

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, March 11th, 2019
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 - 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 is scheduled this evening at 5:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- * CDBG Public Hearing is scheduled for this evening at 6:15 p.m.
- * The Neighborhood Watch meeting for Thursday, March 28th, 2019 is rescheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, 2019. Barbara Giovagnoli, Recycling Coordinator, Office of Environmental Sustainability will be the guest speaker.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The March monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Mar. 25th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The April mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Apr. 8th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The April monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Apr. 29th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

3. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Chorba

To adopt Resolution #1 through #9 of 2019, resolutions pursuant to a request by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The Borough of Throop by and through the Borough Council, wishes to confirm and acknowledge its control and maintenance of right-of-ways within the Borough known: #1. Adams Court, #2. Center Street, #3. Clarion Court, #4. Clark Street, #5. Clearfield Court, #6. Line Street, #7. Meade Street, #8. Murray Street, and #9. Simpson Street.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Williams Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the Service Agreement Renewal received from Appel Technologies in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the Throop Police Department, for the term beginning February 21st 2019.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment in the amount of \$2,380.00 to Rainey & Rainey for 2018 data input into Quickbooks.

On the question:

Kucharski: Just for clarification, this is something that Patrick Appel talked about but um the system that Robin used to do the checks and accounting and whatnot crashed and everything was lost so we had to install a new system and then go back and put in all the data from 2018 so that's what this is all about.

Gangemi: Yes and the licensing for the old software was over \$7,000.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

Cimini: Motions #6 & # 7 the wording should be changed from amend to modify.

inaudible.

Kucharski: Andy you know we kind of left them by the way side but you were going to give us a quarterly report as far as the a turn out by the fire companies.

Hegedus: Yes that will be at the end of March at the end of 1st quarter.

Kucharski: Alright well can you give us something for the next meeting so we can consider

Hegedus: Well I need #1 to submit their reports to me.

_____: Which ones for 2018?

Hegedus: No for 19.

Magliocchi: Have they been working with you?

Hegedus: We've had a couple of calls they've been out on - yes.

Magliocchi: Ok. Doing their reports like we had the issue before?

Hegedus: No. I didn't receive reports yet for this year. I did get 2018's.

Daveys: I have a question on this - we had a meeting with Cimini, Andy Cimini ended up leaving early we gave you reports inaudible did you receive any of that?

_____: That was for 2018.

Daveys: That was for 2018 correct.

Magliocchi: We're talking about 19.

Daveys: But the last quarter of 2018 is also been changed to previous so if he is supposed to give you quarterly did you receive 2018 end of quarter?

Kucharski: Council, I mean

Daveys: That's why I'm asking because that's where we thought it was going to end up.

Hegedus: No I was asked at the beginning of this year to submit a quarterly report.

Daveys: ok.

Hegedus: Starting for 2019.

Kucharski: Ok so can you give us the last quarter of 18

Hegedus: Sure.

Kucharski: and can you get us at least up to March 25th? That's the date of our next meeting. And a we'll take it under advisement I mean if you're making the calls that was our concern a

Hegedus: I would like to ask one thing too - it was brought to my attention - at that meeting that Mr. Daveys is referencing Jerry Barone made a remark that was brought to my attention that I did hear during the meeting that he said that they did not have to proper insurance to respond to rescue calls and accidents. So can we get the insurance to make sure that if they are going on those calls that they have the proper coverage.

Kucharski: We meaning?

Hegedus: He made the remark about going

Kucharski: No but you said can we get the insurance, meaning the Borough or the hose company?

Hegedus: Yes we need to see

Daveys: We are covered for whatever we are dispatched for

Hegedus: I'm only going with what Jerry said at the meeting because I listened to the tape again and he that he did not he wasn't covered for accidents so. I think it was an oversight on his part

Benson: I don't believe that

Hegedus: I don't either but we just want to make sure.

Magliocchi: And then is there a report on how many firemen are on the calls from

Hegedus: Well I'm hoping that is going to be on the monthly reports for 2019.

Magliocchi: And how many active members you have that are responding.

Hegedus: There should've been an active roster list submitted to Council in January by each

company.

Benson: Can I ask a question? Each year we submit a financial report at your request. Have you people seen it?

Cimini: Yes.

Magliocchi: I didn't see 2018 yet.

Kucharski: Wasn't it supposed to be by the end of July Lou?

Cimini: Yes.

Benson: This years you did not get - I'm just curious inaudible council people were getting the reports and reading them. Last year there was a question and we submitted a report and we were told it wasn't enough and we finally just gave you our income tax filings

_____: Do they want 2018 right now? I have them here if you want them.

Magliocchi: I'll take one.

Benson: I'm just curious

Talking at once.

Benson: I'm just wondering who is getting all these reports that we are submitting.

_____: They go to the Borough

Kucharski: I didn't see it. Inaudible speak for myself.

Benson: You created the ordinance for the request.

Elaine Morrell, George St.: Is the paperwork that is submitted to the borough copied for all members of Council and the Mayor as it should be and the Borough Manager?

Cimini: Yes.

Morrell: So then everyone here should've received the reports from #1. So it's a matter of whether you looked at them or not.

Kucharski: I well I certainly if I got it would look at it but I don't remember

Daveys: and unfortunately that was the meeting we had - the meeting that was all

Talking at once.

Daveys: so I am missing something here that was something the meeting was for

Cimini: I think that what happened very clearly at that meeting was #1 said we have a manpower issue we are not coming to Council and begging for money and then we asked if they could through Andy there was a subsequent meeting and really just an issue of can you do what you are supposed to do get out and fight fires. I think that's all it came down to at that meeting. Right? You guys said we don't have the manpower it's a manpower issue and we're not going to come to Council and beg for money that's what I heard.

Magliocchi: Well I think Dave you said that at a prior meeting that it goes in cycles which to me I don't personally

Talking at once.

Cimini: and then we said come to Council if things change, come to council - I think that's why you're here and that's I mean inaudible reports I mean that has nothing to do with it. Are you responding to fires?

Benson:

Cimini: I think that is the only question - Ok that's the question that Council had. Has your manpower issue been resolved and are you making responding to fires. And I think that's the report that Andy will, you'll give to Andy and Andy will address with Council and a decision will be made if you are. I think that's pretty simple.

Kucharski: Well that's what I - yes.

Morrell: It's my understanding that they met the requirements in 2018 in the last quarter of 2018.

As far as responding to fires, giving the financials is there anything else?

Tomasovitch: full manpower?

Morrell: What do you mean by full manpower?

Daveys: Inaudible.

Tomasovitch: You can't go to a fire with just one person.

Daveys: No you can't, you're not even supposed to leave the building.

Magliocchi: How many guys do you

Cimini: Wait a minute, what was the date of that meeting wasn't it right around Christmas?

Hegedus: December 15th.

Cimini: December 15th. Ok. And that's the meeting that you said we have a manpower issue

Daveys: There's a manpower issue across the state but that

Hegedus: There are 2 people responding on the ladder right now. Chuck Daveys and Ron Green.

That's it. One call Jerry Barone Jr was on.

Magliocchi: How many people does your truck require

Davey: how many? It requires 2 people to leave the building.

Tanana: ok. It requires 2 to leave the building

Davey: Correct.

Tanana: No offense to Ron. I know Ronnie 20 years. Is Ronnie going to climb up a ladder and cut a hole in a inaudible. Yes or no.

Benson: No but he is going to supply the water.

Davey: Ok I understand what you're asking

Tanana: Ok but who's going to be there to do the job you're assigned to do?

Talking at once.

Benson: Inaudible people that come in. You know you were a fireman did you make every alarm, did you come in 10 minutes late inaudible

Tanana: No.

Benson: You never came in 10 minutes late and put on gear and did something?

Tanana: No I stay at the station because that's the 2nd piece and if they need it - it goes out if they don't I stay at the station.

Morrell: When you were a member at #1?

Tanana: I probably made 90% of the calls back then, I didn't have kids and I was a lot younger.

Now with kids and everything, yeah, so do I make calls, yeah, do I make 100% of them, no, do I make 40 - 50% of them, yeah.

Benson: But you make a call. Sometimes you're on time and sometimes you're not.

Tanana: If I'm that far out I don't even get there I will not clutter a scene with personal vehicles.

Benson: I'm not bringing this to you I'm just

Tanana: Right, no, no Dave things have changed from way back when. There's so much clutter at a fire scene, personal vehicles at a fire scene just is more clutter than you need.

Magliocchi: But here's a question for you, besides all that stuff, you have what you're saying is all of the responses you guys have been responding too are only basically equipped for 2 guys on that truck. 2 guys.

Several at once: Not all of the time

Hegedus: 95% of the calls this year are Ron and Chuck when the vehicle got out.

Magliocchi: I would agree with that statement so the issue that I have is and I know there's posts on facebook about me and all that other stuff but everybody has a different opinion and like this is where I talked about consolidation where you know you have 2 guys getting on that truck so this

town is spending a lot of money to have 2 guys on that truck instead of 20 guys on one truck. If you look at it as, not department, I don't care if it's #1, #2, or #3, ok what's best for the town?

Davey: Correct.

Magliocchi: That's the main thing here.

Davey: You're correct the new rescue has how many preconnects - 7?

Hegedus: 6.

Davey: So there's 6. 10 man cab?

Kucharski: What's a preconnect?

Davey: The hose is already on the truck.

Inaudible/multiple talking

Davey: so if you do have 22 or 30 guys responding from your station - no matter if by 1 vehicle or 2 vehicle, and I understand what you're saying, you have how many guys trained for fire fighter 1

Hegedus: 12.

Davey: So then you are fully equipped for truck duty, engine outs, pump outs, drafting

Hegedus: That's not the way our box alarm's are set up

Davey: I'm not asking how box alarms are

Magliocchi: I am not arguing the fact that we don't need another truck, I am arguing the fact that if it was one place you are getting on that truck with plenty of people right. Not just 2.

Davey: Go ahead I'm listening go ahead

Magliocchi: Right you are getting on that truck with 2 people right now so we're spending thousands and thousands of taxpayers dollars to have 2 people respond. 2 people. Where we have the ability to spend thousands and thousands and have everyone respond together.

Magliocchi, Davey & Morrell all talking at once.

Magliocchi: you don't get everyone together, there's #3 at, what's the % rate of #3?

Hegedus: Of what?

Magliocchi: Response.

Hegedus: 100

Magliocchi: 100%. so out of 100%, I inaudible you said you don't get everybody together but that trucks out all of the time

Hegedus: 2 pieces.

Magliocchi: If that truck, those trucks are together you're guaranteed, I would say by the rate that is going on right now - those trucks are out all the time. We can't guarantee your truck out all the time right now. You guys stated yourself you have a manpower issue so

Davey: You're saying guarantee

Magliocchi: What?

Davey: You're still saying the guarantee thing

Magliocchi: Guarantee what?

Davey: That their both trucks are going to come out.

Magliocchi: I said guarantee their both trucks are coming - if you guys were 1 house, yes I think on all the responses if you could get our manpower and how many guys are there you would be capable of getting all the trucks out all the time.

Hegedus: Based on the incident.

Morrell: Do you think there is a difference between a block and a half, 2 blocks at the most of the firemen going out with the 2 trucks and everybody working together at a fire like they used too?

Can't your men

Talking at once.

Morrell: Can't men from vols, men or women, work along with #1 and their truck and their ladder?

Hegedus: It's not that way today Elaine, unfortunately.

All talking at once.

Morrell: But if you were under one roof it would work that way?

Hegedus: Yes.

Morrell: But 2 roofs they can't.

Hegedus: Correct.

Morrell: Why?

Hegedus: Because if it was a structure fire the first piece that would go out of that building is the ladder in town. We wait for out of town services at this point in time because that is a 10 man cab down there coming out with 2 people. They cannot do the job.

Morrell: But why can't

Hegedus: Nothing against, it could be any 2 individuals on the planet, 2 people cannot staff that vehicle.

Morrell: Why can't members from vols

Kucharski: That's why I tried to have that meeting that's exactly it

Morrell: Work together, come out to the fire and work together.

Talking at once.

Hegedus: We're doing that with the box alarms the way they are set up. If Dickson City comes with 8 every single time there is a call and they have their job to do and they do their job.

Magliocchi: See but by what you are saying is working together now this is my opinion, I know some people get defensive when I say it and everything else like that and it's only my opinion and I am not saying I am right or wrong I am giving you my opinion working together, if you were in one house you're working together so basically you are telling me though you got a house there and you got a house there leave it that way. They don't want to work together and become in one house. But if you're here for the town it doesn't matter if it's 1 house or 10 houses.

Morrell: What difference does it make. We have 2 houses

Magliocchi: You know how much money you save? On insurance, Borough costs - you're telling me if we have 1 house and everybody was on one insurance

Morrell: You're going to build a new house at a million dollars you'll save money?

Magliocchi: First of all you don't have to spend a million dollars to do a house.

Morrell: Ours was

Magliocchi: I said it before, your house is beautiful you could put 2 bays on it and consolidate that. You could do it to #3. I'm not saying any house in particular, I'm saying as a town to save a ton of money for this town one insurance, Dave would you argue the fact right now we are paying between 3 houses 45,000 roughly on insurances if it was all under 1 insurance you're telling me that you're not going to save thousands and thousands of dollars.

Benson: I wouldn't sat thousands.

Magliocchi: Absolutely. I guarantee you'd save \$15,000 easy.

Davey: You'd be saving on the property but then again you'd be increasing your property value. You would still be insuring another piece of equipment so it is still going to go up.

Talking at once.

Tanana: Just let me tell ya to add a brand new rescue pumper on their insurance policy cost \$2500.00. That's it.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: so we just saved 13 grand.

Tanana: What you're not understanding is that you both have pols so you're both carrying around a million or so liability in case somebody gets hurt. So you're auto and building insurance, you're going through the same company is all in one. So you are going to have one building and you are going to have these vehicles as you add vehicles it's not going to increase that much. \$2500.00 to cover a half a million dollar piece of apparatus that's all it went up.

Magliocchi: Back to the beginning though, is man power is your issue

Tanana: So just think, you won't have to - you can then use that money instead of burning people out fund-raising, fund-raising, fund-raising, it's the number 1 complaint in the state, read inaudible, fund-raising is the #1 burnout. They don't have time to train.

Morrell: We have to fund-raise when you give them

Morrell/Tanana talking at once.

Tanana: You'd still have to fund raise but you wouldn't have to fund raise as much. You could concentrate more on training.

Morrell: I'm sorry Andy, why does vols have to fund raise and do wings the same day as the BBQ, do an envelope drive so all this when you are giving them \$30,000.00. And we're getting a few hundred.

Tanana: Listen when everybody was getting their allotments I remember they had a night at the races I recall Mr. Benson saying it is free enterprise when the vols used to just do a night at the races.

Hegedus: The boy scouts did wings on Superbowl Sunday when #1 had their

Tanana: Inaudible.

Morrell: I'm not saying that why does vols have to do fund-raising when you're getting almost everything paid for?

Hegedus: Because we just made improvements to the building to the tune of \$8000.00 that we didn't come to Council and ask for money.

Talking at once.

Morrell: Vols is getting money for paying insurance, you bought the truck, you're buying everything you're, paying for everything

Benson: Inaudible will tell you, that truck that's there and I don't know of any instance that any firefighter in this town was denied access to our truck for any

Davey: and that's the point I am trying to get at.

Kucharski: And that's the point I am trying to get at.

Hegedus: They're not going to ask for it because they don't need it. We don't need to access that vehicle

Benson: You don't need us?

Hegedus: No that's not what I said. They don't need to access that vehicle especially on a structure fire. They don't need access to the ladder.

Magliocchi: So you're telling me so what you're saying is you guys are all for cross training putting any member from down there taking your truck out?

Benson: Not taking it out.

Davey: Don't get me wrong

Magliocchi: There you go why aren't they driving it, any member should be - so is that your truck?

Benson: They use the ladder and the equipment they're not driving it. Just the way it is.

Magliocchi: Well I mean most of the time the truck used to only come out for parades. I'm not even going to get into that.

Davey: Inaudible, it's hard to set up and pumping it that's done by the driver anyway.

Tomasovitch: Can I ask why you didn't go with having the study?

Davey: It was done

Magliocchi: I know it was done. I talked to Jerry the one day and he told me he already knows the answer. It's the best thing is consolidation. He told me that that's why he didn't do it but what I don't understand is why he didn't say it there. If he knew the answer why did you play the game? He told me he knew the answer and he goes they already did the study it's going to come back consolidation is the best way to go. That was his exact words to me. That's why

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: I understand that but the thing was why did you make it look like you guys didn't want to be a part of it. Why didn't you just say we know the answer.

Davey: Because most of the membership

Benson: Because we have to bring it back to a meeting. Inaudible. And I believe we sent you a letter.

Tomasovitch: But didn't you want it?

Benson: You got to talk to everybody individually

Magliocchi: Ok then I'll talk to you individually, why didn't you want the study?

Morrell: Why do you talk instead of the President?

Davey: The study was already done. Is consolidation again is going to actually eventually 100% have to happen. Eventually it is going to get there and most likely it is going to be by county.

Magliocchi: For what?

Davey: Fire protection. It's probably

Kucharski: Well look, I mean it's 8:00 we're going to go around and around

Talking at once.

Benson: I just hope you consider our request

Tomasovitch: I just have one more question, who was behind those t shirts that degraded council?

Benson: I thought that was pretty good.

Magliocchi: I thought it was too.

Benson: I mean come on

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: I had a better shirt but I didn't get mine made up.

Tomasovitch: And I'm one that goes to your dinners all the time and I took offense to that. And I'm glad I didn't

Benson: Well I'm sorry you did but a we didn't mean to offend anybody

Magliocchi: I wasn't offended by it I found it entertaining I just felt you state all the facts. That's all. You didn't state all the facts.

Morrell: Is that why you voted against us getting money because of the t shirt?

Tomasovitch: No. That's was done before that.

Kucharski: No. That was done before that.

Magliocchi: I actually wanted a t shirt.

Benson: What size?

Kucharski: Look we'll take a look at the data and we'll take it into consideration. One thing and I've been saying this Elaine for a year now, I don't see why

TAPE ENDED.

Hegedus: It's not that simple Rich.

Benson: That was never a problem.

Talking at once.

Kucharski: Alright. That's why I wanted people to sit down and talk.

Morrell: But are you listening to one person or

Inaudible

Tomasovitch: No. I just feel that manpower. Why should you get paid when you're not putting your truck out? Just like the Christmas parade

Morrell: Well and see they did start putting the truck out more in 2018 but nothing changed. January came and nothing changed.

Davey: Cross training, again if you are firefighter one you are cross trained.

Magliocchi: I don't know but what I'm saying is so let's just say you are cross trained and on that truck doesn't your truck operate different?

Davey: I'm state certified for basically rescue but inaudible rescue company.

Magliocchi: Right but what I am saying is if #3 anybody from up there comes to your truck they're going to know how to operate that?

Davey: Operation is done by the driver. That's what I am getting at operation, set up it's all done by the driver. You don't need to know how to set it up that's the drivers responsibility and it's the commands inaudible if it is going no matter who's ladder it is. Are they taking the inaudible if they are they need to leave it open. Inaudible being it's Dickson, ours, Peckville, Jermyn, Dunmore I don't care who it is

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: So nobody needs to know anything about your truck?

Davey: The operator inaudible the commander tells me hey I'm taking 2 guys grab your inaudible and going in pull it I know how to turn it on.

Magliocchi: No I'm just

Davey: And that's what I am getting at.

Magliocchi: I'm not a firefighter I don't

Talking at once.

Davey: That's what I don't understand. There's 3 ----- connects in the front it's a 2 ½, 3 connect in the back a 1 in the front again inaudible you have 6 free inaudible he has an 8 man cab inaudible take the driver out of the equation you have 7 guys. Technically the passenger is the officer. Not necessarily the scene but the officer of the vehicle. So if you go by down by command when he responds to the officer inaudible Joe, John take the cross ---- go in side a, b, c, d whatever and do whatever is instructed to do.

Hegedus: That's not the way it operates.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: Basically the bottom line is you and Ronnie are the only ones that respond though. You're the only 2 mainly on the truck 90% of the time?

Davey: During the day yes. I have the luxury of inaudible.

Magliocchi: Right and that's a good thing but see I'm not really sure because you know even coming from Ronnie there was plenty of conversations me and you had where you used to preach to me consolidation is the way to go and then you come to the meeting one day and you're totally against it and I'm like that's weird because you inaudible but you say this is where like you said Dave comes in vicious cycles and that to me shows a vicious cycle. When you're not with them you're for this when you're with them you're for something else and unfortunately sometimes I think that the issue here is that the firemen amongst themselves aren't working together. That's my opinion I could be wrong but

Davey: When it comes to the time at the scene what do you need equipment wise to use? It's on

the truck

Magliocchi: Right and I can't answer that. I don't know if you need to be cross trained. I know we had one meeting that I think everyone was saying there was no issue with cross training or whatever the case is so

Davey: The ladder was set up multi functional

Magliocchi: Right probably one of the best pieces you could buy
Talking at once.

Davey: Most ladders can not weigh in, a lot of ladders don't even have water. That also has rescue tools on it. It has equipment for inaudible. So it's multi function

Chorba: The biggest issue I have is how would your volunteer guys go use the tools on the ladder never starting them before

Hegedus: They're not going to use them.

Davey: They're not going to start them.

Hegedus: Because we asked 3 times I invited #1 to training last year. And 3 times they did not go.

Kucharski: And that was one of the things that was why we cut the allotment. And there was a training in Milford and rather than attend the training you had a monthly meeting

Benson: It's our meeting.

Kucharski: Well what's more important Dave?

Hegedus: No they said it was the meeting with the lawyer.

Kucharski: No it wasn't it was the monthly meeting.

Magliocchi: Well that is another thing to is I don't see lawyer fees in here. Because I was told by inaudible that you guys hired a lawyer hired to me is paying a lawyer to talk to us that was an issue in the beginning

Benson: We have a lawyer to advise us. You have a lawyer to advise you.

Magliocchi: We pay him.

Kucharski: You know what this isn't going anywhere.

Benson: I just appreciate your time

Kucharski: And we're going to take a look at the information and you guys are 125 years old. I don't want to see anything happen. I said that from the beginning.

Magliocchi: Dave I will say this just so everybody is clear regardless is if you guys are responding, #1's responding 100% fully trucks and everything I'm just telling you where I stand personally I am for consolidation just so it has nothing to do you with you guys individually I want you to understand that

Benson: And it's just like Chuck said give it another 15 - 20 years and the county is going to have to take it over. It's gonna have to. Because I don't think this Borough can afford a paid Fire Department. Realistically.

Kucharski: No.

Magliocchi: No. Like I'm always saying consolidation inaudible why is Throop always behind?

Let's always be the one ahead. Everybody gets along a lot better when you're together.

Morrell: There's 5 companies in Olyphant.

Magliocchi: And that's why there is war over there between the 5 companies.

Morrell: Well

Magliocchi: That's a problem over there.

Talking at once.

Benson: The problem is that when this house is on fire are they arguing they are putting the fire out. Inaudible differences of opinion. If I see you broke down on the road will I stop to pick you

up and give you a ride somewhere?

Magliocchi: Right, no I'm just saying
Talking at once.

Benson: Sorry to keep you so long.

Kucharski: Lou, Elaine had a question. Any information that was discussed anything put in writing to #1.

Cimini: I sent an email to Jerry after the December 15th meeting asking if

Morrell: A hard copy letter would be best.

Benson: I would appreciate a hard copy.

Magliocchi: So are you saying your Chief doesn't communicate with you.

Benson: Yes he does. He does. At a meeting he'll bring it up that he got an email or something. But Jerry we're getting into fire season he's not at the meetings all the time he gets called out. He works 7 days 24. So if he's not at the meeting and he doesn't think to send it to one of us - just a hard copy is good.

Cimini: I sent an email to Jerry and Andy asking if my summary of the meeting was accurate or inaudible. I spoke to Jerry and yes they were sent out.

Morrell: Louie what I mean is what Council wants or what Council wants Andy to get from #1. Like what do you want #1 to do? Besides the 2 men on a truck.

Cimini: I think it was the response. The response rate. What number is sufficient I don't know we probably rely on our fire chief to tell us or at least give us his opinion as to what is appropriate.

Morrell: Andy you says that they can't work together at a fire?

Hegedus: I'm not saying that they can't I don't know if they are comfortable at this point. That's why Elaine last year we invited them to 3 training sessions.

Morrell: Inaudible nonsense needs to be just wiped away and work together.

Kucharski: I agree with you.

Morrell: And what are there maybe one over there and one over there that don't like each other?

Magliocchi: That's all it takes. That's the sad part. That's all it takes.

Morrell: Unfortunately that's all it takes and rumors.

Davey: The other side of this there are members of their department that have inaudible and have used the equipment on the ladder and are familiar with it. There are even people that were drivers for the ladder that are in that company. Again so anybody who is in the fire service knows what a ladder is for and it's do's don't's and can and cant's. A rescue, a pumper a tanker

Kucharski: But it requires coordination, it requires cross training, it requires working together

Hegedus: It requires training and that's why we know what Dickson does, Dickson knows what we do Blakely knows what we do we know what Blakely does we know what to expect when they show up on the scene. First thing is they don't have to be told what to do. They know their assignment. Blakely's a second due engine, Dickson City's the first due ladder those are the things that are removed for all the chaos that goes on for incident command to not to have to worry about what do you want us to do.

Morrell: So what you're saying is #1 and vols need to train together.

Hegedus: Correct. And there were 3 invitations last year Elaine. And there was refusal for all 3.

Morrell: I hear you and I just don't get that.

Davey: Andy inaudible everything looks great for preplanning until the preplan doesn't work.

Hegedus: That's right.

Kucharski: Well alright Andy get us the information and then we'll take a look at it.

Hegedus: Sure.

Kucharski: But I think you know where there's a will there's a way. I said the same thing consolidation is great but you know it's not going to happen inaudible and also will be very costly up front. That being the case inaudible and if there are 6 extra men on #3's truck as soon as you get there those 6 guys are automatically assigned to the ladder.

Hegedus: It's going to take time for that to happen.

Kucharski: I understand that but it's not impossible.

Hegedus: No sir.

Kucharski: I think it's a solution.

Hegedus: Absolutely. It's a possibility.

Kucharski: Well it's worth a try.

Hegedus: Yes.

Magliocchi: How come you guys aren't involved with any events we have flag holdings, santa parades, or anything?

All talking at once.

Benson: I'll be straight with you. I'm against it. Not the Santa parade per say but I do not believe that these should be going around throwing out candy and having these kids run out in the street. Should have it at either their building, their building or our building. Have the Santa Clause there, have the people and the children come to you. Much safer environment.

All talking at once.

Benson: This year they decided not to do it and as for everything else a

Magliocchi: This year it's almost like they decided not to do it to be spiteful to the town. That's the way I take it.

Benson: No I already got my application for the thing a ma jig up here at the end of June.

Magliocchi: Oh right and I'm just asking like when we hold the flags you guys, I see you guys in Old Forge and stuff like that and never a part of Throop or any event that we do.

Benson: What flag is that?

Magliocchi: I forget what that event was for. It was for another town I don't know if you guys remember but

Kucharski: Yea it was this past summer. What was it Andy?

Hegedus: Memorial Day.

Kucharski: It was not in Throop though.

Talking at once.

Magliocchi: Feels like there was some issues and then all of a sudden it was like ok you guys got

Talking at once.

Davey: Inaudible because actually I was at 15 minutes for Jessup when they had a member pass away, the fire got inaudible in Moosic and it took Peckville Wilson Hose Company ended up out of gas inaudible but the second company they were supposed to do it either way we would've been missing a ladder and within 15 minutes they actually let me leave work to go inaudible.

Magliocchi: Well whatever like I said it just seems like its inaudible especially with the santa parade I mean you were always against it but your company wasn't for 30 years and all of a sudden this year they're against the santa parade.

Benson: Maybe they started listening to me.

Magliocchi: Nah. I don't think that.

Kucharski: Well alright guys. Anybody else have any comments.?

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary