunmore Street as recommended by the Planning Commission, pending approval from Lackawanna County Planning Commission.

All in favor

Motion carried

To advertise with in and out of the Police Department, to award or hire up to three part time Police Officers with a 3 year agreement, 32 hours a week at pay rate of \$20.00 an hour pending a discussion with our labor counsel.

On the question:

Gangemi: How's that \$20 is that competitive or

Magliocchi: That's actually, it's not the highest but it's competitive.

Williams: Inaudible stay here.

Gangemi: No I understand I was just wondering how it compares with others.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: right now it was supposed to be raised it's like a little under 18 where the average is around 19.50

Williams: Is that competitive?

Glenn Capman, Varsity Dr.: That's very competitive. We have a big revolving door down at our place and they're paying 17.24 an hour

Capman/Magliocchi talking at once.

Gangemi: midway

Magliocchi: Midway, I mean there are some higher ones that go up to like 22 but I would say anywhere between 18-22 is the average.

Chorba: I still think within should be advertised before outside the police department.

Magliocchi: I am not opposed to that but the reason is why it is reading within and out is if noone in the department

Chorba: if noone in the department wants it - I'd go to the department first and then go outside.

Kucharski: Well I think that's the plan right?

Magliocchi: That's the plan, based on

Williams: Yea you don't want to train your guys and not give them first shot at it.

Gangemi/Magliocchi: Right.

Tanana: The only thing is the word contract in there. That could spark something

Magliocchi: It's a contract though

Tanana: Yea I know but

Williams: Want to say a 3 year term?

Magliocchi: Well no you need a contract with them in case it *inaudible* through

Tanana: I don't know how the FOP will react

Gangemi: Do you want to say agreement or something that's not, I know you're looking at the word

Magliocchi: We can do 3 year agreement. That's fine.

Tanana: I would say upon review from the labor attorney just to make sure

Magliocchi: We did with

Kucharski: Louie

Tanana: We never changed the wording if the wording was changed per review of the labor - you don't want to get those guys in an uproar.

Kucharski: Ok so we would add, I mean a review by our

Gangemi: Yea but I thought we talked about him actually just verifying some stuff right?

Magliocchi/Kucharski: Yes.

Gangemi: So let's word that that way.

Kucharski: So pending review or discussion with our labor counsel.

Gangemi: Right. So 3 year agreement

Kucharski: So again what are we just adding at the end pending a discussion with our labor counsel. Lou on that motion on the part time officers we are just adding at the end of it pending a discussion with our labor counsel.

Cimini: Right.

Glenn Capman: Is that including, 32 hour contract, will it be including benefits and everything for new part time I guess it would be part time 32 hour contract I don't know how the borough contract is

Magliocchi: This one isn't benefits.

Capman: I know down at our place

Kucharski: Where is your place?

Capman: Sheriffs Office. The 32 hour guys are entitled to benefits after some many hours *inaudible* actually considered almost full time I guess with the whole Obama program.

Williams: Lou we're still under that threshold right?

Cimini: Yea.

Gangemi: Lou you are rolling your head but are we under that?

Cimini: Well it's a complicated equation

Gangemi: I know it's a complicated - I understand but it still can be calculated.

All talking at once.

Magliocchi: No because technically you're not adding your actually staying the same

Gangemi: That's right. Ok.

Galli: I will check it our tomorrow.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize the Street Commissioner to prepare a preliminary list of borough streets to receive new pave in the 2019 pave season. Price of project to be based on historical data from the past projects. To be completed by November mid month meeting for discussion and comment.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski: Lou make sure Robert is aware of this.

5. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To accept the donation to Throop Borough of Lot #28 in Tiffany Estates, pending approval from Attorney Cimini, Street Commissioner and Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To accept Aubrey Owens letter of resignation effective 10/9/18.

5 in favor, Gangemi abstained

Motion carried

7. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Gangemi

To award the contract to Heads Up Flooring to re do the Civic Center gym floor with water base and the price not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Cimini: What if the number is 5200 then we're back to - I'm not saying this changes anything - then we are back to waiting 2 weeks so Mary Ruth is going to have to get on the phone , pending approval from Council.

Gangemi: Or we go to the other one.

Cimini: Yea ok.

Kucharski: So are we changing the motion or

Cimini: No it's just something to think about

Gangemi: well no I think we have to make that decision do we go to the other one

Chorba: What's the second one American Janitor

Magliocchi: I'd rather the floor the way it is right now to be honest with you. I'm just trying to think does she have the authority to based off getting bids

Cimini: is the floor in a condition that if we are going to strip it next year does it - it has to be done every year - it has to be done this year?

Magliocchi: I didn't really look at it that good, Tony you've been over there

Gangemi: I didn't look at it

Magliocchi: A good buffing could probably get us by - I haven't been over there in a little bit though. They just redo it ever year so I think that's just normal.

Gangemi: It might survive.

Magliocchi: I don't see it not but I mean - how about we hold off and then if anyone wants to go over and just take a peek at it or whatever and we'll just have to do it next meeting.

Kucharski: Time is of the essence

Gangemi: Well why don't we go with what we said. If it exceeds the price then we're not going to do it. So how can we word that.

Kucharski: Well it's right in the motion not to exceed

Gangemi: Right so if it exceeds it then we're not going to do it.

Capman: inaudible say the same thing if the floors are inaudible next year why spend the \$5,000 now if it's 4 or 5 months down the road.

Gangemi: But we're going to have a whole basketball season - don't want to beat it up if we don't have to make it too bad.

Kucharski: It gets a lot of use.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Alexis Killino as a part time Child Care provider / monitor at the Civic Center at the prevailing rate pending clearances.

On the question:

Gangemi: So what is part time? What's that mean part time?

Magliocchi: Up to 32 hours is what they have been doing in past history. Never really said. I don't think anybody has a limit but 32 is - noone is to exceed 32 hours.

Kucharski: And basically it is pretty much based on their availability.

Gangemi: No I understand that but is part time 32 or 35?

Magliocchi: No there is no set sometimes they're 8 they can go up to 32.

Gangemi: That's known?

Kucharski/Magliocchi: Yes.

Williams: *Inaudible*. She's a college student.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Chorba

To purchase 2 commercial grade dehumidifiers for the Civic Center.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Chorba

To accept the proposal from Mid Atlantic Fire & Air for an Air Cascades System at a cost of \$45,220.00 pending legal approval.

On the question:

Gangemi: Was he supposed to check anything on that or were we good?

Magliocchi: No we're good.

Hegedus: I got 3 quotes.

Cimini: Can we just put pending legal approval. I just want to look at it. I'll have an answer tomorrow.

Chorba questioned what it will do to their insurance.

Hegedus: Nothing.

Cimini: It's above the threshold.

Hegedus: We have 3 quotes though.

Cimini: But it's above 21,000. 3 written quotes for up to

Tanana: If it's co stars you're good.

Magliocchi: Alright that's fine and then if it's not we'll put it out for bid. That's fine.
Gangemi: Ok.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the proposal from OCC Outdoors for a bench for the Police Department at a cost of approximately \$458.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Chorba

To ask all 3 Fire Companies to provide Throop Council with all policies, standard operating procedures, standard operating guidelines and/or bylaws setting forth their minimum acceptable qualifications for all levels of Firefighters.

On the question:

Gangemi: I am fine with it but we didn't have any discussion on that at all.

Magliocchi: No - just obviously you know a lot of the issues going on I just want to make sure everybody is up to par for the borough's liability where we know everyone is.

Gangemi: Ok.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To issue a disciplinary letter to employee #14.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To relocate the Stop Sign at Schoolside Drive and Varsity Drive as per Reilly's October 11, 2018 assessment.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Glenn Capman, Varsity Dr: First meeting and I actually enjoyed it.

Magliocchi: Spoke of having an auction for all surplus laying around. Who do we have go through the stuff to make a list so we can get rid of the stuff in the garage and have it cleaned up. We have an abandoned truck up at the DPW garage that we no longer use but we can't throw it away. Even if someone gives us \$100.00 it has to go out for auction so I'd like to get this place cleaned up a little bit there's a lot of stuff. Not sure what the best way to do it is but maybe put a motion on to authorize them to make a list of all items by a certain date.

Chorba: The department heads.

Kucharski: An inventory

Cimini: Part one is to get a list together

Gangemi: Yea you need a list together as best description as you can.

Magliocchi: Should we make a motion to have them get a list together.

Cimini: To get the list you don't need a motion. I'll send a letter out tomorrow.

Magliocchi: I'd like to have that by next meeting. We have Christmas wreaths out there. There's like 40 of them that we don't use.

Hegedus: The Air Cascades System is covered under co-stars pricing.

Gangemi: The only comment I have is that if we could please try not to put something on for motion that we haven't had a chance to discuss or unless its an emergency thing. If it hasn't either via email telephone or packet I hate voting on stuff that comes up sometimes without having a chance to talk about it. But like the fire department thing - I know there's enough history there - because I'll vote no if I don't understand something. So if you don't mind just if we could have discussion.

Magliocchi: To be honest with you there is just so much that goes on in this borough sometimes it's hard to remember and when it comes to meeting time - that's been going on for years. I know you're new here so you're not really caught up.

Gangemi: We used to do that in the last and I hate when you get sprung with something and you're expected to vote on it. I won't. Ok. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary