

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, April 8th, 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 - A
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President -A**
Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P
Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P
Assistant Treasurer - Lenore Dolan - A
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

*** Moment of Silence for the April 7, 1911 Pancoast Mine Disaster, 108 years.**

Announcements:

* Children's Easter Party will be held on Saturday, April 13th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Throop Civic Center.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The April monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Apr. 29th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- * The May mid month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. May 13th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The May monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. May 28th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Cimini: Rich I wanted to add a motion to advertise to amend Ordinance #2 of 2016 which is the rental registration ordinance. The amendments will include the license will be valid for 24 months instead of 12 months. The application to Bob Lokuta will be due by June 30th of every

year and an inspection will be triggered by a change of ownership of the building, a change of tenancy in one of the or any of the apartment units, and the registration inspection fee will be \$50.00. It used to be \$55.00.

Kucharski: We did receive a thank you note from the over 55 club for making a donation enabling them to attend a Polish Festival at ----- Anthracite in Carbondale and it says we appreciate your thoughtfulness, thank you.

About 2 weeks ago we were notified that we did not get the multimodal transportation grant that we applied for for the Dunmore Street sidewalk project and just today we received a response from the local share account program targeting the Washington Street Park improvements and unfortunately we were not granted that also. We lost both of those significant amounts of money. It is what it is. We'll try again.

The multimodal was the last one.

Tanana: I think the only thing DCED was going to do was to do a survey on Dunmore St.
Cimini: Right.

Tanana: To see if it qualifies. If the income is too high it's not going to qualify. Inaudible. Even though there's no sidewalks on large portions of it..

TANDEM AXLE RECYCLING TRUCK

Company	Bid Amount	Bid Bond/Certified Check
Triple Cities Acquisition, LLC 7 Walter Avenue Binghamton, NY 13901	\$267,656.02	Yes
Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems 314 Bay West Blvd., Bldg #3 New Castle, DE 19720	\$265,000.00	Yes

Cimini: This is the grant for recycling

Galli: We did get a grant. I believe it was around \$266,000.

Chorba: The inaudible for the bid bond is signed but the bid bond form is not completed.

Cimini: And then we can award it on the 29th assuming all the paperwork is ok. Is there a time issue with the grant?

Galli: No.

1. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the bids received for the Tandem Axle Recycling Truck and forward to the Street Commissioner and Solicitor for review.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the minutes of the March 25th, 2019 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize the down payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Skysooter Displays for firework displays (\$5,000 for Quasquicentennial and \$2,500 for Annual Night Out).

All in favor

Motion carried

4. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept letter of resignation dated April 2, 2019 received from part time police officer, badge # 49.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. **Motion by Tomasovitch** **Seconded by Chorba**

To donate \$100.00 to Mid Valley's 2019 Yearbook.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Tanana

To re-appoint David F. Garvey, P.E. as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the next twelve months (4/1/19 to 3/31/20). The annual retainage is \$600.00.

All in favor Motion carried

Kucharski: This is related to the ongoing installation of the sound system
Tomasovitch: How much is it going to be total?
Kucharski: \$9100. This isn't actually a deposit. This is a partial payment.

7. Motion by Gangemi Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize partial payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Cossa's Music & Sound for the sound system and intercom at Civic Center.

On the question:

Gangemi: Does this mean they will start?

Kucharski: No they started. This is basically for equipment, I know the speakers are installed in the basement.

Chorba: They started without us voting on it?

Kucharski & others: We voted on it.

Tomasovitch: This is for payment.

Tanana: Now Rich are they going to be doing anything up in the gym that's going to require a lift?

Kucharski: I don't know. I know there will be speakers in there but it's not going to require a lift inaudible.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Gangemi

To adopt Ordinance #5 of 2019, a Road Cut Ordinance.

On the question:

Chorba: There are going to be some tweaks just so everybody knows. I have to get with Lou to finalize it. There will be some adjustments to it.

Tomasovitch: Should we be voting on it?

Cimini: Yes. This is 100,000 times better than the current one. So we'll do this then could amend it.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize payment in the amount of \$7,398.66 to Appel Technology Solutions for the network infrastructure upgrade at the Borough Building, balance \$2,466.22 due upon completion.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Resolution #10 of 2019, a resolution entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement and memorandum of understanding between the County of Lackawanna, Throop Borough, the Mid Valley School District and the Lackawanna County Land Bank.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Gangemi

To advertise an amendment to the Rental Ordinance.

On the question:

Tanana: I know Scranton is inaudible and I know these amendments are inaudible suit like Scranton inaudible.

Cimini: We have done everything we can to make it as reasonable as possible

Tanana: Again you're going to get people saying this ones renting downstairs and they're not inaudible apartment and so now you're going to get a lot of people that are going to turn people in. Inaudible. I can see it is going to open a can of worms.

Gangemi: Maybe it's a can that needs to be opened.

Tanana: Well it is but it's not going to be delightful to some people.

Gangemi: Of course not.

Tanana: And it's going to be - those people who are caught there going to get inaudible.

Gangemi: If I'm clear Lou the biggest issue in the lawsuit was fee structure right?

Cimini: Right.

Gangemi: We are making sure that our fees are basically at cost.

Cimini: Right.

Gangemi: And we're not making any money on this. That was the issue with Scranton from what I understand.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Chorba

To award the Charles Street & Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Repair Project to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating in the amount of \$224,812.00 for the base bid and an additional \$20,700.00 for 3 add alternates pending approval from Borough Engineer, Street Commissioner and Solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski: A piece of correspondence we received from Patrick Sheehan the Superintendent of Mid Valley Schools and it is to the Borough Councils and the Mayors of Throop, Olyphant & Dickson. It reads To whom it may concern, As the winter season has come to a close I wanted to send a quick note to publicly thank the Police and Public Works Departments of Throop, Olyphant and Dickson City, especially Jim Marcinko, John Lukasik, Robert Kalinoski, Marc Murcko and William Hazelton. During the winter months, school districts are often faced with the difficult decision to delay, close or dismiss schools due to poor conditions. Many times, we would seek the assistance of these departments to provide us with road conditions very early in the morning or to update us on the progress of snow and ice removal. Whatever assistance we sought, they were always more than willing to help. I sincerely appreciate their help and we are truly grateful for their commitment to the safety of our students and community. With appreciation, Patrick J. Sheehan, Superintendent.

Audience comments:

----: Complaints? Can I complain?

Kucharski: Yes.

----: Ok. I called Mr. Lokuta twice last week about the conditions in the Warsaw section, the forgotten section up in Warsaw, the slum of Throop and I never got a response from him. I left my name, my address, my phone number. Nothing.

----: He never called back.

----: He never called back. I think my daughter came in to pick up bags and she told the secretary the same story that I am telling you. First of all I don't think he is qualified to be a Zoning Officer. He doesn't want any complaints from people. And Warsaw is the forgotten area. I am living with skunks, racoons

TAPE ENDED.

----: and I don't think it's legal. And then next

Kucharski: Is it like a tractor trailer kind of trailer or small

----: Inaudible. hook to your car. He made.

----: It's a home one but it was it's a homemade it's basically starting to rot and hasn't been moved in a couple of years. I asked him to move it down a few feet because my stepfather backed into it with a new car, 500 bucks later. But they don't listen we thought maybe it was close to the alley.

----: it's right on the alley.

—: You wouldn't be able to miss it but it, he doesn't, well we're not going to start fighting with inaudible but we tried talking to him.

----: And then 33 Line St. Mrs. McGowan died, inaudible, they cleaned out her house, they left everything in my backyard.

----: in the alley

Both talking at once.

----: a couch. I'm so upset.

----: a pile of tile that's almost in the alley.

Both talking.

—: I tried to ask Robin inaudible, I said you know inaudible I was like she's dead 2 years I mean Tomasovitch: Who owns the house?

—: I think it's her brother but nobody's come around in almost a year. That's been there almost a year.

Talking at once.

Galli: inaudible property. DPW can't go on anybody's property and clean up garbage

----: there's so many cats in that neighborhood. And my daughter had to come up a trap 3 things in the last and she trapped skunks, racoons and opossums.

----: Inaudible cars, groundhogs

----: Just go look at that neighborhood. I want you people to see it. Show her the pictures you took of inaudible right out of our yard. I have a little 8 year old grandson we tell him don't go through the alley because now somebody's fixing inaudible house they dug everything up and threw it in the alleyway

----: There's glass and junk I mean they put a couple cones out there but there's a pile of rock and debris

Both talking at once.

----: It's like a playground

Talking at once.

----: Chester Court

Tomasovitch: Alright first of all inaudible has to go up there. Keith has to go up there

Talking at once.

----: Now I heard, I wasn't there but I heard a couple days ago that there was some cop like the Appels saw a cop there but. We weren't home so I don't have a clue what they were looking at or what they were doing

----: but that thing to get out
Cimini: I can tell you that I heard about, Robin actually told me about this on Friday, and I told Bob that he has to get up there and do something immediately. This was our conversation this morning.
----: It's up the court there's I don't know how many cars you can have on your land
Talking at once.
Gangemi: What's the process for capturing skunks and racoons? There's a process here in the Borough is there not.
----: Inaudible own trap
----: You have to get the trap from the Borough once you get something you, we got our own traps but, they'll come and get it and move it.
Cimini: Yes.
----: The cats actually ripped my pool cover there's so many cats up there. We're just hoping that when we take our pool cover off there's no dead cats. There's these ladies up the street keep feeding them and we
Tomasovitch: We had the same problem on Meade Street. There's a problem everywhere.
----: Terrible.
----: But I'm afraid of the skunks and they're coming out in the daytime
Talking at once.
----: My brother caught it and we had the opossum and the raccoon all in the same week.
Somethings got to be done.
----: There's a lot of junk. I'd like to know if those cars all of the cars that don't have tags
----: There's a trailer with no roof on it. I don't even know how they live in there.
Kucharski: Direct this to Bob. Do it tomorrow.
Cimini: I will.
----: He don't like me
Kucharski: Well I don't care.
All talking at once.
Tomasovitch: I don't care if he likes you he has to do his job.
Kucharski: He's being given a direct order to get up there tomorrow.
----: Yea because me names not DeNaples.
All talking at once.
----: I came down at 1:00 in the afternoon and they told me he wasn't here.
Tomasovitch: He leaves by 12:30.
----: Laughing
Kucharski: Well he's only part time. I mean
----: Ok ok ok if I knew he had left by 12:30 I would've been here.
Kucharski: I'm not defending or anything but
Tanana: Rich I think with the construction that is going on and everything I think we need to have the zoning officer do some evening hours. It's getting warm out people want to do projects, people work.
Tomasovitch: I brought that up and I was shot down.
Tanana: So for them to get here for a permit at 12:30, they can't do it
Tomasovitch: He'll say he's here in the morning because I inaudible
Tanana: It doesn't matter even in the morning.
----: I agree with inaudible

Tanana: people go to work at 8:00 and they don't come home until 5, 5:30 sometimes.
----: he's not very nice. And I'm saying that publicly. He hates me inaudible.
Tanana: You need to have at least 2 days with evening hours so people can come and get permits.
Tomasovitch: I think he should be here on a Saturday morning. That's when everybody's off.
Tanana: You know. Work 2 days evening hours a week so that way people
Tomasovitch: 2 days, 2 nights and a Saturday.
Tanana: You know.
----: but somethings got to be done up there. Especially we're having a Communion party May 5th when we have company from New Jersey they're gonna think, they have to look at that stinky old couch and chair that garbage in my backyard
----: I really don't want rats and
Kucharski: It's unacceptable. I want him directed
Tomasovitch: Louie will direct him
Kucharski: Give him a direct order to get up there tomorrow and then
Talking at once.
Cimini: What streets?
Tanana: Ollendike, Line
----: And Line & Chester
Tomasovitch: That whole corner up there is bad.
----: It's really bad.
Tanana: Esther
----: Esther and Ollendike. If you look there's a I'm sorry I have to say it but I mean you can see there's no roof
Tanana: That's the trailer on the right hand side
----: You know which one. It's been like that for years. People live in there and I don't know what's going on
Tanana: I've complained about it when I lived up there just to let you know. It's not just you.
----: I know.
----: It's not to be mean
Tanana: No. It's not. I've complained about the vehicles in the yard too and the vehicles that are taken over Ollendike Street. Listen I have complained just to let you know it's not inaudible
Talking at once.
----: You should see the stuff that he's piling up.
Tanana: Listen I have complained just to let you know it's not inaudible
—: Well as long as you're aware.
Gangemi: Is that police or is that zoning?
Tanana: That's zoning because they're on the property they're not on the street. If they're on the street then it's police. If it's on the property it's zoning.
----: Well we were curious about that trailer if that's
Kucharski: Alright we'll make sure that whole thing is looked at. I will go up there myself tomorrow and ride through
----: You'll be sick to your stomach.
Kucharski: I'll ride through myself.
Tomasovitch: I've been up there I go to Maria's and it's a mess up there.
—: See good. Ok if you don't mind. I have to get my boy.
Kucharski: Alright.

----: Thank you.

----: I hope something gets done.

Gangemi: Thank you.

----: Like I said May 5th we're going to have a Communion and I just that old stinky couch there with mice and now the animals are dumping all the garbage cans over.

Tanana: If there is garbage in the back yard they got to clean it up.

Kucharski: yes.

----: And she was such a nice lady.

Tomasovitch: Somebody has to do it.

Kucharski: Somebody owns the property so.

----: You're right. I think somebody said her brother but I don't know who I never seen him.

Thank you very much.

Kucharski: Ok well we'll make sure

Gangemi: Thanks for coming.

----: Thanks you very much for your time. Oh I'll be back.

Kucharski: Thank you.

----: Mr. Lokuta is going to hate me that's ok.

Gangemi: That's alright.

Kucharski: That's his job.

----: He's not my favorite person either.

Dave Benson: Rich when yas get your guidelines organized and drawn up would you please mail a copy to the fire station, #1

Kucharski: absolutely

Benson: And 2, inaudible the opportunity to have a meeting our meeting is the second Sunday of each month so what I'm saying is don't expect us the first Monday give us an opportunity to present it that meeting.

Kucharski: Ok. Well the way we looked at his is I mean if there's something that you have serious objections too we'd be willing to listen but these are guidelines that Council

Tomasovitch: But he wants to take them back to his meeting.

Kucharski: They're not negotiable.

Benson: Well see last time you said it was negotiable. Last meeting you said you were going to talk about it.

Kucharski: Well yea we're talking about it.

Benson: Alright give us the opportunity whatever you come down with.

Kucharski: Yea ok.

Benson: Alright. Thank you.

Kucharski: Sure. Anyone else?

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary