

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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 - A  
Charlene Tomasovitch - P  
Vince Tanana - P  
Wayne Williams - P  
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President** - A  
**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:**

- \* An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. for legal and personnel issues.
- \* Throop’s 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration “Quasqui Cocktail Kickoff for a Cause” to benefit St. Joseph’s Baby Pantry, is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Hose Company, 401 Dunmore Street.
- \* The Borough Shred Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

- \* The May mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- \* The May monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Questioned if could get tickets at the door at the fire house.  
Tomasovitch: I believe so.

**BID OPENING: THROOP BOROUGH CIVIC CENTER ROOF - No Bids Received**

**1. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council meeting.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:**

**2. Motion by Tanana**

**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"	<b>\$45,987.57</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$123,607.61</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$1,247,277.21</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>\$24,007.48</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**3. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch  
abstained on husband**

**Motion carried**

**4. Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019** as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	<b>\$75,449.09</b>
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	<b>\$90.00</b>
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	<b>\$1,054,620.92</b>
Civic Center Account-FNCB	<b>\$1,177.19</b>
General Fund Petty Cash	<b>\$300.00</b>
Payroll Checking Account-FNCB	<b>\$7,940.98</b>
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB	<b>\$3,781,151.82</b>
Sunny Day Fund CD's	<b>\$4,233,636.42</b>
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	<b>\$238,344.62</b>
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,392,711.04</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Gangemi: The Senior Activity account, what's that?

Galli: That's the donations we get for the activities they do over there?

Gangemi: Where is the - is there going to be a fund statement for the meals? How's that being handled? The Senior

Galli: The donations we get for meals goes into their account. They have

Gangemi: Oh they have their own account.

Galli: Yea they have their own. Like the County Area on Aging Agency.

Gangemi: There's no Borough funds

Galli: There is a check I get, I do get a check that's going to go in our account. I have an account for that and I am going to see how I am going to put it in here.

Gangemi: Yea put that in here.

Dolan: In the senior account you're going to put it in?

Galli: In a separate account.

Gangemi: No a separate account so we can see if there is any money. Ok thank you.

Galli: And with that account, the check that I receive, that's what I have to pay METS with. So it will come out of there.

Gangemi: Right.

Williams: Does that usually wash each other?

Galli: A little extra we may get. February we got \$2.00 more. February there was a lot of meals we had to pay for when people didn't show. So as long as that stays down we'll do good.

**6. Motion by Chorba**

**Seconded by Williams**

To adopt Ordinance #6 of 2019, a ordinance amending Ordinance #2 of 2016 known as the Tenant Occupancy Safety Inspection Ordinance.

On the question:

Tanana: Tenant Occupancy Safety Inspection Ordinance does that include rental homes?

Cimini: Yes.

Tanana: Good.

Delawder: Does that include developments? Projects?

Cimini: It includes rental properties. More than one rental unit.

Tomasovitch: I don't know about that I would think the

----: That's run by the county.

Tomasovitch: That's the county housing right?

Delawder: Lackawanna County.

Tomasovitch: Yea I don't think

Talking at once. No.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To replace the original irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by Peoples Security Bank on September 6, 2018 and replace with another Letter of Credit totaling \$306,787.25. As per recommendation of Throop Borough Engineer.

Tanana: Is this for Schoolside Phase II?

Cimini: Yes. So the original letter of credit was 400 & some thousand, they've done enough inaudible, the Engineer went out to inspect it and agreed that it should be reduced to this figure.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To purchase 1600 recycle stickers for recycle bins from Sprint Print.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Discussion took place regarding the donation to Griffin Pond and needing to request their financial records for it being \$500.00 or more.

Tomasovitch: I think together we gave \$1000.00 a year.

Galli: Yes we usually do.

Cimini: There's a rule that \$500.00 we are entitled to their books/records.

Gangemi / Tomasovitch: 499.

Dolan: 1099 is 600. It's going up.

Gangemi: But it's not yet right?

Dolan: It didn't get passed yet.

**9. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To donate \$499.00 to Griffin Pond.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Williams would like to put a motion on for the summer months to reduce our meetings from 2 a month to 1 a month due to the fact that we are going to have numerous budget meetings with Police, DPW. Just 1 month end meeting would probably be the best right?

Cimini: Well meeting on a monthly basis we could look to see what's going on and we can always add a special meeting if we need too.

Chorba: So it would be for June, July and August.

Gangemi: So we'll just make them end of the month meetings.

Williams: Because we already have another one scheduled for May already.

Gangemi: I know. I'm ok with that.

Audience comments on added motion:

Delawder: Yea I had one. I would like to know

Tomasovitch: Wait, on the meeting,

Galli: On this motion.

Tanana: On that motion.

Delawder: No.

**10. Motion by Williams**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To reduce Council meetings to one meeting per month during the summer months of June, July and August.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Audience Comments:

Diane Golosky: I live in Dickson City and I am a member of the blight committee and we heard about your ordinance that you are passing for inspections so that's why we are present tonight. I just wanted to know - you said it is for 2 or more - so an independent home if I were to rent out a single dwelling to someone

Tanana: A single family home

Golosky: Does your ordinance include that under inspection? Or did - we weren't here to catch that earlier.

Cimini: I don't know. It actually, It may include it.

Golosky: Ok because you said 2 or more.

Cimini: Yea thought it was 2 or more

Tomasovitch: I think if it's a single family rental they are going to do something right?

Cimini: Yea.

Tomasovitch: You know consult with Bob

Cimini: The ordinance is online do you want to come here and sit down one on one and go over it.

Golosky: Because I have been battling for months actually for the last year that we can get in some sort of inspection to prevent what is happening in the town and a inaudible.

Cimini: Yes.

Tanana: Well this is, our ordinance is based off of the settlement that happened in the city of Scranton. The city of Scranton was sued for their rental property ordinance because they were charging them to register and their fee was

Williams: inaudible

Tanana: right and they were charging them an inspection fee on top of that. We're only - we're not charging them to register and our inspection fee is \$5.00 less than what they were and I think the settlement was what to refund the \$5.00 or \$10.00 per

Cimini: In Scranton?

Tanana: Yea.

Cimini: I think they had to give back \$70,000.00 inaudible

Golosky: The gentleman that is with the blight to bright was at one of our meetings last month and again just like yourself with the enforcement of garbage or anything therefore inaudible.

Cimini: Our Ordinance is online.

Golosky: Ok. Thank you.

Cimini: You're welcome.

Trudy Delawder, Memorial Dr.: Can I go now. And then I won't say no more. I was just wondering why your 2019 Calendar still has Jim Wansacz, Pat O'Malley and Edward Staback on it instead of the County Commissioners that are on their now.

Gangemi: We like those guys.

All laughing.

Tomasovitch: No I think that was probably a print error.

Tanana: I bet you last years had the same.

Delawder: I can go back and check.

Gangemi: I don't know who is in charge of printing that calendar.

Cimini: Yea.

Delawder: I don't know but I hope it's corrected for 2020.

Cimini: Yea we'll tell Renee. Thank you.

Dennis Pabis: I talked about this last year about yard waste pick up, we are into a 3 week span now for yard waste pick up and there's grass and yard items sitting in the paper bags they're getting wet and I feel sorry for the DPW guys when they come to pick it up they pick up the bag and the bottom falls out.

Tomasovitch: We seen that the other day too.

Pabis: We should avoid the 3 week pick up. If we can we should get it every week. Some of the Boroughs do that now. It's really tough on the guys. And like now the grass cutting begins once a week you're cutting grass and it starts to create an odor.

Tomasovitch: And I don't think there is anything tomorrow either.

Tanana: No there's not. It's not until the

Galli: It's not until May.  
Gangemi: You got to talk to Robbie  
Talking at once.  
Gangemi: Thank you.  
Tomasovitch: Louie can you call Robbie and ask him about that.  
Cimini: Yes.

Tomasovitch: Oh wait a minute. The DPW tee shirts, Lou do you have one minute, the DPW t shirts,

Cimini: Right

Tomasovitch: Could we get them from

Cimini: Kevin's

Tomasovitch: Why?

Cimini: They're the lowest priced.

Tomasovitch: Why do we need - if they're only \$300.00 or something \$500.00 why do we need

Cimini: If you want to go for someone else - Kevin's is the lowest.

Tomasovitch: Chris Granza, he's in the town. He's a small business.

Cimini: It was 3

Galli: It was 310

Cimini: 310 versus 360. \$50

Tomasovitch: He's a small

Gangemi: What's the difference?

Tanana/Galli: 50 bucks.

Gangemi: I don't have a problem with that.

Tomasovitch: We have no problem getting them from Chris? He's in the town. He was a police officer. His own business trying to make money.

Dolan: We always favor town people. Always.

Tomasovitch: That's right.

Gangemi: I mean if it was crazy but it's not - it's \$50 bucks.

Tomasovitch: The Civic Center, they don't get 3 bids for their shirts. You know what I mean that's why I can't understand why he can't let the DPW get

Gangemi: It sounds like we could.

Tomasovitch: Ok. Alright so everybody's ok with that right?

Gangemi: Yea I'm good with it.

Tanana: Do we need a motion or no.

Williams: No it was only \$300.00.

Tomasovitch: Another thing is the PO's. You can't write PO's out anymore?

Galli: No.

Tomasovitch: Why?

Galli: Because department heads approve them.

Tomasovitch: What happens if they need one at 7:00 in the morning?

Galli: I'm not here at 7 in the morning.

Tomasovitch: I know that but what I am saying is wasn't there something stating that department



heads don't have to - that you're able to write PO's out - didn't we have this conversation last year the year before about PO's - Bobby said something about PO's writing them out.

Galli: That the Department heads

Dolan: Department heads have to write the PO's out and then they get approved.

Tomasovitch: Alright I have to check on that.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley  
Borough Secretary