

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 2023
Budget Work Session 6:15 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:

***An executive session was held following the Special Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. 2023 to discuss personnel issues.**

***An executive session is scheduled this evening at 6:00 p.m. and at 6:30 pm to discuss personnel issues.**

Kucharski recognized the Cub Scouts Pack 21's Arrow of Light Scouts

- **Lucas Carroll**
- **Anna Kokinda**
- **Cullen Stempien**
- **Greyson Stempien**

Work Session/Meetings:

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

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

1. Motion by Williams**Seconded by Chorba**

To accept the October and November Zoning Reports and the minutes of the October 24, 2023 and November 21st, 2023 council meetings.

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"	\$75,259.10
Paid bills:	\$89,358.98
General Fund Revenue Report (Includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$675,651.99
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$14,866.18

**All in favor except
Chorba abstained on GPI**

Motion carried

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

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

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

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 Oct. 31, 2023, as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$76,559.13
Throop Zoning Account - FNCB	\$861.29
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$25,273.32
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$786,605.62
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$3,694.05
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$42,872.02
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$6,320,776.85
Sunny Day CD's	\$2,000,000.00
Liquid Fuels Account – FNCB	\$141.92

Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$9,257,114.20
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On the question:

Gangemi questioned if the CD's were on there.

Galli replied they are.

All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To donate \$100 to the Valley Community Library.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the 2024 retainer for the Borough of Throop Police Pension Plan (Payment will be paid from the assets of the fund).

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To authorize payment to Duda Actuarial Consulting in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the 2024 retainer for the Borough of Throop Non-Uniform Pension Plan (Payment will be paid from the assets of the fund).

**All in favor, except
Tomasovitch abstained**

Motion carried

9. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Chorba

To advertise the Proposed 2024 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budgets.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment in the amount of \$59,246.64 to the Sunny Day Account as per the 2023 Budget.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To submit payments to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$164,380.82 and the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$6,395.00. This represents the Boroughs share for the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation. An additional \$50,000 is included in the Non Uniform Plan per Joe Duda's recommendation.

On the question:

Tanana asked if the Police is correct.

Galli replied it is. Had \$81,000 from the state.

**All in favor, except
Tomasovitch abstained on non-uniform**

Motion carried

12. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Williams

To donate \$100.00 to the Mid Valley Elementary Center Drama Club.

All in favor

Motion carried

Motion carried

17. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Chorba

To approve Pioneer Construction Co. Inc's Application for Payment #4 (Final) in the amount of \$9,551.83 for work performed on the Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (Dudley St. to George St.).

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Chorba

Seconded by Tanana

To approve Pioneer Construction Co., Inc. Change Order #2 (balancing change order) for a decrease in the Contract amount of \$7,355.40 for work performed on the Dunmore Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To accept Tom Carr's letter of Resignation from Throop Borough Planning Commission.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To rescind the motion awarding the Oleckna Street Sidewalk Paving Project to JR Runco Blacktop & Concrete Inc.

On the question:

Cimini added that he gave Robin the email today from JR Runco rescinding their bid.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To award the Oleckna Street Sidewalk Paving Project to Len Wisniewski Paving in the amount of \$21,600.00, conditioned upon the execution of the Project Agreement and Certificate of Insurance naming Throop Borough as additional insured.

All in favor

Motion carried

Cimini added

22. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To amend the agenda.

All in favor Motion

Motion carried

23. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt Resolution #7 of 2023, a resolution reappointing Dennis Pabis as a member of the Throop Planning Commission for a four-year term, expiring November 28, 2027.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski congratulated the scouts.

Hegedus spoke of loud bangs the evening prior. Warsaw Section has humming sounds throughout the day and other sounds bothering people. Went up to investigate and Barry Callebaut's is loud. Trash compactor is extremely loud. Looking to find a decibel reader that time stamps. Work 3 shifts. Will have to address with an official visit. Santa parade is 12/9 at noon. Thanked DPW, Robert, Joe Tomasovitch and Chuck Kropotavich for decorating the Community Tree at 401 Dunmore Street. Thursday 12/7 presentation invited planning and zoning to attend.

Williams asked that a letter be sent to his neighbors setting off fireworks.
Hegedus will send it out. Hard part is that it is infrequent but will go down and address it.
Kucharski questioned the old Shedhadi's. It's a mess again.
Hegedus replied that he has paid the fines. Not sure what I can do in my capacity. May need to look at a lawsuit.

Conversation took place about garbage being out to early.

Kuchaski also questioned the property at the end of Champion Circle and all the stuff there.

Hegedus: The gentleman has been very cooperative. He cleans it up and then there's a lot of stuff back there.

Off subject a bit but I think the bigger issue is that there is a covenant that have to build within one year. Because there was no homeowners association I'm not sure why they are not enforced. Should be considered to hold the developer accountable.

Kucharski added that all that stuff cannot be allowed there.

Hegedus added that it is not.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Renee O'Malley
Borough Secretary