

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Monday, August 30th, 2021
Monthly Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Gangemi -P

Mike Chorba - P

Richard Kucharski – **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - A

Vince Tanana - A

Wayne Williams - P

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - P**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli – P

During the work session Mayor Tropiak presented a proclamation to the Mid Valley Spartanettes Softball team for capturing the Lackawanna League Division III Championship, the PIAA District II Class AAA Championship and second place in the 2021 PIAA State Class AAA Championship.

Announcement:

*An executive session was held this evening at 5:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

*Rich Kucharski formally recognized Borough Fire Chief Andy Hegedus and following members of the Volunteer Hose Company #3; Lt. Eddie Abda, Lt. Alec Shattin, FF Richie Zackoski, FF Gregory Budzinski, and JRFF Devon Budzinski for their diligence Sunday, August 22nd when we had the heavy rain, they were out to the wee hours of the morning pumping out basements. On behalf of the residents, they went above and beyond and would like people in the town to know.

Chief Hegedus: It wasn't necessary, we appreciate it. We were doing our job, we were also in Olyphant that night.

*Kucharski: Received a message from Dave Repchick, he wanted to thank everyone for the proclamation for his mother's 100 birthday proclaiming that day Marguerite Repchick Day in Throop.

3. Motion by: Gangemi **Seconded by: Williams**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in Favor **Motion Carried**
 Except Williams abstains on Daughter,
 Kucharski abstains on granddaughter

4. Motion by: Chorba **Seconded by: Williams**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in Favor **Motion Carried**

5. Motion by: Gangemi **Seconded by: Williams**

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

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$78,177.92
American Rescue Plan Funds - FNCB	\$203,896.75
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$10.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$19,689.59
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$1,338,872.33
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$10,411.66
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$6,811.21
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$7,741,570.15
Sunny Day Fund CD's	\$97,930.60
Liquid Fuels Account - FNCB	\$92,405.99
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,590,076.20

All in Favor

Motion Carried

6. Motion by: Gangemi Seconded by: Williams

To adopt Ordinance #6 of 2021, Throop Borough Blight Ordinance.

Chorba: Asked Andy for a brief update.

Hegedus: It will allow us to start formal condemnation process on any property in the borough weather it is privately or publicly owned, if we can't find the person who owns it. We will be able to use CDBG funds that are not associated with projects, there are funds that are specifically set aside for blight. It allows us to go in and start the formal process.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

7. Motion by: Magliocchi Seconded by: Williams

To accept the Edgar Street Traffic Assessment dated July 30, 2021 prepared by Reilly Associates.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

8. Motion by: Magliocchi Seconded by: Gangemi

To accept the proposal received from Joyce, Jackman & Bell for the borough's liability insurance in the amount of \$83,909.00 effective 9/4/2021.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Seconded by

To promote Joe Budzinski to Operator.

Motion Failed

Gangemi: There should be a discussion before a motion like this is put on the agenda.

Kucharski: He is getting operator rate when he does the job.

10. Motion by: Chorba

Seconded by: Gangemi

To accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Department of Army Permit #NAB-2019-00114 for the Sulphur Creek Stabilization Project and approve the associated \$10.00 fee payable to the US Army Corps of Engineers Finance and Accounting Officer.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Attorney Cimini: Act 65 amended the Sunshine Act. So, we have to post the agenda 24 hours before the meeting. That has been done. To add motions that are not on the approved agenda we have to pass a motion to amend the agenda. But for a motion that does not involve the borough entering into a contract or expending funds. This motion does not need a motion to amend the agenda.

11. Motion by: Williams

Seconded by: Magliocchi

To authorize Andy Hegedus to sign on behalf of the borough to relocate the postal box from 319 George St. to 436 Sanderson St.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Talk about moving the council meetings to Tuesdays.

Mayor: Received results for the Census, we are down 23 people. It was started when I became Mayor in 2018, it was started two years in advance. Chief Andy Hegedus, Robin Galli and Renee O'Malley helped putting the census together. The deadline was changed from September 30th, 2020 to September 1st, 2020.

Motion to adjourn

**Minutes by Robin Galli
Chief Clerk**