

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, December 10th, 2018
Budget Work Session
General Purpose Meeting 6:00 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 - P
Wayne Williams - A
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**
Solicitor/Borough Manager - 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:

* Children’s Christmas Party will be held at the Throop Civic Center on Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018 from 9 am to 11 am.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Dec. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Dec. 17th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
* There will be a Special Work Session/Meeting held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm for the adoption of the 2019 budgets..

Audience comments on tonight’s agenda:

Hegedus questioned if there is still a meeting on the 17th.
Kucharski: Yes. That will be the regular monthly meeting.

1. **Motion by Tanana**

Seconded by Gangemi

Borrow \$279,061.54 from the Sunny Day Fund Account to pay for the purchase of 6 new police vehicles. Amount is to be paid back at CD rate of 1.75% for a 4 year term.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. **Motion by Tanana**

Seconded by Chorba

To advertise the 2019 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budgets.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments:

Tanana: Its going to be a busy year next year.

Kucharski: Yes it is.

Gangemi: We have to get an early start getting all these projects out to bid.

Kalinoski: I will talk to Paul in the morning.

Gangemi: If I can help you with anything let me know I will be happy to help.

Kalinoski: I appreciate that.

Kucharski: I don't know if anyone saw Renee's text message or responded but there is a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 here in Council chambers with FEMA concerning the levee project on the, in lower Throop, and Rob and myself and Lou got correspondence. We had a meeting here at 3:00 this afternoon with Joe Durkin and Paul Menichello from Reilly concerning, actually we are considering to have it appealed the whole levee issue, so again we had a meeting here this afternoon and the prospects of getting the levee certified they really don't sound very positive but Joe Durkin, I was really impressed. He was very knowledgeable about all of the technical information and he did an awful amount of research about flows and whatnot. So again he is prepared to provide that information from FEMA but the outlook is not very positive in terms of us getting that certified and what that's going to mean of course is that all those additional, about 80 homes, in lower Throop will be subject to flood insurance. As long, if they have a mortgage, if they don't then they're on their own. So anyway, I am going to be there and of course Lou will be there, 2 more council persons can attend if

Gangemi: I may try to come over.

Kucharski: Alright it's at 2:00. Ok, anything else?

Tanana: Did they ever say anything about Eddy Creek and Vaughn Street? Because those

residents were included.

Gangemi: It's included.

Kucharski: He talked about it.

Kalinowski: There was some discussion but it doesn't appear that the *inaudible* 1 elevation hits any of the structures. It hits the properties but it doesn't hit the structures. They did some modeling on Eddy Creek and what they came up with doesn't match the numbers that FEMA has, they're much lower so they said if we could get FEMA to even reduce their BFE or their flow rates by 10% that's going to drop everything *inaudible* further away from those houses. Typically from what Joe said, once the base flood elevation *inaudible* property *inaudible* doesn't necessarily have to *inaudible* the structure only property.

Kucharski: He did really a thorough review and so

Gangemi: Is he going to be here tomorrow?

Kucharski: Yes he is. And apparently it is only Throop and Mayfield that are appealing FEMA's mapping decisions

Kalinowski: And Lackawanna County.

Kucharski: Yes and Lackawanna County.

_____: Dickson's not?

Kalinowski: No.

Kucharski: They're not included at this point.

Tanana: What?

Kucharski: Dickson wasn't included.

Tanana: The river always floods on that side.

Kucharski: I know.

Gangemi: There's a big area in Dickson. Olyphant, Dickson their all Talking at once.

Kalinowski: Gave me some comfort knowing that the levee was *inaudible* it was going that way first.

Tanana: It always flows

Gangemi: If you look at the FEMA map a good portion of lower Dickson, the Boulevard, is all under water as is a good portion of Olyphant so they are affected.

Tanana: Well Olyphant just had the flood gates right?

Kalinowski: Olyphant, Scranton and there was another, talking at once, which they're going back, let's see what it was called, there were issues with their levees

Gangemi: They have the flood gates but you know like where the trestle is - those homes right there.

Kalinowski: They were called secluded levees. Olyphant, Scranton and Mayfield. So there's not enough information on the levees so what they're doing is drawing a box around them so that they don't have to hold up the rest of the mapping and then they're gonna go back and take a look at those levees.

Kucharski: So anyway that's tomorrow at 2:00. If anybody can make it. 2 more Council. Alright.

Kalinowski: I may be late tomorrow because they are doing the phones.

Gangemi: Yes they are doing the phones.

Kucharski: Ok.

Chorba: How's artistic working out?

Kalinoski: Slow Mike. I have to talk to that, the company with the locator. It was a girl by the name of Courtney, she said she really hopes we have access. The ground penetrating radar she said if it's a smaller pipe, 4 inches, it may not pick it up because the soil conditions

Talking at once.

Kalinoski: My thoughts right now, the Professional building, we know the lateral goes out to the curb but then it drops straight down and we don't know where it goes from there. May just open it up there, property side of the curb, access the pipe get a locator down there and see where it's gonna go. But Fiume, I don't have a clue.

Chorba: Inaudible materials or anything?

Kalinoski: They were the other day but I mean there is a test pit in the contract so he tried to hit me today with signing a sheet for a guys time and I says I'm gonna review my notes

TAPE ENDED.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary