

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023
Budget Work Session 6:00 p.m.
Monthly 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 - 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

Announcements:

*Throop Civic Center will have a “Trunk or Treat” on Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Meetings:

- * The Nov. monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- * The Dec monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Audience comments on tonight's agenda:

Joe Tomasovitch mentioned the Trunk or Treat date is October 29th. Was listed as the 28th.

1. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the September Zoning Reports and the minutes of the September 26, 2023 and October 10th, 2023 council meetings.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

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"	\$76,750.49
Paid bills:	\$250,636.70
General Fund Revenue Report (Includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$1,569,316.66
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$17,472.50

**All in favor, Chorba
Abstained on GPI**

Motion carried

3. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

**All in favor, Tomasovitch
Abstained on husband**

Motion carried

4. **Motion by Tomasovitch**

Seconded by Williams

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor

Motion carried

5. **Motion by Tomasovitch**

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of Sept. 30, 2023, as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$49,357.79
Throop Zoning Account - FNCB	\$411.29
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$25,262.59
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$561,010.15
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$5,078.93
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$6,133.26
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$8,299,209.75
Liquid Fuels Account – FNCB	\$143,577.76
Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,090,371.52

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To adopt Ordinance #3 of 2023, an ordinance for Carbon Dioxide injection well and Carbon Sequestration impact Fee.

On the question:

Kucharski understands that Tanana did a very nice job drafting this Ordinance. There were some concerns with putting the cart before the horse but even though there are numbers in for impact fees they are not set in stone.

Tanana: There is flexibility built into the ordinance. It can be raised-lowered; It can be in lieu of 15 or a maximum of a two-year contract. Again, it's because Council can change hands every 2 years so there is no reason to lock future council into a contract that they shouldn't be locked into.

Kucharski: Something related, Lou talked about possibly having someone from DEP come in and do a presentation for us. From Arcea ... we certainly need a lot more information and this is simply to protect the Boroughs rights financially as far as the impact fee is concerned.

Tanana: It has nothing to do with permitting or anything like that. The state has nothing right now for anything.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize payment in the amount of \$350.00 to Duda Actuarial Consulting for the 2023 State Aid allocation to the Police Pension (payments will be paid from the assets of the fund).

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize payment in the amount of \$350.00 to Duda Actuarial Consulting for the 2023 State Aid allocation to the Non-Uniform Pension (payments will be paid from the assets of the fund).

**All in favor, Tomasovitch
Abstained on husband**

Motion carried

9. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Magliocchi

To approve Pioneer Construction Company, Inc. Application for Payment #3 in The amount of \$49,457.57 for work completed on the Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project – Dudley St to George St.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Williams

To accept employee #5175 resignation effective 10/19/2023.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Resolution #6 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$95,273.00 on behalf of Throop Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To discontinue the step program for full time police officers pending review and Attorney Cimini's approval and signature.

On the question:

Kucharski added that the previous way it was handled was for 5 years they were on a progressive salary to full salary. This way will be 80% to start and 100% after probation.

Cimini added that there will be a memorandum of understanding prepared to be signed by the Union.

Magliocchi added that the officers not at the rate will be bumped up.

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Magliocchi

To submit payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$93,246.18 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$81,590.46. This represents the 2023 Commonwealth Allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid that was received on Sept. 27, 2023 in the amount of \$174,836.64.

**All in favor, Tomasovitch
Abstained on non-union**

Motion carried

14. Motion by

Seconded by

To hire Jaelynne Bednash for part time help at the Throop Civic Center pending clearances.

Tomasovitch questioned if we know where she lives.
Galli replied no.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To amend the agenda.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To hire Pat Barnes for senior aerobic classes at the Civic Center paid \$50.00/week from funds allocated from the senior grant money received.

All in favor

Motion carried

Tanana referenced the TruGreen proposal for 2024. Suggested getting a couple prices from other companies. Grass Hopper and Green Machine were mentioned.

Gangemi added that he will be asking Pat Appel for pricing for cameras at the Little League. Kucharski added that the shed at Washington Street Park needs cameras also.

The meeting was adjourned.

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