

Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 2022
Special Work Session/Meeting 6:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members of Council:

Anthony Gangemi - P

Matthew Chorba - P

Richard Kucharski – **President - P**

Charlene Tomasovitch - P

Vince Tanana - P

Wayne Williams - A

Bob Magliocchi - **Vice President - A**

Solicitor/Borough Manager - Louis A. Cimini - P

Mayor - Joe Tropiak - P

Secretary - Renee O'Malley - A

Chief Clerk/Treasurer -Robin Galli - P

Announcements:

Work Session/Meetings:

* A Public Hearing will be held on October 25th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Amendment

* The Oct monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Oct. 25th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov. mid monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Nov. 8th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

* The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Nov. 29th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To accept Septembers Zoning Reports and the minutes of the Sept. 27th, 2022 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

2. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To approve the Shimkus' lot's unification (Lots 31 and 32) in Schoolside Estates Phase II as recommended by the Throop Planning Commission.

On the question:

Tanana: Added that there is a \$2,000.00 per lot tapping fee for the Eddy Creek sewer line. Unifying those lots you have 2 separate sewer connections. Not sure if planning talked about that or anything. So it would be 2 connections.

Shimkus questioned why would need 2 connections?

Tanana replied because they are already there. There is one for every lot. We're unifying the 2 lots and they are already there. There will be 2 water hook ups, 2 electrical hook ups, because it's all underground utilities. It's all preinstalled from when he ran the gas and water lines.

Tomasovitch questioned if they will have 2 gas bills and 2 water bills?

Tanana replied no. The water company will run one line and one they will cut off and cap. The electrical they won't tie into a box unless they are going to have 2- 200 meter services on the house. That would be the only reason you'd have 2. But the sewer tap in fee is

Tomasovitch but they are only going to tap 1

Tanana right but that's already there. I'm saying there is 2 there. There is nothing stopping anybody from utilizing that one. All you have to do is dig down 6 ½ feet and tap into it. All the utilities were in there before they sold the lots.

Gangemi but it's not going to be utilized.

Tanana: There are a lot of people that live in phase I that have lots above them they've already talked about buying lots and unifying them with their lots. I'm just saying we're going to get a lot of this now.

Gangemi added that Kosik will have to decide if he wants to abandon it or whatever. We'll have to keep track of where the sewers are. They may have to abandon it and they may not. Have to just keep track. But I wouldn't charge him 2 tapping fees. Have to keep tabs on it. If there's a connection may want to terminate it so it doesn't cause problems. Especially 10 years down the road if an 811 call comes in. Needs to be in the records is all.

All in favor

Motion carried

3. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To authorize payroll to issue a refund from the pension fund of all monies paid by employee #5083, plus interest calculated at a rate of 5%, as per terms of the pension ordinance.

On the question:

Tanana: the pension ordinance. Do we have to pay 5% or can we put prevailing interest rates?

Cimini added that the ordinance says 5%

Tanana added that he understands that but when that ordinance was written interest rates were probably above 5%. So what I'm saying is that you'll be lucky to make 5% on the pension this year.

Cimini questioned if he is saying that he wants to amend the ordinance?

Tanana: Yes. At a prevailing interest rate. A lot of years you won't get 5%.

Galli this is money that he paid in so he is entitled to it back.

All in favor

Motion carried

4. Motion by

Seconded by

To add the following language to the five Welcome to Throop signs "A Zoned Community, Permits Required".

Gangemi asked if want to table until we get some numbers, costs.

Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To table Motion #4.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Chorba

To submit the pension payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan totaling \$165,774.45. This represents the 2022 Commonwealth Allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid that was received on Sept. 28, 2022.

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

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Gangemi

To approve James T. O'Hara's Application for Payment #5 (Final) in the amount of \$9,671.60 for the work performed on the Sulphur Creek Project pending receipt and acceptance of their Maintenance Bond.

On the question:

Tanana added that it is looking good.

Gangemi thought we were doing the whole thing.

This is just the top phase.

All in favor

Motion carried

Gangemi questioned the department heads and their budgets. Will have to set up meetings Calculations for 2023 pensions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor added that the "Welcome to Throop" signs and his name should be the same as the sign. It should be what I want. I am the person.

Gangemi suggested speaking with the Chief.

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