

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, May 24th, 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 - A

Richard Kucharski – **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - A

Vince Tanana - P

Wayne Williams - P

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - A

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - P

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcement

* An executive session was held this evening at 6:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

* The Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, May 31st, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.

* Memorial Day Services will be held on Monday, May 31st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building and 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial on Boulevard Ave.

Work Session/Meetings:

* The June monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. June 28th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

* The July monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. July 26th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

* The August monthly work session/meeting will be held on Mon. Aug. 30th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Tropiak is looking for more representation from Council at the Memorial Day Ceremony with the VFW coming.

1. **Motion by Williams** **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the minutes of the May 10th, 2021 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

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

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"	\$61,207.39
Paid bills:	\$74,752.32
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$394,571.15
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$71,910.86

All in favor

Motion carried

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

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor,
Except Williams abstained on daughter
and Kucharski on granddaughter**

Motion carried

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

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Gangemi **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of April 30, 2021 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$93,612.63
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$10.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$19,688.23
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$942,808.93
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$1,946.22
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$7,551.35
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$6,037,940.64
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$1,718,241.41
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$122,818.02
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,944,917.43

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Throop Borough Resolution #6 of 2021, a resolution to authorize signatures for new checking account at FNCB.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To grant permission to Baseball U Academy for the use of Washington Street Ballfield for the 2021 season (William Shevchik will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To advertise Ordinance #4 of 2021, an ordinance recommending that stop signs be placed on Coppernick Street at each approach to the intersection with Edgar Street.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To grant permission to Mid Valley Junior League for the use of Washington Street Ballfield for the 2021 season (William Shevchik will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To close out the CD maturing at Fidelity Bank on June 12, 2021 and deposit into the Sunny Day Fund at FNCB. If the renewal rate is greater at Fidelity than the Sunnyday account then renew at fidelity.

On the question:

Tanana: Fidelity gives us a better rate than the money market that we have been rolling these CD's into and we keep it there.

Kucharski: The President of the Bank, Dan, he said I know what you're doing playing us against FNCB and then you're just going to take the money and put it there.

Williams: Everything is at FNCB, it never leaves this gentleman's hands. He dictates to us what he is going to give us. And if we keep taking everything out of Fidelity we're always going to be at his beck and call. It never leaves his hands.

Galli added that the rates were lowered on the accounts.

Williams: If we don't give somebody else a shot to do something we're always going to be doing this.

Gangemi: It's leaving his hands now.

Kucharski: Dan said he knows the game.

Williams: I see his frustration.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by

Seconded by

A motion for Throop Borough to contribute \$1,000 for the appraisal of Nivert Metal in preparation for a trial scheduled in September 2021 as to its assessed value. Throop's contribution is contingent upon Mid Valley School District contributing \$2,000 and the County contributing \$1,000. Total appraisal cost is \$4,000 to be conducted by Swartz Valley Appraisers.

A discussion took place regarding the fees and the taxes that we collect from Nivert. They need this in case it goes to trial.

Tanana disagrees with the amounts and not even sure if we collect that on the tax rolls from them.

Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To Table Motion #11.

All in favor

Motion tabled

12. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To accept the bids received for the 2021 Sewer Lining Repairs Project and award the project to Genesee Valley Construction, LLC. For the base bid amount of \$43,140.00 pending timely receipt of the Employment Eligibility Verification Compliance Form and the Public Works Employment Verification Form. Recommended by the Borough Engineer and Robert Kalinoski.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To lower the interest rate on the Police Pension and Non Uniform Pension funds to 6.0% as recommended by Joe Duda.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To grant an exception to Denise Armstrong and approve her application for a Handicapped Parking space at 523 Meade Street.

On the question:

Williams feels overstepping our bounds. This is an Ordinance that was adopted for the Mayor to take care of. If she had an appeal she should've went to the Mayor and the Chief. Handicapped parking is something the Mayor handles, not us. It's enforced by him, not us. I get it's an ordinance. I feel like we are stepping on the Mayor's turf right now. It should've been appealed to Joe.

Tanana asked if he recommended her to come to Council.

Mayor responded that he only said he would talk to her at her convenience. It says that. I didn't say that. I don't know how that came about. I said I would talk to you at your convenience. It didn't come back to me. The Chief and I didn't talk about it.

Hegedus added that you need an appeal process. The ordinance doesn't say that. You can make it whatever it is.

Williams added that with the ADA you need an appeal process.

Hegedus added that the other thing you need to look at is that it is supposed to be renewed every year. Needs to be enforced. A few around town that people pass away and not taken down.

Only 2 limited to a block.

Galli added that Renee does send out renewals yearly.

Williams is they have off street parking inaudible.

Kucharski: if you get a chance drive by there. I am familiar with the driveway it does go down to the back and is very steep.

Williams: I get it but there should be an appeal process. She shouldn't just come to council and say

Gangemi added your right we are going against the ordinance.

Williams we are opening the door now to anyone else.

Kucharski added that Lou said we have the authority

Williams: I get it, it's an ordinance. But we're doing it wrong.

Kucharski why should we make her suffer if we're doing it wrong.

Hegedus added that Louis and he will look at the Ordinance to amend it.

Williams and it will go to another body to make a decision.

Gangemi added that the need is there.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Gangemi

To add the 100 foot section on Simpson Street to the 2021 Paving Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To approve H&K Group Incorporated's Application and Certificate for Payment #2 for the 2020 Paving Project in the amount of \$9,534.41.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tanana**

To approve H&K Group Incorporated's Application and Certificate for Payment #3, final payment, for the 2020 Paving Project in the amount of \$20,944.85

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To authorize payment to Maiocco Excavating for Invoice #1 for the sewer lateral repair at 605 Dunmore Street in the amount of \$11,952.00.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Williams **Seconded by Tanana**

To accept the proposal received from Appel Technology for Police Department Server and License.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Gangemi**

To hire Anna Howey for Civic Center Summer help at the prevailing rate pending all clearances.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Isabella Picchini for Civic Center Summer help at the prevailing rate pending all clearances.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Meadow Killino for Civic Center Summer help at the prevailing rate pending all clearances.

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Shane Rosencrance for DPW summer help at \$13.00/hour and \$15.00/hour if on Packer.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Brendan Davies for DPW summer help at \$13.00/hour and \$15.00/hour if on Packer.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To hire Aaron Killino for DPW summer help pending Robert's approval at \$13.00/hour and \$15.00/hour if on Packer.

All in favor

Motion carried

Galli asked if serve pro can check out council chambers because of the smell.

A conversation took place.

Kucharski: Yes.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary**