

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, November 12th, 2019
Special Meeting 6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Gangemi - P
Mike Chorba - P
Richard Kucharski - President - P
Charlene Tomasovitch - P
Vince Tanana - A
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 - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer - Robin Galli - P

Mayor Tropiak read the proclamation received from Congressman Matt Cartwright regarding the Quasquicentennial. See attached.

This is from the Honorable Matt Cartwright. The Congressional record was read proceeding the debates in the House of Representatives at the Federal level and published in the Federal Register. It is an official document.

Announcements:

* An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Nov. 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Dec. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Dec. 16th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the minutes of the October 28th, 2019 council meeting.

All in favor **Motion carried**

2. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Resolution #15 of 2019, a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal fiscal year 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$91,153.00 on behalf of the Borough of Throop.

All in favor **Motion carried**

3. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Chorba**

To hire Marissa Finn as a part time police officer at an hourly rate of \$18.50, pending background checks, clearances and qualifications.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned if they were interviewed.

Cimini responded that himself, the Chief and the Mayor met with them today.

All in favor **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Chorba**

To hire Nelson Morales as a part time police officer at an hourly rate of \$18.50, pending background checks, clearances and qualifications.

All in favor **Motion carried**

the position should be posted internally and externally because of all the issues he has heard over the years with the Police Department). Feels that perhaps given the many issues he's heard over the years that perhaps maybe we need someone with fresh eyes and a fresh outlook to come in and perhaps give a new perspective to the police department.

9. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize Joe Duda to calculate monthly Pension benefits to Charles Reed based on Throop's Pension Ordinance regarding Officer Reed's total permanent disability to be documented by a medical report.

All in favor

Motion carried

Audience Comments:

Frank Galli spoke on the Civil Service Commission meeting and taking applicant's for full time Police Officer positions. The process takes time. The Chief was covered in the civil service commission, whoever becomes the new chief are you looking to put in the same status with the Civil Service Commission?

Kucharski added yes and Lou addressed that with Joe Sileo.

Cimini added that he had a long conversation with Joe today on it. Joe talked about a separate Civil Service non competitive oral exam for a promotion.

Kucharski so however is selected will be subject to complete that.

Galli questioned if looking to hire or to just have a list?

Kucharski looking to hire.

Galli added it does take time. Not overnight. It is being work on.

Hegedus spoke on the water project that is wrapped up and the new fire hydrants.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary



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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THROOP'S INCORPORATION AS A BOROUGH

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Throop, Pennsylvania for its quasiquicentennial year. Throop celebrated 125 years of being incorporated on April 16, 2019.

The borough was named after one of its most influential residents, Dr. Benjamin H. Throop, who settled in the county in the fall of 1840. He became an active figure in the community, buying real estate and advocating for the separation of Throop and Dickson City Borough. Dr. Throop also served in the military during the Civil War, and at the time, he was one of the wealthiest figures in the area.

Throop originally applied to become independent of Dickson City Borough in 1888, but the subdivision failed. Refusing to back down, the community banded together to continue to circulate petitions. Among the many reasons driving the residents' motivation to become their own, independent borough was a dispute over schools and the desire to have their own schooling system. In 1893, the petition was granted, and the borough was officially incorporated on April 16, 1894.

The Throop family continued to be a driving force behind the borough's success. The Throop Hose Company 1 was organized in 1894 and named after Dr. Throop's son, Dr. George S. Throop. The borough building was completed in 1895 on land donated by Dr. Throop, Dr. Pancoast, and Eli K. Price. Once incorporated, Throop had a population of 1,639 with 266 dwellings, 9 hotels, a small number of businesses, two churches, a colliery, and a school.

Like many communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Throop's coal mining industry was the principal industry in the region for decades. Throop has the distinction of being the site of the first anthracite coal mined in Lackawanna County, which was taken from the Anderson farm by William Wurts in 1814.

Throughout its notable 125-year history, Throop has established an impressive public school system and has continued to celebrate its religious heritage. The borough has also shown its incredible resilience in the face of devastating floods from Hurricanes Diane, Agnes, and Gloria.

Today, Throop is a vibrant community with around 3,900 residents and many industries and businesses that have taken the place of coal mining. Annual traditions and celebrations for children like the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting make Throop an inviting and welcoming place to live and visit. Throop's rich history and a tight knit community make it the flourishing borough it is today.