

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, May 13th, 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 was held this evening at 5:45 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

From the beginning of January to April 30th Penn Ambulance was called out 30-40 times and they did not miss one call.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The May monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. May 28th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The June monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. June 24th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

For the months of June, July and August there will **only** be a month end Council Meeting.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

BID OPENING: THROOP CIVIC CENTER ROOF - No bids received.

Cimini: Second time advertised and didn't get any bids for the Civic Center roof. I believe because it's the second time we have the right to call individuals

Chorba: We have the right to shop it ourselves.

Collarini, Trunzo & Zenobi were mentioned.

Dave Karr suggested Tom Lukasewicz.

Council spoke of bonds being in place and feels important to have in place.

Chorba added that Trunzo has a good reputation and Kucharski felt they did a great job on the Police roof. Gangemi agreed.

Cimini: Suggested waiting until the end of the month for the below motion. Paul (Engineer) has to make some calls. He doesn't want to get into have to retract motions.

Kucharski: Motion 1 will be put on hold.

1. Motion by Seconded by

To accept the bids for the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project and award the project to Maiocco Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,800,328.00 and an additional \$21,845.00 for Add Alternate 1, pending approval from engineer, street commissioner and solicitor.

2. Motion by Tomasovitch Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the minutes of the April 29th, 2019 council meeting.

All in favor Motion carried

3. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment # 1 in the amount of \$157,500.00 to Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. for the Sanderson Street Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project, pending approval from Engineer, Street Commissioner and Solicitor.

On the question:

Chorba: It is in the packet as final. Is it 1 or final?

Gangemi: it is #1.

Mayor: After that gets done is the paving going to be done?

Tanana: Sometime between now and October.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Chorba

To grant permission to Sandlot Baseball Academy for the use of Washington Street Ballfield for the 2019 season for 12U and 16U baseball practice (Mr. Bill Shevchik will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To transfer the CD that matured at FNCB on May 4th to Fidelity Bank for a 24 month term at 2.5%.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Brendan Davies for PT DPW Summer help at \$13.00/hour and to start as soon as possible pending pre employment screening.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Dave Karr, 640 Meade St.: Spoke on the Neighborhood Watch and would like to see it combined with Dickson City and Olyphant and make it bigger and better.

Kucharski agreed and would support them.

Tanana suggested the Mayor write a letter to the Mayors of Dickson City and Olyphant. A Mid Valley Neighborhood Watch.

Elaine Morrell, George St: Questioned if Council voted on the criteria for the Hose Company's.

Kucharski replied that per the Solicitor we didn't need a formal motion/vote.

Morrell questioned if there is any record of it anywhere, Borough records, minutes.

Kucharski It will be forwarded in writing tomorrow.

Cimini added discussed one by one at last meeting/work session.

Magliocchi added that work session tapes are kept for 7 years.

Morrell doesn't believe there is anything on record stating the criteria and thinks it should be if it's rules Council is setting for the volunteer hose companies in Throop it should be part of the records somewhere. Even if it's a motion to look back at.

Magliocchi added that letters were sent to the companies stating what want.

Morrell feels they should be on record.

Morrell: Questioned if Volunteers got an allotment this year and asked if they met all their criteria. And asked why #1 has gotten no allotment yet and have to wait until June.

Magliocchi replied that No 1 has not conformed in any way.

Morrell stated the criteria was set, Andy met with #1, we went over everything and #1 still did not get any money. Reports were given to Andy & Council - Did Council to over it, did the meet the requirements? The requirements were just set, unofficially by an email - why is volunteers getting an allotment and #1 is not? #1 needs money.

Tomasovitch questioned why none of the firefighters up here fighting for it.

Morrell responded that they have been and get disgusted because it's the same old stuff.

Tomasovitch added that none of this may have happened if there was communication down there.

Talking at once. (Tomasovitch, Magliocchi & Morrell)

Morrell stated we need money not that we want money.

Tomasovitch added that it's not a social club it's a firefighter, and organization.

Morrell social activity helps your firemen get together.

Magliocchi stated that #1 only started trying to get out when they wanted money.

Kucharski added that the discussion came up at the end of the first quarter about how much we were going to allocate to the Hose companies. He said let's try to work something out and we have now.

Morrell so it will be the end of June?

Kucharski yes the end of the second quarter.

Morrell questioned if personal cars are allowed at a fire scene.

Hegedus added that it is part of standard operating guidelines. There is no need for anyone outside the catastrophic emergency to come to a scene. We've had a long standing understanding in this municipality that noone from Throop comes in a personally operated vehicle. No need for it unless it is a catastrophic emergency. If it is a structure fire and someone misses the apparatus

by all means go back to the station, get your gear, come to the scene, park 2 blocks away and participate. And inform incident command that you are there so that accountability is met, all the safety is put in place.

Morrell: questioned if in the future somebody is headed to our truck, our truck is inaudible, they cannot go?

Hegedus said no. Nobody should be on any incident scene without the proper personal protective equipment on.

Morrell: Questioned the Quasquicentennial - Council was supplying tents for the non profits, I'm assuming #1 will get a tent at no charge?

Kucharski/Hegedus responded correct/yes

Morrell questioned electricity to the tent.

Hegedus replied yes.

Morrell: do they bring their own tables and chairs for their space?

Hegedus: Yes.

Morrell asked if there will be an area for people to sit and eat?

Hegedus: The pavilion, or if your stand provides it. There will be tables like the cow flop.

Tomasovitch questioned Galli that all these people have to show insurance right?

Hegedus/Galli replied yes.

Morrell questioned if there will be any bigger signs or just the

Hegedus answered yes 4x4's and banners.

Morrell questioned if we are still looking at the zip code.

Mayor Tropiak replied he will have a letter typed up for the post master general and then will follow up.

Morrell added that people searching for Center St in Throop were being sent to Center St in Dunmore and also someone on Meade St was taken to Dunmore.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary