

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, December 9th, 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 - P
Wayne Williams - P
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**
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

Announcements:

- * An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 to discuss personnel matters.
- * Santa Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.
- * Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Volunteer Hose Company, 401 Dunmore Street.
- * Throop Civic Center will hold a Winter Market and Holiday Pop Up on Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2019 from 10am to 3pm. (Over 65 vendors and have a shuttle available from the LL)
- * Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Throop Civic Center on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 5p.m.
- *The Municipal Building will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 2019, Wednesday, Dec 25th, 2019 in observance of Christmas and on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 2020 in observance of New Years

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda or added motions.

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

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the November 25th, 2019 council meeting.

All in favor **Motion carried**

2. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To submit the payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$197,866.00 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$138,421.03. This represents the Boroughs share for the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (additional \$50,000.00 included in both plans) as per the recommendation of Joe Duda.

All in favor **Motion carried**

3. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Gangemi**

To advertise Ordinance #1 of 2020, an ordinance re-enacting a tax on assessed valuation. Kucharski added that there will be no tax increase and the assessed value will remain at 5 mills.

All in favor **Motion carried**

4. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Chorba**

To advertise the 2020 Borough Work Sessions/Meetings. Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan 6th, 2020. Council Work Session/Meetings will be held on the 2nd and last Monday of the month. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. meetings will follow. Any re-scheduling will be advertised. Cancellations will be posted. Meetings are held in council chambers. The following Monday meetings; April 13th and May 25th will be held the Tuesday following due to holidays. There will be one meeting for June, July and August on the last Monday of the month and one meeting in December on Monday, December 14th, 2020.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion By Tanana Seconded by Williams

To adopt the 2020 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budgets.

Kucharski added that the budget is sound and meets the requirements and the total budget this year for the general fund is \$7,189,774.20. Somewhat higher than previous years but we are finally going to get the Dunmore Street, Street Scape project completed this year. We had hoped to have it completed by this point but driveways had to be permitted with Penn DOT.

All in favor Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Williams

To accept the medical report from Dr. Patrick Connors, M.D. Dr Connors states that Officer Charles Reed is unable to return to work as a police officer as a result of injuries suffered in a February 12, 2017 work accident.

Chorba asked if we have the report.
Cimini replied yes.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize monthly pension benefits to Charles Reed in the amount of \$4,524.68, as calculated by Joseph Duda based on Ordinance #8 of 2003, Section 13, total and permanent disability. To continue \$100,000.00 life insurance policy as per the contract.

All in favor Motion carried

8. Motion by Williams Seconded by Tanana

To send a letter to Charles Reed to return all Borough equipment.

All in favor Motion carried

9. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To appoint Andy Kerecman as the Borough Chief of Police.

All in favor

Motion carried

Judge Pesota swore in Andy Kerecman.

Andy Kerecman thanked the Mayor, Council and his family and said a few words.

Kucharski added that he looks forward to working with him and supporting him.

Kerecman thanked him.

10. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To renew CD at FNCB that is maturing on December 10, 2019 for a 1 year term at 1.6% rate.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal received from CDW-G for the purchase of 20 Dell computers at a cost of \$12,981.20.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal received from CDW-G for the purchase 1 year license subscription of Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus at a cost of \$2,768.80.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To accept the proposal received from CDW-G for the purchase of 2 Dell LED monitors at a cost of \$231.04.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment #4 in the amount of \$9,752.06 to Artistic Excavation for the Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, pending approval from Street Commissioner, Engineer and Solicitor pending receipt of legible invoice.

Chorba added that this is #19 in the packet and can't read it. It's a bad copy.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment #2 in the amount of \$39,448.35 to Scranton Craftsmen Excavating, Inc. for the Sanderson Street Emergency Storm Repair Project, pending approval from Street Commissioner, Engineer and Solicitor.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To grant approval for a minor subdivision for Gould Electronics at Woodlawn and Short St., pending approval from Lackawanna County Planning Commission. Approved by Reilly Associates.

On the question:

Chorba added that #14 in the packet deals with this and it has an extra page that should be removed. CC employee background check.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Resolution # 16 of 2019, a resolution reappointing Dennis Pabis as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Commission for a four year term, expiring Dec, 9, 2023.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Chorba

To adopt Resolution #17 of 2019, a resolution reappointing Robert Kokinda as a member of the Throop Borough Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term, expiring Dec. 9 2022.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To release the Letter of Credit for Scranton Craftsmen related to Schoolside Phase II pending approval by the Borough Engineer and receipt of as built plans for stormwater BMP's.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To donate \$200.00 to the Senior Elite Group & Over 55 Group for their Christmas Parties.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Tanana**

To approve the 2020 contract for the Appel Technology Maintenance Agreement.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize payment to the Volunteer Hose Co. of Throop (#3) for their 4th quarter allotment in the amount of \$8,750.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

Tomasovitch read aloud a resignation letter from Eugene DePasquale.

27. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To accept Eugene DePasquale's letter of resignation.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski added for Lou to send a letter thanking him for his service.

28. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To approve the new contract with the Throop Police Officers Association pending written approval by the bargaining unit of the terms which appear in a letter dated December 6, 2019.

On the question:
Williams: Inaudible.

All in favor

Motion carried

Chorba: Item #23 in the packet, I questioned this invoice in October. They took \$500.00 off. We have to have the borough department heads at least review. They should be approved before they get in the packet and get voted on.
Magliocchi: Attach the email to it.

Cimini added that he will be at the FEMA open house at the Library downtown tomorrow. A discussion took place about the flood maps.

29. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To accept the quote received from Appel Technologies for cameras at the DPW garage and to mount on the light poles.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski questioned the DPW contract, expires in March, and knows a mediator was assigned, inaudible before we even have any discussions?
Cimini replied that Craig - so we have someone named rather than wait but initial talks won't begin until January.

Kucharski wished everyone a very happy and healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. See you all in the new year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary