

**Minutes
Throop Borough Council
Tuesday, Dec 19th, 2023
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:

*The Municipal building will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25th, 2023 and Tues., Dec. 26th, 2023 in observance of Christmas.

*The Municipal building will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1st, 2024 and Tues., Jan. 2nd, 2024 in observance of New Years.

Work Session/Meetings:

*An Executive Session was held this evening at 6:00 pm for legal issues.

*The Reorganization meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

*The monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tues. Jan 30th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.

Tomasovitch questioned if there is going to be 4 days of garbage.
Kucharski replied that nothing was ever put in motion.

1. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To accept the minutes of the November 28th, 2023 council meeting.

All in favor

Motion carried

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:

2. Motion by Tanana

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"	\$45,027.53
Paid bills:	\$107,787.78
General Fund Revenue Report (Includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	\$494,211.75
Civic Center Revenue Report	\$15,658.78

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

Motion carried

3. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

All in favor except **Motion carried**
Tomasovitch abstained on husband
& Kucharski on granddaughter

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

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

All in favor **Motion carried**

5. Motion by Tanana **Seconded by Williams**

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

Fund Balances:	
General Fund Checking Account - FNCB	\$93,324.57
Throop Zoning Account - FNCB	\$1,365.69
Seniors Activities Account - FNCB	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - FNCB	\$25,283.71
General Fund Performance Money Market - FNCB	\$387,353.62
Civic Center Account- FNCB	\$3,553.18
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- FNCB	\$6,142.86
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- FNCB	\$6,339,427.47
Sunny Day CD's - Edward Jones	\$2,000,000.00
Liquid Fuels Account – FNCB	\$141.92

Fund Statement Grand Total:	\$8,856,923.02
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All in favor

Motion carried

6. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To adopt the 2024 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budgets.

All in favor

Motion carried

7. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To advertise the 2024 Borough Council Work Session/Meetings. Council work session/meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. The work sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. meetings will follow. Any re-scheduling will be advertised. Cancellations will be posted. Meetings are held in council chambers.

All in favor

Motion carried

8. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To authorize payment in the amount of \$8,750.00 to Volunteer Hose Company for the 4th quarter allotment.

All in favor

Motion carried

9. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To re-appoint Andy Hegedus as Borough Fire Chief for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2024.

All in favor

Motion carried

10. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize payment in the amount of \$28,740.00 to Rock Hard Coatings for the Civic Center Basement floor coating.

Tomasovitch asked how it came out.
Hegedus replied that in his opinion fantastic.

All in favor

Motion carried

11. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To grant permission to Mid Valley School District the use of Washington Street Park Baseball Field for the Spring 2024 baseball season for Varsity and Jr. High Teams (William Shevchik will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

12. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To grant permission to Holy Cross High School the use of Washington Street Baseball Field for the 2024 Varsity Baseball Spring Season (William Shevchik will schedule the field).

All in favor

Motion carried

13. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To approve invoice 1-1 from Len Wisniewski Paving in the amount of \$21,600.00 for the work performed on the Oleckna Street Sidewalk Bituminous Paving Project.

On the question:

Tomasovitch added that she has gotten a lot of compliments on it.

All in favor

Motion carried

14. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Magliocchi

To authorize the Street Commissioner to purchase a narrow broom attachment (\$6,481.20) and a heated cab attachment (\$9,506.00) for the Ventrac 4520 tractor through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract to assist the DPW in winter sidewalk maintenance.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned what this is.

Magliocchi replied that it is an attachment that goes on the machine they have - no shoveling — saves time and labor.

All in favor

Motion carried

15. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for the South Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

16. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for the Collins Court Storm Pipe Replacement Project.

All in favor

Motion carried

17. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for the 2024 Street Paving Project.

On the question:

Kucharski complimented getting this out in advance – hopefully helps with number of bids.

All in favor

Motion carried

18. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To accept Frank Summa's letter of resignation as an alternate of the Throop Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned where he lives.

All in favor

Motion carried

19. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To adopt Resolution #8 of 2023, a resolution to change the definition of final twelve months of compensation to the Borough of Throop Non-Uniformed Pension Plan pursuant to the provisions of ACT 205 of 1984. Known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, as amended.

All in favor

Motion carried

20. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Williams

To adopt Resolution #9 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Charlene Tomasovitch as the Council Member of the Throop Borough Civil Service Commission for a six-year term expiring December 19, 2029.

On the question:

Tomasovitch added that if anyone else wants it – it's fine.

All in favor

Motion carried

21. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To adopt Resolution #10 of 2023, a resolution appointing Frank Summa as a member of the Throop Borough Planning Agency to fill the vacancy of Tom Carr, expiring December 20, 2025.

All in favor

Motion carried

22. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Williams

To purchase an additional roll off container.

On the question:

Kucharski: for the Peterbilt?

Magliocchi replied, getting the same one. For in house use.

Tomasovitch – If we're not using it and someone wants it maybe we can give it out. We can talk about it right?

All in favor

Motion carried

23. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Tanana

To accept Doug Walsh's letter of retirement and to approve pension benefits effective Dec. 15th, 2023. According to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan, Ordinance #19 of 2000, Section 3., he has reached the age of 60 and has been employed by the Borough more than 10 years, therefore eligible to receive his pension.

On the question:

Tomasovitch questioned if we are doing anything? 32 years.

Kucharski – a plaque.

Cimini added a plaque and invite him to the next meeting.

DPW workers can have a party and contribute to pay for it. Not the Borough.

All in favor

Motion carried

24. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To prohibit parking on Oleckna Street between Sanderson and Bellman and post signs prohibiting parking as per Throop Boroughs Engineer traffic study.

All in favor

Motion carried

25. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Magliocchi

To accept the proposal received from Jaworski Sign Company for five Welcome to Throop Banners at a cost of \$750.00.

On the question:

Magliocchi questioned them.

Tomasovitch added that they are winter welcome to Throop signs and then will come down for the summer banners.

All in favor

Motion carried

26. Motion by Magliocchi

Seconded by Williams

To direct the Civil Service Commission to begin the process for full time police officer positions within the Police Department and without Act 120 Certification.

**All in favor, except
Tomasovitch abstained
because doesn't like one part.**

Motion carried

27. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Tanana

To authorize the Street Commissioner to price a diesel tag along pump.

Discussion took place regarding the pump house failing and needing service.
Joe Tomasovitch added that it is fixed. It was jammed.

All in favor

Motion carried

28. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Gangemi

To authorize payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Duda Actuarial Consulting for preparation of resolution for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

**All in favor except
Tomasovitch abstained**

Motion carried

29. Motion by Tanana

Seconded by Tomasovitch

To contribute \$5,375.00 to the purchase of a monument for the Mid Valley Girls Softball Team.

All in favor

Motion carried

30. Motion by Gangemi

Seconded by Williams

To adopt Resolution #11 of 2023, a resolution re-enacting a tax on assessed valuation.

All in favor

Motion carried

31. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Gangemi

To amend the agenda.

All in favor

Motion carried

Kucharski added that the re-assessments are in Dickson City now. Coming to Throop, Olyphant and Jessup next.

32. Motion by Tomasovitch

Seconded by Gangemi

To advertise to hire a DPW Unskilled Laborer with a Class B CDL.

All in favor

Motion carried

33. Motion by Williams

Seconded by Tanana

To purchase the Phone Notification System App.

On the question:

Gangemi questioned what this is and the cost.

Magliocchi replied approximately \$4,000.00.

Williams added you sign up for the app and any announcements can be made through it.

**5 in favor, Chorba against,
Magliocchi abstained**

Motion carried

Andy Hegedus thanked Williams for years as Mayor and Council member. Enjoyed working with him on the fire ground and with the Council and thanked him for the support and guidance over the years.

Kucharski thanked Williams for his years of service to the Borough. 9 – 10 years total.

The meeting was adjourned.

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