

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, January 28th, 2019
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 - P
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 - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:15 pm for personnel matters.
- * An executive session was held following the meeting on Monday, January 14th, 2019.
- * CDBG Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 11th, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The Feb. Mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 11th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Feb. Monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 25th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Denise Brown, Phillips St.: I'm just curious on the purpose of Ordinance #2 and #3.
Cimini: We are in the process of redoing the Borough Zoning Ordinance there's obviously a

great need for warehousing/distribution up and down Luzerne and Lackawanna County This is going to be part of the revised Ordinance and rather than waiting until it was completed we took the Municipal Planning Consultants recommendation and included warehouse and distribution in the I1 and I2 zones.

Brown: Where are they?

Talking at once: Keystone / map is up there.

Brown: And then the communal living inaudible

Cimini: That was more the recommendation from the zoning officer based on a request and you would have to address that directly - Mr. Lokuta requested that based on a request he received. It wasn't addressed in our ordinance so once again the Municipal Planning Consultant put that - we had a public hearing on it I don't know when.

Kucharski: It was in December some time. And there would be minutes on it if you would like to take a look at the minutes. They should be on the website right?

O'Malley: Yes.

Kucharski: They would be on the website or else Bob would be able to provide you with the details.

Brown: Ok. Thank you.

1. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the Jan. 14th, 2019 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

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"	\$126,809.35
Paid bills:	Dec - \$248,248.11 Jan - \$80,965.41

General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	Dec - \$411,439.91 Jan - \$1,397,698.52
Civic Center Revenue Report	Dec - \$21,622.16 Jan - \$23,180.74

On the question:

Chorba: I think the Reilly Invoice from December needs to be looked at before it gets paid.

Magliocchi: I agree.

Kucharski: Specifically?

Chorba: Reilly Invoice December 2018 needs to be looked at and a

Magliocchi: Well we need to look at the other ones to see if they have been charging us that if we were charged that on this bill.

Chorba: Nobody approved Rossi Rooter LLC as a consultant and reimbursements for travel, meals and lodging has to be addressed and looked at.

Kucharski: So Lou can you and Robin

Cimini: Yes.

Kucharski: So that we would hold up payment on that at this point. Alright you guys agreed? Yes.

Cimini: Are you saying withhold all the payment or just those charges for Rossi Rooter and the reimbursement for the meals?

Chorba: We can withhold those

Cimini: Just those?

Chorba: Just those.

Cimini: Ok.

Magliocchi: And also look at the previous bills to see if we were getting charged that also. I don't know how long they have been charging inaudible

Cimini: Ok.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

Motion carried

4. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. **Motion by Magliocchi** **Seconded by Gangemi**

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

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$40,993.71
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$778,362.75
Civic Center Account-FNC	\$1,340.48
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	\$15,602.60
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	\$4,059,068.38
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$4,233,626.42
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$257,800.21
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,387,094.55

All in favor

Motion carried

6. **Motion by Magliocchi** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Ordinance #2 of 2019, an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance #11 of 2000, as amended, enacted on March 13, 2000 to include Warehouse and Distribution Facilities as a principal permitted use.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Gangemi

To adopt Ordinance #3 of 2019, an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance #11 of 2000, as amended, enacted on March 13, 2000 to include Communal Living Arrangements and Substance Abuse Facilities.

On the question:

Kucharski: Just to address your concern, again Jack Varaly gave a very, very detailed and excellent presentation about both of these issues so again I think the minutes should pretty much reflect the, a lot of these explanations.

Brown: Thank you.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To send notice to terminate contract with Northeast Inspection Consultants (NEIC).

On the question:

Tanana: Just on the question, I know they were brought in to give people choice so now we are going to go back to a single vendor when there is pending legislation in the Commonwealth that you are going to have to have 2 inspection companies inaudible. That's probably going to pass in the next legislative session.

Magliocchi: We'll worry about it then. I just, they are not a good company to work for. From day 1 I have been asking Bob, questioning Bob

Williams: Inaudible.

Magliocchi: They're greedy, they want everything or nothing, remember when we had the rentals, we can't do them all we don't want to do any.

Kucharski: Plus their fees are higher.

Magliocchi: And their fees are higher. It just doesn't make sense.

Chorba: If we terminate how long do we have to get BIU in here or somebody else?

Talking at once: BIU is already here.

6 in favor, Tanana against

Motion carried

9. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Chorba

To appoint Andy Hegedus as Chairman for the Quasquicentennial.

All in favor

Motion carried

and over with or do you want to wait until next year. Either way windows 7 is done next year correct?

Gangemi: Yes.

Magliocchi: So do we want to wait and possibly be behind or do it now and be done with it?

Tanana: Your mainstream support for windows 7 is gone. It's been gone. It was gone last year.

Gangemi: But that quote doesn't include that upgrade for that.

Magliocchi: So why don't we do this, why don't we hold off on that and see what that would cost.

Gangemi: Ask him what that would cost. You can ask.

Tomasovitch: That's a good idea.

Kucharski: So you want to table that?

Gangemi: Table that and just ask him to upgrade the software too.

Tanana: Inaudible. You run the desktops that are running Windows 7 you upgrade inaudible lose 10 years inaudible. They're like boat anchors. You may as well just get

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: Well that's what I am saying.

Talking at once.

Tanana: I don't know what else he supports that's on Windows 7. I don't know if he supports the stuff over here Robin's and Adam's

Magliocchi: So there's not a lot though if there is you're only talking about

Gangemi: The truth of the matter is we're going to have to talk about servers over here one day too because everything is on Robin's machine.

Tanana: It shouldn't be.

Gangemi: And if that crashes you're done.

Tanana: If it is that should be backed up

Magliocchi: have him look at backing that up too. Do it all at once.

Chorba: We should have a mainframe somewhere for everybody, the civic center, the police for everybody.

Gangemi: That's right that's what we need a server and a back up server. We were talking about it. Why don't you have him look at it all. You're better off.

Galli: Ok.

Tanana: Everything out of the cloud if you wanted too.

Motion to table #12.

All in favor

Motion tabled

Official Comments:

Galli: There was one more thing in the packet. I received 2 proposals for fireworks.

_____ : Don't do it yet. Still working on it.

Kucharski: We'll need them for the Centennial in June.

Galli: Ok.

Hegedus: I have call into them. Like you asked.

Galli: Ok.

Kucharski: We had action on the employees concerning

Cimini: We are good on that.

Kucharski: We don't have to vote on it?

Cimini: No.

Kucharski: Ok.

Magliocchi: We are buying that SUV but it needs to be lettered and lights put on it so do we want to put a motion on so that can get done?

Chorba: You got to do a deacon light on it too.

Magliocchi: Right that's what I mean. Do we need a motion for that?

Cimini: No.

Magliocchi: But everybody is ok with it so.

Yeah.

Gangemi: Just to expand on what Mike was talking about with these invoices Louie in the past I remember seeing like approval for a payment. Individual lines, not so much buried in bills to be paid but it seemed like there was individual, like in other words to pay Reilly for this or that

Magliocchi: Yeah and now it is just bulked into one is what you're saying

Talking at once.

Gangemi: And it seemed to me like, I always remember like, as approved by Rob Kalinoski for instance.

Cimini: You mean when a contractor submitted an application for payment.

Gangemi: An invoice for payment.

Cimini: Yes. When a project invoice

Gangemi: Right so here we have Reilly invoices for example that have not been inaudible by anybody it's inaudible

Magliocchi: Right but they were put in that category.

Gangemi: But they were put in a lump sum here in payments of bills.

Magliocchi: Paid Bills. We don't know what bills we are just paying all the bills.

Chorba: We should after to pay bills/invoices should have with the approval by the department head.

Gangemi: Not only that we used to have the invoices broken out in cases like that, to me a construction project we should see the invoice as a motion by itself.

Cimini: Yeah and that still happens.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: With a construction project it does but we're talking see these engineers are just turning in basically like a monthly bill it's not a project so

Cimini: That was never broken down.

Tomasovitch: That was never broken down.

Gangemi: Maybe so but still it's a loop hole and it's getting by us

Magliocchi: Somebody needs to look at these

Gangemi: you're going to miss it. To me invoices for these purposes whether its construction

Magliocchi: we should actually we should've gone inaudible

Gangemi: just think about how we should do that but somehow we should see the individual invoices for the engineering services for instance. Broken out separately and they're approved.

Galli: I usually give a list with all the bills that are being paid.

Magliocchi: Well it's a list but we don't see the bill.

Gangemi: We don't see the bill and we don't

Magliocchi: So in other words if Mike didn't read that we would've never gotten

Gangemi: Right, I wouldn't have paid attention and it's not approved by somebody and it should always be inaudible even now you could've passed that motion as long as it was checked by somebody and then after if it was not verified then you correct it but.

Kucharski: But we don't get individual bills right this is the bill.

Gangemi: I see your point Louie but I'm just saying that I think for these we should see the bill and we should make sure that somebody has gone through the bill and agreed with the charges.

Chorba: We need a different vetting process. It should go to the department head, he should sign off then it should hit our packet.

Kucharski: Yes.

Magliocchi: Like if that one with the sewer was involved with Robbie he didn't know about it but if that went to him it would've been caught right there.

Gangemi: But his excuse was well I wasn't here, that's fine, but he would still have to sign off.

Tanana: He could've called them and said why did you go to Rossi.

Gangemi: Well he should have. Right. That's how you catch stuff rather than us trying to have to catch it all the time.

Chorba: It should go to the department head, ----- first and then to us for final approval. It shouldn't be our final approval and then the department head.

Gangemi: We should fix that.

Talking at once.

Dolan: Well she matches a purchase order to the bill and the purchase order is made by the department head. When you get a bill you have to match a purchase order to it. The purchase order has to be made from the department head.

Magliocchi: Yeah that's a bill from an engineer, that's not

Dolan: Alright I see what you mean. They want just engineers. That's true the engineers isn't - you're right. It's only engineering.

Tomasovitch: Why can't we ask Robbie to, instead of pulling Rossi Rooter, why don't we get a smaller camera to get the laterals.

Magliocchi: Is that we called them in?

Cimini: Yes.

Magliocchi: We've got the big one it's got to be cheaper than that one.

Tanana: Well no you see if the system we bought which was 60 some 70 some thousand dollars

to see if there is a smaller camera that we could use it with the laterals and
Talking at once.

Magliocchi: Check with Robbie and if there is tell him to get us a price for next meeting.
Talking at once.

Magliocchi: It's going to cost us a little up front but we're going to save

Gangemi: Instead of people waiting around for them to show up you have it so you might be
better off. I don't know what it would cost but you may as well check it out.

Kucharski: I just want to make note that we received out quarterly payment from Keystone
Sanitary Landfill and the January 2019 was \$998,829.19 and that's the highest, according to the
last 5 years, that is the highest quarterly payment that we received in the first quarter in the last 5
years and with the exception of 2015 for the 3rd and 4th quarters it's the highest monthly payment
that we received in the last 5 years. So that's just something that I felt was note worthy.

Tomasovitch: How about - we went to that meeting and they are trying to

Kucharski: Recycling. I was confused so

Tomasovitch: So was I.

Kucharski: I mean I know, Lou didn't you and Robbie attend a meeting on recycling?

Cimini: Yes.

Tomasovitch: A lot of stuff they're not taking anymore.

Tanana: yogurt containers and

Tomasovitch: And they want everything washed out. Contamination.

Kucharski: Yeah there is a whole big issue

Tanana: Even glass. Certain glasses they don't want either now.

Gangemi: Really?

Kucharski: There isn't a market for it.

Tomasovitch: I think we should just throw everything in the garbage.

Tanana: The whole thing is when oil prices are down it is cheaper for them to make new and
when prices go up to over \$100.00 a barrel it's cheaper for them to

Tomasovitch: Oh yeah.

Gangemi: Yeah but from an environmental stand point you should recycle period.

Kucharski: Well there is no market for it. Apparently China was buying the majority of it and
they now stopped. What they said was actually half of the plastics that are recycled are
contaminated because people don't wash them out.

Gangemi: Right.

Kucharski: ----- suggestion was that Lackawanna county is going to undertake an advanced
marketing effort to get this information out.

Gangemi: But so far we're still recycling.

Kucharski: Yes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary