

Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, November 26<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:**

Anthony Gangemi - P  
Mike Chorba - A  
Richard Kucharski - President - P  
Charlene Tomasovitch - P  
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 - P  
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* A Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. this evening, requesting the following amendments to the Throop Borough Zoning Ordinance #11 of 2000: 1. The addition of Warehouse and Distribution Facilities as principal uses in the I-1 and I-2 zone districts and 2. Add definitions regarding family, dwelling units, group homes, half-way houses etc; add uses to select zoning districts.

\* Santa Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

\* Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Volunteer Hose Company, 401 Dunmore Street.

\* An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 pm for personnel issues.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* There will be a Budget Work Session held on December 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

\* The Dec. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm

**Audience comments on tonight's agenda:**

Frank Galli, Kossuth St.: Motion #7. Is there a reason why we are having correspondence to close the track? In other words is there instead of having the snow removed is there a reason why we are doing this?

Magliocchi: Well if we have the snow removed we keep destroying the park like we have in the past. And rip all the grass, walking trails.

Galli: Why didn't therefore we buy all this equipment why can't we buy one of those big brushes that brush

Magliocchi: The brushes you could use that but then the salt runs off and kills all the grass so either way you're destroying the park.

Galli: So basically it's because of the salt

Magliocchi: A little bit of both. If you go up there sometimes there's half the grass missing from the plows.

Galli: Because I do see a lot of people using that track.

Kucharski: I said the same thing. I used to use it myself.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: *Inaudible* parks around they close down, Elm Street they close down I mean *inaudible*.

Galli: My thing is why do we have to close it. I mean there's ways, if we get that brush then they can still

Magliocchi: *Inaudible* (talking at once) salt *inaudible*

Galli: There's other salt. What about the stuff that you put on the sidewalks

Magliocchi: But what are you going to do when they plow and rip up all the grass from the plow?

Galli: Well that's what I'm saying instead of using the plows

Magliocchi: We're going to buy equipment, like for this snow storm for example we shut it down for 4 days.

Galli: I mean a major snow storm I can see your point, it's a major snow storm.

Magliocchi: Yea but you have to realize there's upkeep on it all the time now. Like for example, even my kids actually it happened to them last year, they went around walking the trail, they went down half the hill because on the back side it was wet and then it froze and DPW wasn't out because the streets weren't frozen, it was all a sheet of ice, I mean it's a liability at the same time. I mean you're taking care of a walking trail, a walking trail, that doesn't make sense just to keep it open for a certain people. I understand that people walk it and I'd love to keep it open all year but why destroy it and cost the town more money just to keep a walking trail

Galli: How much destruction is being done? I mean

Magliocchi: This year, this year it was destroyed. The grass, the dirt was plowed up. You can talk to any DPW guys they'll tell you

Galli: Listen, I don't walk it, I know there's people that walk it. That's all I'm saying.

Magliocchi: Well there's a lot of stuff, I know people that play basketball, should we *inaudible*

Galli: But that's, like I said

Magliocchi: If you're going for a walking trail ok so now you have people you clean the walking trail because I walk, well I like to play basketball up there so now do we clean the basketball courts and stuff?

Galli: You guys make the decisions I'm just questioning why it is being done. The answer is because it is destroying the grass.

Magliocchi: Yes.

Gangemi: Safety reasons as well.

Magliocchi: Safety reasons as well. Absolutely. You have to keep on that 24 hours now. Like I said last year there was no ice on the roads but on the back side where it was thawing, it's down hill, it freezes over.

Galli: Ok so you're just going to close the parks now?

Magliocchi: Only when it snows and the conditions are good it will be open when the conditions are better. Most towns don't even touch their parks. We're leaving them open but are closing them down for safety reasons when it's not suitable for walking. I don't agree closing it down all, like right now you can walk it so

Gangemi: But Robert will make that decision.

Magliocchi: Right.

Galli: I was just questioning it. That's all. Thank you.

Kucharski: Thanks. Anyone else?

\_\_\_\_\_: I'd like to bring up Motion #8. And the reasoning behind it.

Kucharski: Well we had a fairly lengthy discussion at the last meeting concerning the ambulance service and essentially the overriding concern was that in the, I guess it was the last report we had for October, that Dickson City Ambulance missed 15 calls to Throop Borough and of those I believe it was 11 I could be wrong but I believe it was at least 11 were for a lack of a crew. So we did some investigating and first of all Dickson City Ambulance costs the Borough approximately \$10,000.00, Lou is that what you and I discussed? We do a \$6,000.00 donation, we pay for the fuel, 31% I don't know.

Galli: Probably about \$3,000.00 for the fuel.

Kucharski: Plus we paid a portion of the workman's compensation. So it actually cost us at least \$10,000.00 a year. Penn Ambulance indicated that they would a they would honor anyone that was a member of the Dickson City Ambulance for the remainder of the year and then they would do their own mail, their own mail out for next year. They talked about, at the last meeting, their president I believe, talked about their level of service the fact that they actually have 3 *inaudible* physicians that are staffed there. So all in all as you compare apples and oranges

Tomasovitch: I am worried about the pricing Rich. I'm telling ya I was talking to people and they're afraid of seniors

\_\_\_\_\_: Also I don't think they can have a fund drive because they are a for profit company.

Kucharski: Well, I don't know about that. They said they would.

Attorney Cimini: Tonight's motion is just to advertise. It's not the final motion. On the 17<sup>th</sup> if you were going to take that action to replace Dickson City with Penn Ambulance it would be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This is just to advertise.

Kucharski: Yes. I'm sorry I wouldn't have even gone through all of that. I should've read. Ok any other questions?

**1. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council meetings.

On the question:

Kucharski: Someone made a comment to me actually I believe it was on election day saying why you have a meeting and the minutes aren't posted until 4-6 weeks later. I said well they can't be posted until they're approved. But I mean much to my surprise and I've said this before a lot of people actually look at those minutes and perhaps it might be better service I guess for want of a better term if we did approve the council meetings, the council minutes, at each council meeting and then we can get them on sooner. I don't know what does everyone else think of that?

Tanana: That's fine.

Kucharski: We don't need a motion or anything to that effect right?

Cimini: No.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Cimini: Were you going to add to approve the minutes of tonight's meeting?

Magliocchi: You want to put tonight's meeting on that too?

Kucharski: Well we don't have them.

Galli: We don't have them.

Cimini: How are you going to approve

Tomasovitch: How are you going to approve them if you don't have them?

Galli: Next meeting.

Kucharski: Well that's what I'm saying.

Tanana: We have a meeting twice a month so instead of doing it once a month we'll approve the minutes from the meeting before.

Tomasovitch: And every meeting we're

Kucharski: Yea we'll approve them. Right. And it would only be council because the other entities only meet once a month.

**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"	\$46,726.16
Paid bills:	\$376,001.40
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$676,874.91
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$26,185.03

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch  
abstains on husband, Williams on  
daughter & Kucharski on granddaughter**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

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

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$100,265.19</b>

General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$1,426,978.96</b>
Civic Center Account-FNC	<b>\$1,520.13</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$52,031.07</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,934,408.64</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$257,477.38</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$10,006,617.79</b>

On the question:

Kucharski: I just want to point out that for the first time at least since I've been here our fund statement grand total has now exceed \$10 million. \$10,006,617.79. And that's as of the end of October.

Dolan: And that's just October.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the section of the sewer system in Schoolside Estates Phase II currently referred to as Road "C" and a portion of Road "B" as per the Throop Borough Engineers inspection and approval as confirmed in a November 26, 2018 email and schematic attached hereto. The email and the schematic are attached.

Gangemi: So on that drawing that other end doesn't have to be connected? On Road C, I don't know. See how that one is not connected on the road

Williams: Road B or whatever

Gangemi: Yea. Shouldn't that be tied in?

Williams: It should be tied in somewhere.

Magliocchi: Inaudible not done yet.

Gangemi: Is that what it is?

Cimini: That's why we are only accepting, yea

Gangemi: No I understand that but he doesn't have it as even proposed to be tied in. See it's not even red.

Williams: It's just going nowhere.

Gangemi: It's going nowhere so is that a through road? Wouldn't you think that that would make a loop?

Magliocchi: Which one are you talking, what road?

Williams: The end of road B.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Going in to Phase II Bob.

Gangemi: Right. You see you have green and you have red but there's no red indication like there's no sewer going to go there. I'm just wondering why that was.

Tanana: Oh back behind there?

Williams: Yea.

Tanana: Oh that's because he only got approval for 49 lots, technically there's 59, that's going to Phase II B, I believe that's what he said when he was here.

Gangemi: That little piece?

Tanana: Yes 10 lots. Yep.

Magliocchi: But he's approved for those 10

Tanana: No he didn't come to us for the final. He only *inaudible* the 49 lots to begin selling. He didn't even approach us yet on

Gangemi: Ok so when is this sewer work in red going to be completed?

Magliocchi: We don't have colors.

Galli: It's in the packet.

Magliocchi: I don't think these are going to be completed until most of that phase is filled. We don't take those over until we do

Gangemi: Yea I'm not worried about taking over I'm just worried about a construction schedule. It seems to me like, is here an overall sewer plan for that?

Magliocchi/Tanana: Yea.

Gangemi: So is that connected in the sewer plan?

Magliocchi: Yes.

Gangemi: It is?

Magliocchi: Yes. That's all connected. That was a, they had to do that for the County.

Gangemi: It's just weird to me, I would imagine that would be the case, yet it's not showing that its connected on that drawing. I am just wondering if he's missing something.

Tanana: Yea the portion showing red along road B as not been connected yet.

Cimini: I'll ask Paul Menichello.

Gangemi: Just to make sure that there's no mistake.

Cimini: Yea.

**All in favor except Magliocchi  
abstained**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To send correspondence to DPW Director, Robert Kalinoski, instructing him that the paved track around Washington Street Park is not to be plowed or have snow removed. As a result, Washington Street Park will remain closed following an accumulation of snow/ice until weather conditions improve at which time Mr. Kalinoski has the authority to open the park

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

8. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To advertise an amendment to Ordinance #2 of 2006 replacing Dickson City Community Ambulance Association with Penn Ambulance as Throop Boroughs provider of Emergency Ambulance Medical Service.

**5 in favor  
Tomasovitch against**

**Motion carried**

9. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To advertise for the sale of Throop Borough Surplus Property once in the Scranton Times. Bids are due no later than Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at noon.

On the question:

Gangemi: Is it a list than? How does that work? How are you going to, so you're going to advertise for a sale, of what?

Magliocchi: 40 gallons of paint.

Laughing.

Gangemi: No seriously.

Kucharski: You have to list everything.

Cimini: If noone bids on it then you could

Talking at once.

Cimini: You may want to enter into an individual contract with someone. But the Borough Code says you have to advertise

Gangemi: So you're going to just attach the list - these items are for sale.

Cimini: We'll try to break it down into lots that make sense. Like all the bulbs - there's red lights, white lights, I mean they'll all be one lot.

Gangemi: Ok.

Cimini: Can probably make it a little more, so we're not opening 500 bids.

Tomasovitch: Can anybody buy that stuff or just

Tanana: Yea. Just on the question, #38 there's ---- hydrant fittings too. There's 2 of them. We should actually

Gangemi: Yea I saw that too. Why don't we just go put them on a fire hydrant. Go install them right?

Tanana: Regardless if its in town that hydrant doesn't have a ---- fitting on it - or if you go out of town, it makes life a lot easier.

Gangemi: Right. I agree with you.

Magliocchi: We can take them off the list anyways.

Kucharski: Ok take them off the list.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**



10. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To continue the suspension of Throop Borough Police Officer, Badge # 49, pending resolution of current charges for Throop's internal investigation at which time council will revisit and make a decision regarding the officers status.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize Keith Jones to purchase a taser at approximately \$1200.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the proposal received from Sprint Print for the 2019 Borough Calendars.

All in favor

Motion carried

Tape Ended.

Kucharski: We, I know we discussed it at the last meeting and we were of the opinion, or the impression I should say, that the installation costs were included well they're not and Robert, actually I know he talked to Lou and myself on a Wednesday, saying that the installation wasn't included and he wanted Council's direction because apparently the installation was going to be approximately \$2,000.00.

Tomasovitch: And how much is the handling?

Kucharski: \$4300.00 or something like that.

Cimini: I did contact Robert today and he did send me a message back that said he didn't send the email with the cost because he hasn't received the price for installation from McNeilus nor the confirmation on the cost of the parts.

Magliocchi: We have the parts

Kucharski: We have the estimate or the bid whatever you want to call it.

Cimini: He sent that to me at a quarter after 4.

Magliocchi: So I'll just put a motion on to approve the installation so this way it's not going to prolong it even longer.

Kucharski: We don't have, do we have to have an amount there Lou?

Cimini: You should have some kind of amount

Magliocchi: Up to \$2500.00. Not to exceed 2500.

Cimini: Not to exceed.

**13. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Magliocchi**

To approve the cost of installation for the tipper not to exceed \$2500.00.

**5 in favor, Gangemi against**

**Motion carried**

Kucharski: Anything else?

Magliocchi: Yea I have one more Robin. What I want to do after the last storm I think was a prime example of being down some plows - All the other towns have a lot of plows on their trucks even though they don't have spreaders. Dickson I think has 14 and they have 6 that don't have spreaders. So I think to have the equipment so we are prepared so it's not to much strain on the trucks where they're pushing too much heavy snow I'd like to put a motion on to authorize a purchase of another V Plow for the F250 truck that we currently have now without a plow.

Kucharski: And what truck is that?

Magliocchi: The one that Robbie drives. So at night it's available and during the day Robbie will be around so if he checks streets he can drop the plow.

Williams: *Inaudible* when we purchased that truck I think you were here. I think it was discussed that we were plowing or at least have a plow ready for it.

Gangemi: So we don't have enough plows now.

Tomasovitch: Nope.

Gangemi: There are guys that don't want to drive the big trucks because they can't drive the big trucks.

Magliocchi: No they drive the big trucks. We only have 1 big truck.

Kucharski: The other one is out of service.

Talking at once. Kucharski/Tomasovitch: Next year.

Gangemi: So what is Robert going to drive in the mean time. Can he drive that truck?

Tanana: Yea.

Gangemi: With the plow on it?

Tomasovitch: Or, he can, he could.

Magliocchi: They are quick connects. I have one on my pick up truck. I take it off in literally 2 minutes.

Tomasovitch: He would have to plow or let him use Bob's truck in the meantime if someone else can get in there and plow.

Magliocchi: I mean it's just a heavy duty truck not being used. I just, I've always had an issue with that - that's taxpayers money.

Gangemi: I wonder if you shouldn't get a different truck for him?

Magliocchi: For him?

Gangemi: Yea.

Magliocchi: A small Ford Ranger  
Gangemi: Right and put that truck to work then.  
Tanana: A small Ranger. That's a waste not to have a plow on it.  
Gangemi: I'm not saying but I don't agree with him plowing streets and it may not become as functional as you think. If he needs a vehicle and you can't do both and you're going to say to him give up the vehicle and sit in your office?  
Magliocchi: Well I'm talking about when you have at night or we have Bob's truck temporarily to get us by this year where that's a 4 wheel drive.  
Kucharski: Is that a 4 wheel drive?  
Magliocchi: Yea.  
Gangemi: I think if that's the case you should consider budgeting another vehicle for him.  
Magliocchi: But I don't think we need a pick up for him.  
Talking at once.  
Magliocchi: Could get a little Ford Escape like the Water Company uses. That's perfect. He has paint.  
Gangemi: Right. Then you could put the truck to work.  
Kucharski: Well doesn't he carry tools and stuff in that truck?  
Tomasovitch: He's not supposed too.  
Magliocchi: Paint.  
Gangemi: Well he's not supposed to and he's not supposed to plow either.  
Tomasovitch: No. I don't feel he should be plowing.  
Gangemi: Well you just said he was going to plow.  
Magliocchi: Well he could during the day.  
Tomasovitch: He said it.  
Magliocchi: I said he could plow during the day.  
Gangemi: I don't think he's supposed to plow.  
Magliocchi: Well regardless I just look at it that it's a truck that could come in very handy on a heavy snow.  
Williams: I think we'll get a fight on him plowing.  
Gangemi: I do too.  
Magliocchi: Well you have it for at night and everything else. If he needs it during the day  
Tanana: But if he calls everybody and they refuse.  
Williams: If they refuse.  
Gangemi: Right.  
Magliocchi: Which we have had that happen before.  
Gangemi: I don't think you want him plowing necessarily. I'm for getting him a smaller truck and putting that one to work because it is a waste. To just drive around town in that truck.  
Magliocchi: Right so I would like to put that motion on and then we can entertain something as for another truck.  
Tomasovitch: Order it ASAP.  
Gangemi: I'll agree to the motion provided that we put on there that we're willing to afford a small vehicle for him next year.  
Tanana: I'm agreeable with that.  
Magliocchi/Tomasovitch spoke at the same time.  
Gangemi: And we'll put that truck to work.  
Tomasovitch: And in the meantime if we have to we could use the  
Talking at once.  
Magliocchi: We actually have a ford escape over there we could probably.

Gangemi: That makes more sense to be honest with you.

**14. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Williams**

To authorize the purchase of a V Plow for the F250 and willing to look for a vehicle for Robert for next year.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

*Talking Inaudible.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary