

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday December 14th, 2020
Monthly Work Session/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
Wayne Williams - P
Vince Tanana - P
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**
Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P
Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Throop Borough Officials and Employees would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Announcements:

* The Zoning Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance that was scheduled for tonight was cancelled, it will be rescheduled for January 14th, 2021.

Work Session/Meetings:

* See motion below.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

5. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of November 30th, 2020 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$88,996.90
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$10.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$5,749.48
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$975,961.98
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$19,979.56
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$7,537.49
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$5,923,852.68
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$2,217,812.47
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$308,254.88
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,548,455.44

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To submit the payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$314,158.67 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$131,935.67. This represents the Boroughs share for the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation. An additional \$75,000 is included in both plans, per Joe Duda's recommendation.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch
abstained on Non-Uniform**

Motion carried

7. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize payment of the fourth quarter allotment to the Volunteer Hose Company in the amount of \$8,750.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Magliocchi

To advertise the 2021 Borough Work Sessions/Meetings. 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 meeting scheduled for May 31st, will be held on Monday, May 24th, 2021, due to Memorial Day. 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 20th, 2021.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To pledge \$500 to the Scranton Plan to be paid in annual installments of \$100, beginning in 2021 and ending in 2025, for their Attract, Sustain and Grow Campaign.

On the question:

Mayor: Explained it is a plan through the Scranton Chamber of Commerce. Help with development of businesses and marketing. Have created over 50,000 jobs. Asking for \$100/year to fund the program for that period. It will help us eventually in the Borough and County.

Asking that this get passed to push Throop forward.

Tony: Feels probably somebody in the Borough works in those businesses. Would like to see our Industrial Park get some activity.

Kucharski: It's \$100.00 and feels the chamber of commerce is a worth while organization.

Agrees with asking the Mayor to have a conversation.

Mayor: I will. Thank you.

**3 in favor, Chorba, Tomasovitch,
Williams & Magliocchi Against**

Motion failed

10. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Williams**

To adopt the 2021 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,703,817.91 and the 2021 Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$422,314.76.

All in favor **Motion carried**

11. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To advertise Ordinance #1 of 2021, an ordinance re-enacting the tax rate on assessed valuation of the Borough of Throop for the year 2021, shall be as follows, for general purposes, the sum of five (5) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

All in favor **Motion carried**

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

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting in the amount of \$3,225.00 for the 2021 retainer for the Borough of Throop Police Pension Plan. (Payments will be paid from the assets of the fund).

All in favor **Motion carried**

13. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting in the amount of \$3,225.00 for the 2021 retainer for the Borough of Throop Non-Uniform Pension Plan (payment will be paid from the assets of the fund).

All in favor **Motion carried**

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To deposit the CD that matured on December 10th, 2020 in the Sunny Day Checking account.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To reappoint Rose Kaminski as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Commission for a four-year term expiring 12/14/2024.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

To advertise Ordinance # 2 of 2021, a Short-Term Rental Ordinance for Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To accept the proposal received from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$8,239.05 to upgrade the fire alarm system as the Civic Center.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$17,034.90 to Maiocco for the 1142 South Valley Sewer Repair Project.

All in favor **Motion carried**

19. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To authorize payment in the amount of \$11,434.25 to Maiocco for the 400 Dunmore Street Sewer Repair Project.

All in favor **Motion carried**

20. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize payment #1 in the amount of \$178,969.27 to H & K Group, Inc. for the 2020 Street Paving Project

All in favor **Motion carried**

21. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise and put out for bid the 2021 Paving Project with Lynwood Street as an add alternate.

All in favor **Motion carried**

22. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Williams**

To allow Robert Kalinoski to carry over 8 vacation days and 2 personal days until March 31, 2021.

All in favor **Motion carried**

23. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize the Borough Engineer to do a Traffic & Engineering Study for no parking on the East side of Charles Street pending Robert Kalinoski's review.

All in favor **Motion carried**

24. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Tanana**

To hire Mary Devault as a childcare/monitor for the Civic Center at \$11.00/hour pending clearances.

All in favor **Motion carried**

25. Motion by Magliocchi **Seconded by Williams**

To advertise a virtual public hearing to discuss and adopt the new Zoning Ordinance on January 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

All in favor **Motion carried**

26. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To approve Maiocco's revised application for payment #6 upon receipt of written approval from the Street Commissioner and the Borough Engineer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Talked about carrying over unused time for all Department heads.

27. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To allow Corey Shevchik to carry over up to 2 weeks of vacation & personal time until March 31, 2021.

All in favor

Motion carried

Tomasovitch asked Cimini if there is any talk on the DPW Contract.

Kucharski would like to talk about Hose Co #2 at some point.

28. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tanana

Throop Borough no longer recognizes Hose Co. #2 as an active fire company.

**All in favor,
Williams abstained**

Motion carried

Mayor spoke that he is disappointed in everyone that the Scranton Plan didn't pass.

Magliocchi said he will vote for it but then you prove me wrong. Wayne tried and they didn't do anything here.

Gangemi added that people in this town work for those businesses so that's a plus right there.

29. **Motion by Magliocchi**

Seconded by Tanana

To donate \$100.00 for the next 5 years to the Scranton Chambers of Commerce.

All in favor

Motion carried

**(Tomasovitch only voted for it for
the Mayor – doesn't think they will
do anything for us because they never did)**

There were audience comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary