

Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Monthly Work Session/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 - P  
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**  
**Solicitor/Borough Manager** - Louis A. Cimini - P  
**Mayor** - Joe Tropiak - A  
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A  
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - A  
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

**Announcements:**

\* The Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in observance of New Years.

**Holiday Garbage Collection:**

**New Years Day (Tues. Jan. 1, 2019): Recycling Collection-** Recycling in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> wards will be collected on Wednesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

\* The Jan. Mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  
\* The Jan. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Joe Tomasovitch: Chuck wanted to bring to Council's attention that everyone is pleased with the Tipper. It was a good suggestion and decision and everyone is happy.

- 1. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt the 2019 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budget.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

- 2. Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal from Bonita & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants for the 2018 Annual Audit not exceed \$6,700.00.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

- 3. Motion by** **Seconded by**

To approve Robert Kalinoski carrying over his unused sick time and buy out any remaining balance as done in past per contract.

**No Motion**

**Motion failed**

- 4. Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To approve Robert Kalinoski carrying over his unused sick time up to the maximum of 488 hours.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

5. **Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To approve Mary Ruth Tanner carrying over her unused sick time up to the maximum of 488 hours.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

6. **Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$28,877.22 to American Asphalt Paving Company for the 2018 Paving Project, pending approval from Street Commissioner and Solicitor.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Official Comments:

Chorba: The Police Department I think we passed this budget with the contract officers in there. Where are we at with that? Are we doing anything with them?

Kucharski: Well their contract is going to be up in 2020.

Chorba: No the 32 hour part time.

Tanana: Nobody

Talking at once.

Kucharski: They all applied. So, I think there wasn't enough thought given to it. I mean that's just my opinion. And then it became kind of inaudible because every one of them applied so

Gangemi: So what's the problem, is the problem with it's not a workable schedule or

Kucharski: Well I think the, correct me if I'm wrong, I think the intent was to try to get some of those newer part timers to commit to Throop as opposed to working in 3 or 4 different places.

Isn't that what the intent was?

Cimini: Yes.

Tanana: Even the older part time, the ones that have been there

Tomasovitch: But some of them are having a problem with that

Tanana: But the whole thing was is that you have to be available on the shifts so if there was an opening on first shift you get called you got to come and work first shift, second, third not none of this oh

Gangemi: So Vince

Tomasovitch: But the older ones were having a problem with that though.

Gangemi: So Vince aside from the potential problem of being the person for the position is the

fact of having those 2 shifts beneficial? Does that help with the scheduling, or does that not fix the - I think the reason we did it was to try to fix the schedule never mind wanting to get the younger people in, that's besides the matter, does it fix the scheduling?

Williams: Well I think we gave Keith an ultimatum last meeting telling him that he needs to fix the schedule or he's going to have to answer for it.

Gangemi: No I was asking the question does having a 32 and a 24 help solve the shift problem

Williams: I think it's a double edged sword though because then you're going to have an animosity problem with the guys that are going to be working these contracts at \$20/hour and you're going to have another part timer that might be working with them or somebody that is only making \$18.50 an hour.

Gangemi: Well I understand that but if you have a shift problem that you are trying to resolve aside from the animosity aside from whose going to fill it, is it beneficial to the borough from a shift scheduling stand point to have these shifts yes or no.

Tomasovitch No.

Williams: I think we give Keith the benefit of the doubt and let him work with the schedule and see if he can fill

Cimini: I thought hey had it worked out.

Chorba: The issue I have and I should've brought this up before is now Keith is going to have to charge part time hours he's going to run out of money in his part time budget and he's going to have to start charging hours against the contract. Because we had 2 officers figured in there at \$20/hour. So he's going to end up using some of that money.

Gangemi: But it also sounds like we're saying that it's not a bad thing but it creates other problems.

Talking at once.

Gangemi: So to your point what do you want to do with it?

Chorba: Well we've already approved it so we have to just leave it there

Gangemi: The budget can be modified

Williams: It's only going to be a difference of a dollar whatever we're paying the part timers

Chorba: But no Keith is going to have to know that he's going to have to take money out of there too once he drains the

Williams: I know but the money is there it's just going to be allocated to a different spot.

Gangemi: Right it's still there. The budget can be modified when? After the first on the year? It can be modified right if you had too?

Cimini: It could be modified yes after it's passed for a certain number of days.

Gangemi: for a certain number of days. I think it's some period of time that you can

Cimini: Yes it's in the Borough Code

Gangemi: So I mean if worse comes to worse and we had to

Chorba: So we should probably just pull that out so nobody is thinking that it is still on the table at this point.

Gangemi: Well I'm saying we can modify it if we want too. You know for now it's here

Kucharski: Well can we

Galli: Can we just put it in special police?

Cimini: The budget was advertised with the inaudible you have to leave it now. You can modify it.

Kucharski: So at the next meeting we can

Gangemi: Yes we can talk about it

Kucharski: Talk to Keith and then we would have to take some kind of action to

Gangemi: You have a good period of time to modify the budget after the first of the year.

Inaudible. Best to leave what's been advertised and approved now and like I said if you want to pull it out of something just so if it's not budgeted that may be not a bad idea so.

Kucharski: Ok. Any other business.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary