

**Minutes  
Throop Borough Council  
Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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  
Chris Mazzucca - P  
Vince Tanana - 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 on Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to discuss personnel matters.
- \* An executive session is scheduled for tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters
- \* An executive session was held this evening after the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**Work Session/Meetings:**

- \* The March monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
  - \* The April monthly work session/meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- The May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed to May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

**There were no audience comments on tonight's agenda.**

**1. Motion by Tanana****Seconded by Gangemi**

To accept the January Zoning Reports and the minutes of the Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 council meeting.

**All in favor****Motion carried****Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Reports:****2. Motion by Tanana****Seconded by Mazzucca**

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"	<b>\$90,153.99</b>
Paid bills:	<b>\$91,648.11</b>
General Fund Revenue Report (includes transfers from GF MMKT TO GF CK)	<b>\$314,414.30</b>
Civic Center Revenue Report	<b>\$28,305.72</b>

**All in favor, Chorba abstained  
on GPI****Motion carried****3. Motion by Gangemi****Seconded by Magliocchi**

To pay all the employees of Throop Borough.

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

**4. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To accept the correspondence as read or posted.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**5. Motion by Tanana** **Seconded by Magliocchi**

To accept the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement as of Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as posted and/or printed on the agenda.

<b>Fund Balances:</b>	
General Fund Checking Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$6,700.35
Throop Zoning Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$1,365.69
Seniors Activities Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$30.00
Seniors Contracted Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$25,305.16
General Fund Performance Money Market - <b>FNCB</b>	\$767,285.29
Civic Center Account- <b>FNCB</b>	\$4,183.09
General Fund Petty Cash	\$300.00
Payroll Checking Account- <b>FNCB</b>	\$45,589.59
Sunny Day Fund MMKT CK Acct- <b>FNCB</b>	\$6,437,658.85
Sunny Day CD's – <b>Edward Jones</b>	\$2,000,000.00
Liquid Fuels Account - <b>FNCB</b>	\$141.92
<b>Fund Statement Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$9,288,559.94</b>

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**6. Motion by Mazzucca**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To accept the proposal received from Holiday Outdoor Decor for Christmas light displays in the amount of \$9,337.54.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**7. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To adopt Ordinance #1 of 2024 an ordinance banning parking on Oleckna Street as per the Engineers report.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**8. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To adopt Ordinance #2 of 2024, an ordinance requiring registration of businesses operating within Throop Borough, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**9. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To grant permission to the Impact Panthers 12U Team the use of the Softball Field at the Little League for the 2024 season.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**10. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Mazzucca**

To hire William Shevchik for Washington Street Park Ballfield maintenance beginning March 15, 2024, weather permitting at a weekly rate of \$180.25.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**11. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Gangemi**

To adopt Resolution #1 of 2024, a resolution whereas Throop Borough desires to undertake the Throop Civic Center Park Development Project and apply for a DCNR Grant to carry out the project.

On the question:

Gangemi asked if we have a grant already for this.

Cimini replied that we have a grant for engineering – our grant application last year was denied.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**12. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To award Hose Co. #1 an allotment of \$5,000.00.

**5 in favor, Gangemi** (wouldn't vote for any non-emergency item that was put on the agenda without prior work session discussion. Also, there is no indication that Hose company #1 response times have improved since we previously made the decision to withhold funds) **& Tanana against**

**Motion carried**

Kucharski stated that he hopes this will help them recruit some additional volunteers which are based on the lack of response to alarms. Certainly, in dire need. Want to support all of our firefighters. If you don't have the manpower and can't get the truck out what good is it. Hope that this will be a good gesture on the part of Council to help beef up the membership so you can become a viable fire company.

Magliocchi agreed. Hoping you use this money to become more active and try to get other people to get the truck out. Would really prefer consolidation and feels everybody in general would benefit.

Jerry Barone stated was taken off false alarms and accidents. It's a negative for the members. Suggested a meeting to get out differences.

Hegedus added that a \$800,000 piece of apparatus to respond to a 2 car MVA with no injuries is not even practical. When run calls were updated 6 years ago Mr, Barone and I had a discussion to remove them from run calls so it would look like they were making more calls. The only other alarm not dispatched on is a CO alarm. If they can tell us what they want to be and do I am happy to do that. We don't need a meeting for that, just a simple phone call. Spoke of a recent call of possible chimney fire. And asked who's coming when you call for second ---- at 5:00 in the morning.

Barone responded that he doesn't hear it. Said he doesn't even get pages.

Kucharski said as a Fire Chief that needs to be fixed.

Barone said hasn't got pages in 7 months.

A discussion took place regarding CO calls, being discharged, and if they are structure fires.

Kucharski: Bottom line is there is a problem and you guys hardly get out for whatever reason. Let's see about putting together a meeting and let everyone talk but as of now the communication sucks. Would like to see #1 succeed.

**13. Motion by Magliocchi**

**Seconded by Mazzucca**

To accept the proposal received from Green Machine for lawn service in the amount of \$7,481.82.

On the question:

Tanana thanked Robin for looking into this.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**14. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To adopt Resolution #2 of 2024, a resolution whereas Throop Borough requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$238,545.03 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Police Equipment.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**15. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To grant permission to NEPA Shock Travel Softball Organization 12U softball team the use of the softball field for practices 3 days a week.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**16. Motion by Gangemi**

**Seconded by Chorba**

To approve final payment to M & J Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$23,066.03 for the work performed on the 2023 Paving Project, consistent with the Borough Engineer's January 11, 2024 recommendation.

**All in favor except  
Mazzucca abstained because he  
wasn't here last year**

**Motion carried**

**17. Motion by Tanana**

**Seconded by Tomasovitch**

To authorize the Street Commissioner to purchase a new propane fired tar kettle under the COSTARS contract in the amount of \$13,200.00

On the question:

Mazzucca questioned diesel

Kalinoski replied propane is cheaper

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

**18. Motion by Tomasovitch**

**Seconded by Tanana**

To hire Andrew Fazio for the Unskilled Labor position in the Department of Public Works upon successful completion of all pre-employment prerequisites.

On the question:

Tanana questioned to make sure he is not related to anyone on Council.

**All in favor**

**Motion carried**

Audience Comments:

Dave Comstock brought up having lines painted at fire house #1 to prohibit parking.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

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