

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, February 22nd, 2021
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
Vince Tanana - P
Wayne Williams - P
Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**
Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini – P
Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P
Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P
Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

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

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The Mar. mid month work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 8th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Mar. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 29th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

A discussion took place regarding the movement of the Post Office Mailbox from George Street to the Borough Building.

1. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept the monthly zoning reports and the minutes of the February 8th, 2021 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Chorba

To accept the treasurers' monthly reports as posted and to pay the monthly bills against the borough as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Unpaid bills: "Items for Payment"	\$100,714.36
Paid bills:	\$38,051.95
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$238,792.04
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$10,407.16

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except Tomasovitch abstained on husband, Williams on daughter & Kucharski on granddaughter

Motion carried

4. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of Jan. 31st, 2021 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$38,144.11
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$10.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$5,749.48
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$925,640.99
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$2,366.45
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$7,245.96
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$6,282,534.95
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$1,718,241.41
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$166.56
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,980,399.91

All in favor **Motion carried**

6. Motion by Tomasovitch **Seconded by Williams**

To accept the proposal received from Rainey & Rainey, Certified Public Accountants for the 2020 audit not to exceed \$6,800.00.

All in favor **Motion carried**

7. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize council president to execute the four-year agreement between Throop Borough and Teamsters 229 effective March 24, 2020.

On the question:

Kucharski added that the back pay is almost a year. March 24.

Williams asked if we used any COVID money to pay DPW?

Kucharski asked if that is something we could do?

Williams will look into it tomorrow.

Tanana the back pay was budgeted because it was their raise.

Williams: Still a big amount to pay.

**All in favor except Tomasovitch
abstained on husband**

Motion carried

8. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize payment in the amount of \$10,545.00 to Appel Technology Solutions for the 2021 contract.

Comment:

Kucharski added that Orr left their office on Charles St. and Appel is moving in there.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize payment in the amount of \$6,310.41 to Tru Green for the 2021 lawn service.

On the question:

Tanana asked if this is for all the properties.

Galli replied yes.

Kucharski: lump payment to save money.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To grant permission to Holy Cross High School Varsity Baseball team for the use of Washington Street Park Ballfield for the upcoming 2021 Baseball Season (William Shevchik will schedule to field.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To advertise an Ordinance to establish a “No Parking” zone on both sides of Charles Street from its intersection with North Street to its intersection with Sanderson Street as per the traffic study and report prepared by Reilly Associates.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

A motion to authorize Attorney Cimini to send a Final Notice to all property owners impacted by the Dunmore Street Streetscape Project who have failed to secure a Minimum Use Driveway Permit for an existing driveway. The Notice shall indicate that a Highway Occupancy Permit for a Minimum Use Driveway has not been issued for the respective address, and that the property owner must timely submit a completed Application for a Minimum Use Driveway, subject to review, approval and issuance of a Highway Occupancy Permit by PaDOT to retain the current driveway access from State Route 0347 to their respective property and permit Throop to install a depressed concrete curb and driveway apron by way of an Amendment to Throop's Highway Occupancy Permit #04060970.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

A motion to authorize Reilly Associates to submit an Act 13 Grant application to DCED on behalf of Throop Borough, to provide for streambank stabilization along the Southerly embankment of the Lackawanna River and tree/brush removal along the portion of the Levee system that parallels the Lackawanna River from Sanderson Street downstream to the Borough's stormwater pump station on Bellman Street. These items have been identified as deficiencies in PaDEP's latest Levee Inspection Report dated 11/24/20. Throop Borough will provide a 15% match of the total project cost should the application be approved.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Chorba

A motion to authorize the Street Commissioner to purchase a new garbage truck from Hunter Pocono Peterbilt in the amount of \$250,000.00 and to seek an appropriate trade-in allowance for the 2005 Sterling Condor/Leach 2RIII garbage truck and apply it to the purchase price.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To allow William Shevchik to begin working on Washington Street Ballfield for the upcoming season on approximately March 15, weather permitting. He will be paid on an hourly basis, the same hourly rate as last year, until his seasonal salary begins.

All in favor

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary