

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, November 9th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Special Work Session/Meeting
for General Purposes

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
Wayne Williams - P
Vince Tanana - P
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**
Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P
Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - Excused
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

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

- * The Municipal Building will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 in observance of Veteran's Day.

- * Veterans Day Services will be held on Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building and at 11:00 a.m. at the VFW Memorial on Boulevard Avenue.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * Nov. 16, 2020 Budget Work Session with Department heads at 6:00. Meeting for general purposes to follow.
- * The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Nov. 30th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Dec. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Dec. 14th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

- 1. Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the minutes of the October 26th, and November 2nd, 2020 council meetings.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 2. Motion by Chorba** **Seconded by Tanana**

To ratify the motion passed on November 2, 2020 to deposit the 2 CD's that matured in October 2020 into the Sunny Day Fund where it will get .55% interest.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To deposit the CD that is maturing on 11/6/2020 into the Sunny Day Fund with an interest rate of .55%.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 4. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment #3 in the amount of \$150,275.38 to American Asphalt for the 2018 paving project pending receipt of maintenance bond.

All in favor **Motion carried**

- 5. Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Chorba**

To approve change order #1 for American Asphalt paving project deducting \$12,774.80.

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Chorba Seconded by Tanana

To authorize the final payment in the amount of \$5,787.34 to Fehlinger for the sewer repairs project.

All in favor Motion carried

7. Motion by Tanana Seconded by Gangemi

To open the Senior Center 2 nights a week from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm pending review and compliance with all the State guidelines.

Williams we have no idea what we are doing. We didn't even talk to Corey yet. Chorba added that Corey has to post the guidelines for the school those have to be defined right now. Once they are defined then you can figure out what you can do with the Senior Center – if you can do it at all. We need clear direction because they are changing too much.

4 in favor Motion carried
Tomasovitch & Williams (until we get more information) against

Kucharski is for and agrees with all of the comments. Chorba is afraid of cross contamination.

8. Motion by Williams Seconded by Chorba

If it is not reasonable to meet the state guidelines and financially fiscal, then the Senior Center will stay closed.

All in favor Motion carried

9. Motion by Tomasovitch Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the proposal from Bartush Signs pending receipt of check from County in the amount of \$35,000.00. (\$39,858.00 (Proposal) minus \$3,500.00 (DPW does site work and anchor holes) = \$36,358.00)

All in favor Motion carried

10. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Chorba

After providing employee number 5038 with notice, pre-deprivation hearing and an opportunity to be heard and based on the current Chief of Police and Mayor's recommendation, the employee's current paid suspension is converted to a suspension without pay.

The employee will be afforded all post decision appeal rights and an opportunity to be heard which may include a civil service hearing and/or grievance and arbitration. Additional information in the regard will be provided to the employee.

Official Comments:

Kucharski added that with the State you can only file an appeal with one juncture either a Union grievance or a civil service grievance but not both.

Cimini added that it will be one or the other.

5 in favor, Tomasovitch abstained

Motion carried

11. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept the proposal from Hillman Security for the maglock on the Civic Center door at a cost of \$590.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To adopt parking restrictions on Short Street as recommended by Throop Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Official Comments:

Gangemi: Over 1 million 6 over now. Page 12 shows you. That does not include any of Andy's wish list stuff (another 100,000) Page 11 does not include the capital projects (Roberts George

St, Center, Simpson 600 block and Garbage truck. That's another 1.5 million. If these capital projects are important and they are we should make the decision that were going to fund them with Sunny day money.

Chorba added that the money being put in for these projects should be just Engineering money the first year.

Gangemi: This is probably total cost

Chorba: We should put the project for next year.

Gangemi we may want to start hitting that sunny day money and not paying us back. Probably not a bad idea. We need to talk about amending the Ordinance.

Williams thinks the Sunny day fund we need to use for infrastructure and improvements, not because somebody wants a trailer or a backhoe.

Williams and we have to decide how much we want to leave in there. I think a million is a little too lite but something. If you get a grant a lot of times you have to match it so you want to give yourself money to match.

Chorba I would like to 2.5 to 3 is where I would like to be.

Williams added he has to reach out to Paul.

Gangemi asked for Lou to reach out to Robert saying that we are more interested in permitting and Engineering costs for the first year with construction the following year.

Tomasovitch wanted everyone to know that she got a phone call this morning that Andy Kerecman wants to meet with the Civil Service to talk about Lieutenant and Sergeant. She sent an email back saying that Council does not want it and he is aware of it and still wants a meeting.

Kucharski: First of all, the meeting should be with Council, we're the body that is going to be making those decisions so I would respectfully ask that the Civil Service refuse to meet and refer him back to Council as far as this discussion with the budget.

Cimini asked if Council was going to entertain a motion to hire a SRO.

Gangemi: We better do that.

Chorba feels need some more discussion because would like to have it a full time – part time officer where they get provisions during the summers when school is out so they will want to stay with us. Also feels should be offered to Knebyl at this point. No insurance/benefits.

Williams suggested offering them to buy into ours.

Chorba we can think about it for next week.

Mayor mentioned the Veteran's Day Ceremonies here at the Borough building at 10:00 on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary