

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, January 13th, 2020
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
Secretary - Renee O’Malley - A
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

- * A representative from Geisinger Hospital will present certificates to Keith Jones, Andrew Kerecman and Michael Gervasi.
- * Mayor Tropiak will present Certificate of Appreciation to Keith Jones.
- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * An Executive session will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm. For personnel issues.
- * The Jan. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Jan. 27th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Feb. mid-month work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Feb. 11th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Feb. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Feb. 24th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Mayor Tropiak added that Certificates were given to Keith Jones, Andrew Kerecman, Michael Gervasi & Pennsylvania Ambulance on behalf of himself and Council.

1. **Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the minutes of the Dec. 9th, 2019 and Jan. 6th, 2020 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. **Motion by Gangemi** **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Fund Statement, Budgeted Revenue & Expense Statement as of November 30, 2019 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

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| Fund Balances: | |
| General Fund Checking Account - FNCB | \$124,657.75 |
| Senior Activities Account | \$574.00 |
| Senior Contracted Account | \$518.22 |
| General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB | \$960,597.45 |
| Civic Center Account-FNCB | \$10,343.66 |
| General Fund Petty Cash | \$300.00 |
| Payroll Checking Account-FNCB | \$6,763.07 |
| Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct-FNCB | \$3,873,512.76 |
| Sunny Day Fund CD's | \$4,377,571.11 |
| Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB | \$180,178.17 |
| Fund Statement Grand Total: | \$9,535,016.19 |

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To adopt Ordinance #1 of 2020, an ordinance re-enacting a tax of 5 mills on assessed valuation.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize payment in the amount of \$3,226.25 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating for the 741 Murray Street Emergency Sewer Repair Project.

On the question:

A discussion took place regarding the amount left on the contract. About \$4000 left.

Gangemi questioned if it was recommended by Robert.

Kucharski replied yes.

All in Favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$23,490.00 to American Asphalt for the 2018 Bituminous Paving Project.

All in Favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To reimburse Andrew Kerecman \$317.75 for the purchase of a TV for the Police Department surveillance system.

All in Favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To reimburse Andrew Kerecman \$64.00 monthly for the use of his personal cell phone.

On the question:

Williams questioned if it will be reoccurring monthly (Galli – Yes), and if we must vote on it monthly? Magliocchi replied no not while he is serving in his current position

All in Favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$139,500.00 to Maiocco Excavating, Inc for the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project pending approval from Street Commissioner and Borough Engineer.

On the questions:

Gangemi asked that the papers be scanned in landscape.

All in Favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To allow Robert Kalinoski to carry over 480 hours of unused sick time as in the past.

On the question:

Williams asked if there is a max amount.

Galli replied that is the max 480.

Chorba thinks need to get the job descriptions ironed out and get a standard operating procedure and work on some maximums and minimums. Seems extremely high. Higher than a person could use.

Williams & Tanana said it's 60 days.

Kucharski added that with the state they were able to carry over 300 days.

All in Favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To reimburse the property owner at 741 Murray St. in the amount of \$805.00 for the Rossi Rooter invoice as recommended by Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor

Motion carried

Chorba noted that #40 in the packet is Reilly's recommendation for payment on Maiocco's application for payment #1.

11. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To approve change order #2 for the Pearl Street Project in the amount of \$338.41.

All in favor

Motion carried

Mayor Tropiak spoke of Sam Runco turning 100 years old. Would like a Proclamation done for him. There will be cookies & cake for him on the 29th 6 – 8 pm.

Also, you all read that letter I gave from the Post Office? What they offered us? That's the best I can get. Discussed with Congressman Cartwright and Representative Mullins. I believe we should take their offer and get rid of 18447 and everything will be 18512 and work out of the Dunmore Office.

Gangemi and Tomasovitch said it sounds good.

Mayor stated that the Census is very important. It's money in our pockets. At Mayor's meeting they will speak on it. Wants to get banners up and signs. Gangemi told him to get some prices.

A discussion took place regarding the Civic Center sign and tying up Borough money for 10 years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'malley
Borough Secretary